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Mr. Adrian Covert
Vice President of Public Policy
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353 Sacramento Street, 10th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94111

Subject: Western Riverside Council of Governments – Energy Resiliency Plan

Dear Mr. Covert:

Jurupa Community Services District (JCSD) is pleased to offer this letter of support to the Western Riverside Council of Governments for their Energy Resiliency Plan grant application. JCSD provides water, sewer, streetlights, graffiti abatement and parks and recreation services to the cities of Jurupa Valley and Eastvale. As our area continues to grow, JCSD is planning and investing in ways to enhance the efficiency, reliability, and security of our infrastructure. This includes looking for sustainable energy management solutions.

In addition, JCSD has been affected by wildfires. In October of 2019, the "Hill Fire" burned over 600 acres in the City of Jurupa Valley causing evacuations and road closures. JCSD employees assisted firefighters with the evacuation of a nursing home, fire suppression at our reservoir, and traffic control. Simultaneously, the "Dexter Fire" in downtown Riverside, burned approximately 30 acres in the bottom of the Santa Ana River, sending additional burning embers into the nearby neighborhoods within JCSD.

Water and energy are essential to protect our residents, homes, commercial areas and critical infrastructure. A power shutdown could lead to disruption in delivery of water to emergency personnel trying to fight fires. In order to protect our communities, we have to ensure uninterrupted water and emergency services are available, and that depends on the dependability of our energy system.

We look forward to learning more about the proposed Plan and will contribute toward the planning effort by attending meetings and providing requested information. I hope that you look favorably on WRCOG's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Berch".

Chris Berch
General Manager