



February 11, 2025

Chair Dawn Rowe
San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

Alterra Mountain Company, owners of Big Bear Mountain Resort (comprised of Big Bear, Snow Summit, and Snow Valley), is writing to support the proposed Bear Valley Solar Energy project located in Unincorporated San Bernardino County and Battery Energy Storage project in the City of Big Bear Lake, to be owned and operated by Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc. ("BVES"). Big Bear Mountain Resort is among the largest employers in San Bernardino County, and a large driver of economic stimulus to the community. We are also a large consumer of electricity in the BVES territory.

The proposed projects mutually align with Alterra's commitment to transition to 100% renewable energy and reduce carbon emissions by over 50% by 2030 while also advancing the Renewable Energy and Conservation Element of San Bernardino's Countywide Plan. The projects will also further spur local economic activity in the community and improve resiliency of the local electric grid. Resilient, reliable, and affordable power is vital to successfully operate lifts, snowblowers, restaurants, lodging, and other electric infrastructure upon which the company and its many employees rely. The solar and storage projects will improve resiliency in part due to their proximity to Big Bear Mountain (less than 10 miles), thus reducing the local utility's reliance on off mountain generation and transmission sources, which are often subject to Public Safety Power Shutoff events.

With your support, BVES can increase its renewable supply portfolio and bolster grid resiliency. As California transitions to carbon-free resources, we understand this project to be vital for BVES to meet its 2030 renewable energy goals, and help control the cost of delivering reliable, quality services to BVES residential and commercial customers.

Sincerely,

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Karen Sanford
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Karen Sanford
Chief Legal and Social Responsibility Officer
Alterra Mountain Company

CC: Delanie Garlick
Senior Planner
Harris & Associates, contractor to San Bernardino County



December 11, 2025

San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors
San Bernardino County Planning Commission
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors, and Planning Commissioners,

Bear Valley Community Hospital is pleased to express its strong support the proposed Bear Valley Solar Energy Project in Unincorporated San Bernardino County and the Battery Energy Storage Project within the City of Big Bear Lake. As a hospital dedicated to serving our community with the best possible care and array of services on the mountain, we recognize the critical importance of reliable and sustainable energy infrastructure.

While these projects are not formally affiliated with the Bear Valley Community Hospital, reliable electricity is critical to our operations and we are compelled to advocate for initiatives that strengthen the regional power supply. By reinforcing the grid locally, these projects will reduce reliance on off-mountain electricity sources that are often vulnerable to Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS). A resilient and dependable grid is essential to providing easy-access emergency medical and acute care, here on the mountain as well as providing a balanced scope of patient services.

As California moves toward a carbon-free future, these projects are vital for Bear Valley Electric Service to its Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) to serve 60 percent of its electric retail sale from renewable sources by 2030, as envisioned by Senate Bill 100. Beyond regulatory compliance, these projects will help manage costs while ensuring BVES can continue delivering reliable, high-quality service to its customers and ensuring continuity of power to critical customers during off-mountain PSPS events impacting power supply to BVES.

With your support, BVES can expand its renewable energy portfolio, enhance grid resiliency, and better prepare our community for the challenges of a changing climate. Bear Valley Community Hospital is proud to stand behind these projects and urges their advancement for the benefit of the broader Bear Valley region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Evan Rayner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Evan Rayner,
CEO

CC: Delanie Garlick
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Harris & Associates, contractor to San Bernardino County



Big Bear Chamber of Commerce

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November 25, 2025

San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors
San Bernardino County Planning Commission
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors, and Planning Commissioners,

The Big Bear Chamber of Commerce is pleased to express its support for the proposed Bear Valley Solar Energy Project in Unincorporated San Bernardino County and the Battery Energy Storage Project in the City of Big Bear Lake. The Chamber proudly serves businesses and customers both within the City of Big Bear Lake and across Unincorporated San Bernardino County.

Although these projects are not formally affiliated with the Chamber, our role as business leaders compels us to advocate for reliable energy infrastructure. Local businesses and residents depend on a stable power supply, and generating renewable energy within our community provides significant benefits. By strengthening the grid locally, these projects reduce reliance on off-mountain electricity sources that are often vulnerable to Public Safety Power Shutoffs. A resilient and dependable grid is essential to sustaining Bear Valley's critical infrastructure and economic vitality.

As California advances toward a carbon-free future, this initiative is crucial for Bear Valley Electric Service to meet the Renewable Portfolio Standard, which requires 60 percent of retail electricity sales to come from renewable sources by 2030 under Senate Bill 100. Beyond compliance, the projects will help manage costs while ensuring BVES can continue delivering reliable, high-quality service to both residential and commercial customers.

With your support, BVES can expand its renewable energy portfolio, enhance grid resiliency, and better prepare our community for the challenges of a changing climate.

Sincerely,

Evan Engle
Chairman, Board of Directors
Big Bear Chamber of Commerce

28 April 2026

San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

As a vital community organization committed to providing quality services to the residents of Big Bear City, the Big Bear City Community Services District (CSD) strongly supports the proposed Bear Valley Solar Energy Project in Unincorporated San Bernardino County and the Battery Energy Storage Project within the City of Big Bear Lake.

While these projects are not formally affiliated with the CSD, reliable electricity is critical to our operations, and we are compelled to advocate for initiatives that strengthen the regional power supply. By reinforcing the grid locally, these projects will reduce reliance on off-mountain electricity sources that are often vulnerable to Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS).

This project is vital to Bear Valley Electric Service meeting its Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) obligations to source 60 percent of its electric retail sales from renewable sources by 2030, as required by Senate Bill 100. Beyond regulatory compliance, these projects will help manage costs and ensure BVES can continue delivering reliable, high-quality service to its customers and maintain power continuity for critical customers during off-mountain PSPS events that affect BVES's power supply.

With your strong support, BVES can expand its renewable energy portfolio, enhance grid resiliency, and better prepare our community for the challenges of a changing climate. Big Bear City Community Services District supports these projects and urges their advancement for the benefit of the broader Bear Valley region.

Yours sincerely



Glenn Jacklin
General Manager



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CITY OF
BIG BEAR LAKE *California*

December 16, 2025

San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors
San Bernardino County Planning Commission
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors, and Planning Commissioners,

The City of Big Bear Lake is pleased to express its strong support for the proposed Bear Valley Solar Energy Project in Unincorporated San Bernardino County and the Battery Energy Storage Project within the City of Big Bear Lake. As a municipality dedicated to serving our residents and businesses, we recognize the critical importance of reliable, sustainable energy infrastructure to the vitality of our community.

While these projects are not formally affiliated with the City of Big Bear Lake, our responsibility as local leaders compel us to advocate for initiatives that strengthen the regional power supply. Local businesses and residents depend on dependable electricity, and generating renewable energy within Bear Valley offers significant benefits. By reinforcing the grid locally, these projects will reduce reliance on off-mountain electricity sources that are often vulnerable to Public Safety Power Shutoffs. A resilient and dependable grid is essential to sustaining Bear Valley's critical infrastructure, public safety, and economic prosperity.

As California advances toward a carbon-free future, this initiative is vital for Bear Valley Electric Service to meet the Renewable Portfolio Standard, which requires 60 percent of retail electricity sales to come from renewable sources by 2030 under Senate Bill 100. Beyond regulatory compliance, these projects will help manage costs while ensuring BVES can continue delivering reliable, high-quality service to both residential and commercial customers.

With your support, BVES can expand its renewable energy portfolio, enhance grid resiliency, and better prepare our community for the challenges of a changing climate. The City of Big Bear Lake is proud to stand behind these projects and urges their advancement for the benefit of our residents, businesses, and the broader Bear Valley region.

Sincerely,

Randall Putz
Mayor

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER



Service, Quality, Community

November 25, 2025

San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, and
San Bernardino County Planning Commission
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

RE: BVES Solar and Battery Energy Storage Projects

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors, and Planning Commissioners,

The City of Big Bear Lake, Department of Water and Power (DWP), is writing to support the proposed Bear Valley Solar Energy project located in Unincorporated San Bernardino County and Battery Energy Storage project in the City of Big Bear Lake. DWP provides water service to approximately 16,000 customers both within the City of Big Bear Lake and the Unincorporated Areas of San Bernardino County.

While the projects are not contractually affiliated with DWP, our daily operations include pumping 2,000,000 gallons of water per day, through 190 miles of distribution pipelines. This requires significant electric energy which we purchase from BVES. Generating renewable power locally is mutually beneficial to DWP as it enables a more resilient electric grid, which reduces the area's reliance on electricity from off-mountain sources, which are often subject to Public Safety Power Shutoffs. A stable, reliable and resilient electric grid is vital for operating DWP's critical infrastructure, which provides potable water and fire protection to 2/3's of the Bear Valley.

As California transitions to carbon-free resources, these projects are vital for BVES to meet its Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) to serve 60 percent of its electric retail sales from renewable sources by 2030, as envisioned by Senate Bill 100. These projects also help control the cost of delivering reliable, quality electric services to BVES residential and commercial customers.

With your support, BVES can increase its renewable supply portfolio, bolster grid resiliency, and plan for a changing climate.

Sincerely,

Reginald A. Lamson
General Manager

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April 29, 2026

San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

Re: Bear Valley Solar Energy Project

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 47, one of the most established and respected electrical unions in the world, and a proud partner to the Big Bear community, respectfully submits this letter in strong support of the proposed Bear Valley Solar Energy Project in unincorporated San Bernardino County.

For decades, our members have built, maintained, and repaired the electrical infrastructure that keeps Southern California's communities safe and powered. We understand firsthand how essential reliable, modern, and sustainable energy systems are to the long-term well-being of the mountain region.

The Bear Valley Solar Facility represents a meaningful investment in Big Bear's energy future. Construction and ongoing operations will generate approximately \$1.5 million in local electrical line work, performed by highly trained IBEW Local 47 members who live and work in the region. Beyond construction, our workforce will continue to support the facility throughout its 30-year lifespan, ensuring safe, reliable, and professional maintenance of this critical infrastructure.

As the union representing the qualified electrical workers who keep the grid functioning, we are compelled to advocate for projects that strengthen energy reliability and community resilience. Big Bear residents and businesses depend on consistent power, yet the region remains vulnerable to Public Safety Power Shutoffs and disruptions tied to off-mountain transmission. By generating clean energy locally, the Bear Valley Solar Energy Project will help fortify the grid, reduce dependence on distant power sources, and enhance the community's ability to withstand emergencies, severe weather, and wildfire related outages. A more resilient grid is essential to protecting public safety, supporting local commerce, and ensuring continuity of essential services.

With your support, BVES can continue advancing a diversified energy portfolio, improving grid resiliency, and preparing Bear Valley for the challenges posed by climate change and increasing energy demand. IBEW Local 47 is proud to stand behind this effort and strongly encourages approval of the Bear Valley Solar Energy Project for the benefit of local residents, businesses, and the broader mountain region.

Sincerely,

Colin Lavin
Business Manager/Financial Secretary

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CC: Delanie Garlick, Senior Planner, Harris & Associates, contractor to San Bernardino County





April 27, 2026

San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) and Disability Rights California (DRC) are partner entities under the federal Developmental Disabilities to empower individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to help shape policies that impact them and to advocate for those changes.

Since 2018, SCDD and DRC have been actively engaged with the California's major utility companies to mitigate the impact of public safety power shutoffs (PSPS). These outages, used by California utilities to prevent wildfires during extreme weather, shift the public safety risk from the wider community directly onto energy-dependent people with access and functional needs (AFN). Bear Valley Electric Services (BVES) President Paul Marconi has been an active, reliable participant in this effort.

PSPS events are often lengthy outages spanning 12-36 hours. Some of the ways AFN populations are impacted by PSPS events are:

- **Medical Equipment Failure:** Inability to operate home ventilators, breathing devices, oxygen concentrators, and electric wheelchairs.
- **Medication Spoilage:** Loss of refrigeration for temperature-sensitive medications.
- **Communication and Safety Issues:** Failure of home security systems, communication devices, and potential loss of phone service.
- **Disruption of Care:** Inability to maintain necessary life functions, causing distress and requiring potential emergency relocation.

The impact of PSPS on individuals with AFN is devastating and must be mitigated.

We understand how essential reliable, modern, and sustainable energy systems are to the long-term well-being of individuals living in mountain regions and to those with AFN. From our best

understanding, the Bear Valley Solar Facility represents a meaningful investment in Big Bear's energy future that will reduce the PSPS risk to all BVES customers, including the 1,243 AFN customers that reside in the BVES service area.

When Southern California Edison (SCE) invokes PSPS on the power supply lines that supply power to the BVES service area, BVES customers lose power. While SCE power lines often experience high winds in the foothills outside of the BVES service area, the BVES service area is not impacted by the winds. The Bear Valley Solar Facility Project will allow continued service to BVES customers where SCE would otherwise invoke PSPS.

With your support for the Bear Valley Solar Facility, BVES will be able to keep its customers energized during SCE PSPS events and mitigate the PSPS risk to BVES customers and AFN populations. SCDD and DRC urge you to support this effort and strongly encourage approval of the Bear Valley Solar Energy Project for the benefit of AFN populations, local residents, businesses, and the broader mountain region.

Sincerely,



Aaron Carruthers
Executive Director
CA State Council on Developmental Disabilities



Andy Imparato
Chief Executive Officer
Disability Rights California

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