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

Dear Chair Rowe and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of Visit Big Bear, I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed Bear Valley Solar Energy Project.

Reliable electricity is not just a utility issue in Big Bear Valley — it is an economic issue. Our local businesses, residents, visitors, and workforce all depend on consistent, uninterrupted power. When outages occur, the impacts are immediate: businesses lose revenue, visitors experience disruptions, and confidence in the destination is affected.

As the organization responsible for supporting tourism in Big Bear, we see firsthand how critical reliable infrastructure is to the health of our local economy. Tourism is one of the primary drivers of this community, supporting restaurants, lodging, retail, recreation, events, and the many small businesses that make Big Bear unique. A stronger local energy system helps protect that economy.

Generating energy closer to home also reduces our dependence on off-mountain infrastructure, which we know can be vulnerable during storms, fire events, and other regional emergencies. Local generation gives our community greater resiliency and helps ensure that residents, businesses, and visitors can continue to be served safely and reliably.

This project also aligns with the direction California is moving as we work toward a cleaner energy future. Importantly, it supports the Bear Valley Electric Service Renewable Portfolio Standard requirements while helping maintain reliable and cost-effective service for both commercial and residential customers.

For Visit Big Bear, this is a practical issue. Reliable power supports economic stability, visitor confidence, public safety, and the long-term success of our mountain community. For those reasons, the VBB Board of Directors respectfully urge your support of the Bear Valley Solar Energy Project.

Sincerely,

Travis Scott
Chief Executive Officer