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Re: Support for the Renewable Energy Alternative for the Baylands

Brisbane Planning Commission
c/o John Swiecki,
Director of Community Development
50 Park Place, Brisbane CA 94005

Dear John Swiecki,

The San Mateo Community Choice Committee (SMCC) is a volunteer citizens advocacy group with membership covering all of the county. We have been actively involved in promoting the formation of the Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) program, which is scheduled to be implemented soon through a Joint Powers Agreement between San Mateo County and its cities. The primary purpose of the PCE is maximum provision and use of renewable energy.

The current Brisbane planning process for development of the 680-acre brownfield called Baylands is of high interest to us because it provides a unique opportunity to develop locally distributed generation of renewable energy as opposed to importing it from distant locations.

The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) covering potential Brisbane Baylands development has identified an environmentally superior alternative called the Renewable Energy Alternative. The alternative plan was proposed by a Brisbane citizens group called Committee for Renewable Energy in the Baylands (CREBL) and declared feasible for implementation by a federal EPA/NREL study.

SMCC has voted to support the Renewable Energy Alternative, as the solar and wind energy generation proposed therein would not only serve the PCE but also

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greatly contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and the potential for continued global climate change.

We urge your Commission to select the Renewable Energy Alternative as the best way to implement these widely shared goals for our future.

Sincerely,

Gladwyn d'Souza
Spokesperson,
San Mateo Community Choice