

# RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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November 29, 2012

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Dear Mr. Martinez,

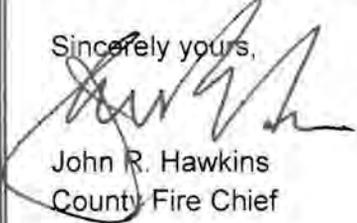
This letter is to clarify information previously provided by the Riverside County Fire Department at the November 14, 2012 California Energy Commission (CEC) hearing regarding the Rio Mesa Solar Energy Project, Blythe, California. We wish to clarify some comments made about the Blythe Fire Department and to reaffirm our commitment to provide total public safety support and customer service to the developer and project employees. We stand by our responsibility to provide fire, emergency medical service (EMS), technical rescue or hazardous materials response to the Rio Mesa Project and any other solar projects. We also stand by our testimony about what is needed for the Rio Mesa Project.

Without equivocation, the Riverside County Fire Department withdraws any real or perceived comments made about the Blythe Fire Department. We neither hold nor want any evaluative or oversight role for the City of Blythe or its fire department. It is not our authority or desire for the same. We wish to ensure there is no adverse perception about the Blythe Fire Department. Specifically, we have no authority to validate the Blythe personnel, training and equipment or specifically the status of the Blythe ladder truck. We apologize for any problem we may have created.

Even though the Rio Mesa Project is within the jurisdiction of the Riverside County Fire Department, we fully plan to work very closely with the City of Blythe Fire Department to maximize our similarities and support each other. We consider the Blythe Fire Department a valued partner.

Thank you very much for accepting this clarification of our previous testimony.

Sincerely yours,

  
John R. Hawkins  
County Fire Chief

cc: Honorable John J. Benoit, Riverside County Supervisor, District 4  
Mr. David Lane, Blythe City Manager  
Mr. Jay Orr, County Executive Officer, County of Riverside  
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