

November 20, 2002

Ms. Irene Stillings  
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Dear Ms. Stillings:

After careful review of the San Diego Regional Energy Infrastructure Study, I would like to submit the enclosed comments and suggestions, on behalf of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, pertaining to the San Diego Regional Energy Strategy. This study is extremely important to the future of the San Diego region in terms of gaining a sufficient and reliable source of energy. As a representative of 3,400 businesses in the region, the Chamber understands the importance of reliable energy and the financial implications that blackouts have on the business community. The Chamber is also aware of the need for safe environmentally friendly energy production, in order to sustain the quality of life that we expect.

Members of the Chamber's Energy Committee made the attached suggestions. In this time of uncertainty with regard to our future energy supply, we must take all precautions to ensure a safe, reliable source and the strategy that you have proposed will be an effective approach. If you have any questions regarding these comments please call me.

Sincerely,



Eugene Mitchell  
Vice President, Public Policy

### **Goals of the Regional Energy Strategy**

- Develop indigenous resources to the greatest extent feasible in order to improve self-reliance. *Replace “possible” with “feasible”.*
- Recognize and encourage a close economic and energy relationship between the San Diego region and northern Baja California. *Add “encourage”.*
- *Add* SANDAG should adopt the regional energy strategy and enact it.
- The Chamber’s Energy Committee recommends that public policy issues pertaining to direct access, wheeling, etc. be addressed in the study.

### **Key Energy Issues as Voiced by Key Stakeholders**

- Delete the first point
- *Have the second point read:* There is no integrated energy plan to manage the dynamics of supply and demand within the region.
- Greater control and self-sufficiency are desired. *Take out “sense of”.*

### **Significant threats to Region’s future energy security**

- There is a lack of cohesion in the regional energy policies and programs. *Replace “are no cohesive” with “is lack of cohesion in the”.*
- Delete the sixth point.
- The growth in the entire region including Northern Baja creates a potential risk for further environmental decay and a risk to the quality of live for the entire region. *Add “entire region” and” potential”.*

### **Regional Energy Strategy**

**Strategy 1.** Develop a balanced portfolio of diversified supply resources that are cost efficient, environmentally sound, sustainable, secure and reliable. *Replace “self-sustaining” with “sustainable”.*

**Strategy 2. Encourage adequate and "normal" production in Mexico as they develop new energy infrastructure. Replace "errors" with "encourages".**

**Strategy 3. The Chamber could potentially have a role in becoming active at the state and federal level as a representative of business in the region.**

**Strategy 4. Replace build regional consensus on the solutions to different energy issues with: Create a forum for regional discussions and consensus building.**

**Strategy 5. Support a regional approach to energy planning, legislation making, resource allocation, and the establishment of a regional power authority after the need for one has been established. Develop "road maps" for energy development outlining in order to develop with "support" and not "the establishment of a regional power authority after the need for one has been established"**

**Point 87 – Define the goals and objectives of the conference, so that it focuses on energy efficiency, distributed generation and clean energy resources.**