



Sweetwater Authority
505 Garrett Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910

December 13, 2024

Dear Members of the Sweetwater Authority Board,

Our company, Noria Energy, has had the pleasure of serving the Sweetwater Authority (SWA) through a consulting arrangement since July 5, 2023 to help SWA access cost-effective clean energy for yourselves and your community. I am writing to express our surprise and disappointment in some assertions made in the agenda for your upcoming meeting on December 14 regarding our contract.¹

It is our conviction that we have not only fulfilled our contract to its letter and spirit, but have gone out of our way to support, inform, and work on behalf of your staff beyond our obligations. Doing so is in fact our culture and custom, and we have been pleased to do so.

Specifically, Noria Energy completed the SDG&E RES-BCT interconnection application using our PE-stamped electrical diagram and required site plan, which resulted in the program's acceptance (March 22, 2024). Additionally, our small but dedicated staff contributed 150+ hours to the CEQA initial study, spoke at a Community Advisory Work Group, generated 8+ preliminary layouts for staff consideration, and modeled multiple project pro formas. Our staff revised the RES-BCT system size to save SWA more than \$675,000² and significantly accelerated construction timelines on SWA's behalf.

Our contract neither asks for, nor have we received, a penny over the past one-and-a-half years for this work. We viewed (and view) it to be an expression of good faith in our future partnership with SWA.

It is therefore with great disappointment to see our efforts misrepresented in the agenda, and our contributions unvalued. If there are specific concerns or misunderstandings about the scope or outcomes of our work, we would welcome the opportunity to address them directly. We would be happy to provide supporting documentation to resolve any discrepancies.

¹ <https://pub-sweetwater.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=5375>

² As estimated by SDG&E cost estimate letter received 3/22/24



We remain deeply invested in a productive and mutually beneficial relationship with SWA. To that end, we are still eager to discuss either of our proposals and respectfully request the opportunity to share additional and accurate information about our contributions to SWA to date.

We remain at your disposal to provide any further clarification or information the Board may require.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Stimmel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ron Stimmel

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