



May 4, 2016

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Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Board Members:

The City of Ventura wishes to express our appreciation to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors for taking the lead on the Tri-County Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) feasibility study.

CCA allows local governments to become an energy purveyor and to purchase electrical energy on the wholesale market and establish rates on behalf of their residents, businesses, and municipal accounts. The Advisory Working Group, comprised of staff from each of the contributing local governments, has been meeting for several months. Our role consists of assisting in obtaining load data from the utilities, selecting a qualified consultant to perform the feasibility study, defining the objectives for the study, developing a communications plan, and reviewing and commenting on the feasibility study draft.

As a member of the Advisory Working Group and on behalf of the City of Ventura, I respectfully request your Board approve the contract between the County of Santa Barbara and Willdan Financial Services for the completion of the Tri-County CCA feasibility study.

Thank you for your leadership on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark D. Watkins".

Mark D. Watkins
City Manager