

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Wilson and Supervisor Ashley

SUBMITTAL DATE:
November 22, 2005

SUBJECT: Resolution Number 2005-487, the Green Path Project. Presentation by Thomas King and Rosa Maria Gonzales of Imperial Irrigation District.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors adopt the Resolution in support of the Green Path Project.

BACKGROUND: The Green Path Project is a renewable energy endeavor that will benefit residents and businesses in Imperial, San Diego, Los Angeles, and Riverside Counties. Its primary objective is to increase capacity on the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) Energy transmission grid to keep pace with anticipated growth in Southern California.

Green Path will upgrade the IID transmission system, enabling it to export a greater amount of renewable, geothermal energy generated from the Imperial Valley to multiple delivery points. The Green Path Project is comprised of three phases, including upgrades of IID Energy's existing transmission system and construction of two new high capacity 230Kv lines. This project will also create two interconnection points, with San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E), and the other with Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP).

Board consideration and approval of the resolution is greatly appreciated.

Roy Wilson, Fourth District Supervisor

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AGENDA NO.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2005-487

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
IN SUPPORT OF THE GREEN PATH PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Coachella Valley, Imperial Valley are among the fastest-growing areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, IID Energy serves this rapidly growing area; and

WHEREAS, IID Energy is charged with providing for the continuing reliability of its existing system and long-term load growth requirements of its customers; and

WHEREAS, California's interest in and mandates for renewable energy have increased in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the Imperial Valley has the potential to be a significant exporter of renewable energy that could provide long-term economic benefits to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Green Path Project, a joint venture among IID Energy, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and Citizens Energy, will provide transmission for the export of renewable energy from Imperial Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Green Path Project relieves costly congestion for imports into the California Independent System Operator's transmission system, and

WHEREAS, the Green Path Project creates multiple new system interconnections between three control areas including IID Energy, the California Independent System Operator and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, thereby increasing system reliability to all; and

WHEREAS, the Green Path Project provides geothermal, solar and biomass developers with access to multiple markets in California, Arizona and Nevada; and

WHEREAS, elderly and low-income consumers in the service area of IID Energy and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power will be afforded assistance in paying their power bills because Citizens Energy, a non-profit partner in the Green Path Project, will contribute revenues from the

1 project; and

2 WHEREAS, the Green Path Project benefits populations in Imperial County and Riverside
3 County, as well as customers in the service territories of San Diego Gas and Electric, Los Angeles
4 Department of Water and Power, and the California Independent System Operator's Southern
5 California Edison service area; and

6 WHEREAS, the Green Path Project is fully supported by I-CARE, the Imperial-Coachella
7 Alliance for Renewable Energy, whose partners include Los Angeles Department of Water and Power,
8 Citizens Energy, and IID Energy;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
10 DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, THAT we support the Green Path Project.

11 APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of November, 2005.

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