

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



**FROM:** Supervisors Ashley and Stone

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** April 7, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Resolution No. 2005-169 Supporting the Inland Empire Energy Center

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

That the Board of Supervisors approve Resolution No. 2005-169 Supporting the Inland Empire Energy Center.

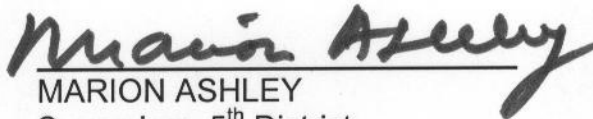
**BACKGROUND:**


In 2003, the California Energy Commission approved Calpine Corporation's Inland Empire energy Center, a 670 megawatt power plant in Romoland.

GE Energy and Calpine have partnered to upgrade the facility. The new system will be a nominal 775 megawatt facility, which could generate enough electricity for up to 600,000 homes. More than 500 workers will be involved in the construction process and between 30 and 35 people will be employed in its operations.

The new facility will support the region's growth by generating millions of dollars each year in additional property tax revenue. The upgraded center also will help avoid energy shortfalls projected in the coming years.

The Board should strongly support construction of the Inland Empire Energy Center and urge the California Energy Commission and the South Coast Air Quality Management District to amend permits allowing for the upgrade of the center.

  
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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2005-169**

4 **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE INLAND EMPIRE ENERGY CENTER**

5 WHEREAS, in 2003, the California Energy Commission approved Calpine Corporation's Inland Empire  
6 Energy Center, a 670 megawatt power plant in Romoland; and

7 WHEREAS, GE Energy and Calpine have partnered to upgrade the facility; and

8 WHEREAS, the new system will be a nominal 775 megawatt facility, which could generate enough  
9 electricity for up to 600,000 homes; and

10 WHEREAS, more than 500 workers will be involved in the construction process and between 30 and 35  
11 people will be employed in its operations; and

12 WHEREAS, the new facility will support the region's growth by generating millions of dollars each year  
13 in additional property tax revenue; and

14 WHEREAS, the new facility will help avoid energy shortfalls projected in the coming years.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors strongly  
16 supports construction of the Inland Empire Energy Center and urges the California Energy Commission  
17 and the South Coast Air Quality Management District to amend permits allowing for the upgrade of the  
18 center.

19 Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2005.  
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