



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

March 12, 2009

The Honorable Bob Botts
Mayor of Banning
99 East Ramsey Street
Banning, California 92220

Dear Mayor Botts,

As you know, California is a leader in alternative fuel research and development. I have recently become aware of a proposed biosolid- and biomass-powered renewable energy facility in Banning that, if built, will help pave the way for continued innovation in California's alternative energy sector.

I understand Liberty Energy's plant will turn waste recovered from sewage treatment plants into electrical power, contributing 15 megawatts of renewable energy to the local grid. Similar to a project already permitted in Ontario, Canada, this facility is expected to attract \$200 million in investment funds, create 60 short-term construction jobs and 59 permanent "green" jobs and contribute \$1.2 million in annual tax revenue for the City of Banning.

Innovative energy projects can help combat global climate change and increase California's renewable portfolio, and I encourage you to consider Liberty Energy's plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arnold Schwarzenegger".

Arnold Schwarzenegger

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cc: The Honorable Barbara Hanna
The Honorable John Machisic
The Honorable Debbie Franklin
The Honorable Don Robinson