



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING AGENDA

**April 4, 2024
6:00 PM**

The Mission of the City of Coalinga is to provide for the preservation of the community character by delivering quality, responsive City services, in an efficient and cost-effective manner, and to develop, encourage, and promote a diversified economic base in order to ensure the future financial stability of the City for its citizens.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council will hold a Special Meeting, on April 4, 2024, in the City Council Chambers located at 155 West Durian, Coalinga, CA. Persons with disabilities who may need assistance should contact the City Clerk at least 24 hours prior to this meeting at 935-1533 x113. Anyone interested in translation services should contact the City Clerk at least 24 hours prior to the meeting at 935-1533 x113. The Special Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the agenda will be as follows:

1. CALL TO ORDER

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Changes to the Agenda
3. Council's Approval of Agenda

2. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. The CrisCom Company - Quarterly Report

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

This section of the agenda allows members of the public to address the City Council on any item within the jurisdiction of the Council. Members of the public, when recognized by the Mayor, should come forward to the lectern, identify themselves and use the microphone. Comments are normally limited to three (3) minutes. In accordance with State Open Meeting Laws, no action will be taken by the City Council this evening and all items will be referred to staff for follow up and a report.

Citizen Comments submitted in writing to the City Clerk by 5:00pm on the day of the

City Council meeting shall be distributed to the City Council and included in the record, however they will not be read.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS (NONE)

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Letter of Support on Behalf of the City Council Supporting AB 2661 (Soria) - Electricity: Transmission Facility Planning: Water Districts

6. ORDINANCE PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS (NONE)

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. City Manager's Announcements
2. Councilmembers' Announcements/Reports
3. Mayor's Announcements

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. CLOSED SESSION (NONE)

10. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Closed Session: A "Closed" or "Executive" Session of the City Council, Successor Agency, or Public Finance Authority may be held as required for items as follows: personnel matters; labor negotiations; security matters; providing instructions to real property negotiators; legal counsel regarding pending litigation; and protection of records exempt from public disclosure. Closed session will be held in the Administration Building at 155 W. Durian Avenue and any announcements or discussion will be held at the same location following Closed Session.

11. ADJOURNMENT

**STAFF REPORT - CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE
AUTHORITY**

Subject: The CrisCom Company - Quarterly Report
Meeting Date:
From:
Prepared by:

I. RECOMMENDATION:

II. BACKGROUND:

III. DISCUSSION:

IV. ALTERNATIVES:

V. FISCAL IMPACT:

ATTACHMENTS:

File Name	Description
No Attachments Available	

**STAFF REPORT - CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE
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Subject: Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Letter of Support on Behalf of the City Council Supporting AB 2661 (Soria) - Electricity: Transmission Facility Planning: Water Districts

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 4, 2024

From: Marissa Trejo, City Manager

Prepared by: Marissa Trejo, City Manager

I. RECOMMENDATION:

There is no Staff recommendation. This item was requested as a Future Agenda Item by Councilman Vosburg. His request is to authorize the City Manager to sign a Letter of Support on behalf of City Council supporting AB 2661 (Soria) - Electricity: transmission facility planning: water districts.

II. BACKGROUND:

III. DISCUSSION:

Draft sample support letter attached.

IV. ALTERNATIVES:

Do not authorize the City Manager to sign a Letter of Support on behalf of the City Council supporting AB 2661 (Soria) - Electricity: transmission facility planning: water districts.

V. FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

File Name	Description
 DRAFT_AB_2661_Sample_City_Letter_WWD_040424.pdf	Draft Letter of Support

April 4, 2024

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RE: Support of Assembly Bill 2661 (Soria) – Electricity: transmission facility planning: water districts

Dear XX:

On behalf of the City of Coalinga, we are writing in support of Assembly Bill 2661 by Assemblymember Esmeralda Soria which is critical in ensuring the San Joaquin Valley has the opportunity to maximize the benefits of repurposing agricultural lands for clean energy development.

The City of Coalinga is affected by water supply challenges and understands the need to repurpose portions of the agricultural lands to provide for a more sustainable water supply for farmland remaining in production and bring aquifers into sustainability. The reduction in farmed acres brings about a reduction in economic opportunities for our communities. Barren fields create an opportunity to utilize these lands for solar development and would help bring jobs and economic activity to the area.

AB 2661 will tap into the significant potential of the San Joaquin Valley for solar development, storage, and transmission with the goal of building these projects faster. The [Public Policy Institute of California](#) has underscored the immense renewable energy potential within the San Joaquin Valley, highlighting the capacity to deliver up to 30,000 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy, contingent on new transmission infrastructure as indicated by the CA ISO 20-year transmission outlook. This legislation will also enable state water districts with the ability to help build necessary transmission upgrades which will result in unlocking tens of thousands of megawatts of solar and energy storage.

As a city that relies heavily on the agriculture industry and is ready to assist our state in meeting our climate impact challenges, finding viable methods to better create, store, and transmit clean energy is a win-win for our residents and neighboring communities. Solar energy, storage, and transmission projects will be a benefit to us all.

AB 2661 will spur and strengthen:

- **Economic Revitalization:** AB 2661 will drive economic growth, create jobs in the renewable sector, and provide a sustainable just transition pathway for economic revitalization in the San Joaquin Valley.

- **Water Supplies:** Provides an opportunity for projects that will concentrate available water supplies on the most productive farmland in today's water restrictive environment while offering landowners an agriculture-compatible land use opportunity.
- **Renewable Energy Expansion:** The bill lays the groundwork for a robust expansion of solar energy, significantly contributing to the the growing sustainable energy portfolio.
- **Health and Social Equity Improvements:** The transition to renewable energy is a leap forward in improving air quality and public health, particularly in under-resourced communities disproportionately affected by pollution.

AB 2661 gives our community more resources and will give the state even more tools to build the needed transmission, solar and storage.

Sincerely,

Marissa Trejo
City Manager, City of Coalinga