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California Energy Commission
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**RE: All Power Labs Forest Waste to Energy Project - SUPPORT
CEC EPIC Grant Funding Opportunity GFO-15-325**

To Whom It May Concern:

The County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors is pleased to submit this letter with regard to the California Energy Commission (CEC) EPIC Grant Funding Opportunity, GFO-15-325 to convey support for the proposed forest waste to energy project proposed by All Power Labs in collaboration with community partners that include Sierra Pacific Industries, the Bureau of Land Management and the Sierra Resource Conservation District.

This proposal not only advances the development of community scale biomass power programs in the State of California under SB 1122, but also accomplishes other important public safety and ecological health matters. The State of California has designated ten counties, including the County of El Dorado, as "high hazard" areas for tree mortality. The project proposed by All Power Labs is consistent with our County's efforts to identify responsible resources and opportunities that will enable us to responsibly dispose of the trees affected by the drought and bark beetle infestation.

The proposed project is a community-scale 600kW biomass gasification energy generating facility, consisting of four 150kW units that will be located at the Sierra Pacific Industries site in Camino, El Dorado County, with the primary intent of producing electricity utilizing the dead and dying trees on public and private lands throughout our County. If the project is successful, it has the potential to create a significant new industry and employment opportunities in our County through the ongoing harvesting and processing of forest biomass into clean renewable energy. In addition to providing renewable energy and jobs, this type of project can reduce the air pollution that results from both wildfire events as well as the current open burning method to dispose of forest biomass.

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All Power Labs' proposal has the potential to provide a critical resource to aid in the efforts to assist private and public landowners impacted by the tree mortality crisis. If their proposal is successful, our County would look to include All Power Labs part of our County's coordinated efforts to identify, plan and implement projects to remove and dispose of hazardous trees from public and private lands.

Our Board of Supervisors supports the proposed forest to waste energy project proposed by All Power Labs and respectfully requests your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,



Ron Mikulaco
Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of El Dorado