DATE: March 17, 2010

TO: The Honorable Ken Yeager, Chairperson
The Honorable Dave Cortese, Vice Chair
Finance & Government Operations Committee (FGOC)
County of Santa Clara

Dear Supervisors Yeager and Cortese:

I am submitting this letter to address item number seven on the March 18, 2010 FGOC meeting agenda. I would like to request that language regarding our organization, Joint Venture: Silicon Valley Network, be included in the County’s Request for Proposal (RFP) document for a Regional Renewable Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

It has recently come to our attention that all mention of our organization has been removed from the version of the County’s RFP for a Regional Renewable PPA that was submitted in the FGOC meeting packet.

Joint Venture’s Public Sector Climate Task Force, a group consisting of members from every city and county plus several special districts in Silicon Valley, has been a major contributor to the County’s Regional Renewable Power Purchase initiative through its development over the past two years. The Task Force has been working to encourage participation of member jurisdictions by providing communication platform as well as educational resources regarding renewable energy, financing, and other topics related to the initiative. Additionally, the Task Force structure provides the framework for close collaboration that is necessary for a project with such large scope. And ultimately, the participation of the Task Force member jurisdictions is paramount to the success of this regional collaboration, which will lead to cost savings for the County and all additional participating public agencies.

Joint Venture’s Public Sector Climate Task Force will continue in their efforts to facilitate regional collaboration on this project. By including a description of these efforts in the County’s procurement documents, the community will view the initiative in this regional framework. As such, we would like to request that the Committee include language in the RFP document describing the involvement of Joint Venture’s Public Sector Climate Task Force.

A representative from our organization will be available at the proceedings to answer any questions.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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