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City Council, City of Brisbane
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Re: Support for the Renewable Energy Alternative for the Baylands

The San Mateo Community Choice Committee (SMCC) is a volunteer citizens advocacy group with membership covering all of the county. We have been actively involved in promoting the formation of the Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) program, which is now in operation with your City's participation. The primary purpose of the PCE is maximum provision and use of renewable energy.

The current Brisbane planning process for development of the 680-acre brownfield called Baylands is of high interest to us because it provides a unique opportunity to develop locally distributed generation of renewable energy as opposed to importing it from distant locations.

The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) covering potential Brisbane Baylands development has identified an environmentally superior alternative called the Renewable Energy Alternative. Your Planning Commission has recommended that you adopt this alternative plan, which was also declared feasible for implementation by a federal EPA/NREL study.

SMCC has voted to support the Renewable Energy Alternative, as the solar and wind energy generation proposed therein would not only serve the PCE but also greatly contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and the potential for continued global climate change.

We urge your Council to select the Renewable Energy Alternative as the best way to implement these widely shared goals for our future.

Sincerely yours,

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