



November 17, 2025

Imperial Irrigation District
Board of Directors
1285 Broadway
El Centro, CA 92243

**Re: Support for Agenda Items – Avenue 58 Substation Upgrade and Cook Street/Thousand Palms Substation
November 18, 2025 Board Meeting**

Dear Members of the Board:

On behalf of the **Building Industry Association - Southern California**, representing hundreds of builders, developers, contractors, and industry partners across Southern California, we write to express our strong support for the **Avenue 58 Substation Upgrade** and the **Cook Street/Thousand Palms Substation Project**, scheduled for consideration at your November 18, 2025 Board Meeting.

Reliable, modern energy infrastructure is foundational to the continued economic vitality of the Coachella Valley. Residential and commercial development across the region is directly dependent on IID's ability to deliver sufficient, resilient electrical capacity to serve both existing communities and planned growth. The two substation projects before you—together with their associated engineering, procurement, and capacity reservation agreements—represent critical long-lead investments that will help ensure the region can meet current and future demand.

Our members, many of whom are actively engaged in projects throughout the Valley, have experienced firsthand how electrical capacity constraints can delay housing production, increase project costs, and impact long-term planning. Advancing the Avenue 58 and Cook Street/Thousand Palms upgrades will provide much-needed reliability and capacity benefits, supporting everything from workforce housing to master-planned communities, commercial centers, and economic development initiatives.

Moreover, these investments align with IID's broader commitment to system modernization and proactive infrastructure planning. Approving these agenda items will provide certainty to the development community and reaffirm IID's role as a collaborative, forward-looking partner in regional growth.

For these reasons, the Building Industry Association respectfully urges the IID Board of Directors to approve both agenda items related to the **Avenue 58 Substation Upgrade** and the **Cook Street/Thousand Palms Substation Project**.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to the region's infrastructure needs. We appreciate the opportunity to support these important projects.

Sincerely,
Terry Kent, President

Jim Vaughn, Vice-President

**Building Industry Association
Coachella Valley Chapter**

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RE: IID Board of Directors November 18, 2025, Agenda Item No. 5 Regarding Expansion of the Avenue 58 Substation

Dear Ms. Asbury:

Please accept this letter of support for approval of the Avenue 58 Substation Funding and Reservation of Capacity Agreement and Engineering and Procurement Agreement that is being considered by the IID Board of Directors at its meeting on November 18, 2025.


My support is being expressed through this letter, as La Quinta's City Council meeting time conflicts with the Board's meeting in El Centro.

I appreciate the months of diligent work and collaboration that has taken place between La Quinta staff, IID staff, developers, and the County of Riverside that bring us to this point.

I look forward to working with you and the IID team as we continue to move toward expansion of the much-needed Avenue 58 substation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jon McMillen, City Manager