

**Board of Supervisors Hearing Date: October 28, 2008**  
**Case Summary: Project No. R2007-01829-(5)**  
**(Conditional Use Permit)**  
**Project applicant: BlueFire Ethanol**

**RPC Hearing Dates: July 23, 2008**

### **Synopsis**

The applicant, BlueFire Ethanol, is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to construct an ethanol refinery that will produce fuel ethanol using cellulosic waste material from the neighboring landfill and other local sources. The facility will be located on a 10 acre parcel at 580 East Avenue F in the Lancaster Zoned District. The project was approved by RPC on July 23, 2008 and appealed by Lyle Talbot on August 6, 2008. Mr. Talbot's appeal requested a local community meeting and an EIR for the project.

### **Community Meeting**

In response to Lyle Talbot's appeal, a local community meeting was held at Lancaster Fire Station No. 129 on October 1, 2008 to hear members of the public voice support and concerns.

### **Project Proponents**

Staff has received letters in support of this project from United States Senator Dianne Feinstein, Vice Chair of the United States Department of Energy James D. Boyd, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, California State Senator George Runner, California State Assemblyman Cameron Smith, the Association of Rural Town Councils, and the Roosevelt Rural Town Council.

Reasons for support:

- Reduced demand on local landfills
- Helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Local fuel source
- Reduced use of foreign oil
- Provides quality jobs for local community

### **Project Opposition**

Concerns:

- Potential impacts on air quality
- Potential for emissions
- Potential to produce hazardous waste