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THE NBA ARENA MOVES FORWARD. INGLEWOOD RISES AGAIN.

Mayor Butts

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**Ballmer notches a victory**

**Billionaire Steve Ballmer** and his L.A. Clippers won approval from the California Air Resources Board to build a \$1.2 billion Inglewood arena, despite objections from New York Knicks owner James Dolan, whose Madison Square Garden owns the nearby Forum.

**The goal:** Complete Murphy's Bowl (named for Ballmer's dog) in time for the 2024 basketball season.

**To win air board approval,** Ballmer agreed to spend tens of millions to make the arena a net-zero greenhouse gas emitter.

**The air board gained jurisdiction** because 2018 legislation authorizing the arena required that it be net zero. On the day before Thanksgiving, the board issued a letter declaring Ballmer "will meet the GHG requirements," assuming he follows through on the mitigation.

**Some steps:**

- **planting** 1,000 trees in Inglewood
- **installing** solar arrays on the arena's roof and possibly over parking lots
- **installing** 330 electric vehicle chargers at the arena's parking lot, and 1,000 residential EV charging stations in Inglewood
- **providing** 10 electric vehicles plus two electric shuttle buses to the city of Inglewood

**Elbows fly:** Sen. Steven Bradford and Assemblywoman Sydney Kamlager-Dove, who represent Inglewood, had accused the air board of subjecting the project to extra scrutiny because Inglewood is "comprised of black and brown residents."

**Final buzzer has yet to sound.** Ballmer needs approval from the California Office of Planning and Research, then must issue an environmental impact report, and fend off inevitable lawsuits.

**Money matters:** Ballmer has spent \$2.1 million on his team of Sacramento lobbyists since 2018.

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