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Oppose the Magnolia Plant

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

Vote No on Magnolia Expansion

I strenuously oppose the expansion of the Magnolia plant and hope that a true accounting will carry the day.

Allegations that natural gas has economic advantages over battery storage of energy generated from carbon-free sources ignore the true costs of natural gas. The lower cost of the physical infrastructure for gas when compared with batteries is a temporary differential completely erased when the health impacts and other hazards of extracting, storing and transporting natural gas are included.

I think some of our fellow Californians will see the \$72 million price tag as a payoff to ConocoPhillips while California wisely abandons the dirty energy of the last nearly two centuries. The expansion as planned will create an unnecessary demand for product from this and other fossil fuel behemoths.

Last week as I was driving by Porter Ranch, I happened to be listening to a report on the devastating and continuing impacts of the monumental Aliso gas leak there 10 years ago.

That leak resulted in millions of dollars in liability payouts, costs to plug the leak, and health impacts that are both long-term and immediate. Short-term, complaints of headaches, breathing issues, and other symptoms were leading clues that something was dangerously amiss. It took 118 days to plug the leak, but by that time untold damage had already been done.

The long-term health effects cannot yet be evaluated. The benzene and other carcinogens in this deadly gas often take decades to appear—for example, myelodysplastic syndrome, leukemia and other blood cancers are often not detected until regular blood tests identify a problem.

We used to talk about canaries in the coal mines. Do we really want to create additional human versions of those canaries as we commit the folly of bringing unnecessary toxic pollutants into our cities?

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