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# Oxnard Performing Arts Community Center California Energy Commission August 27, 2015

Good Evening California Energy Commissioners

My name is John C. Zaragoza, County of Ventura Board of Supervisors for the 5<sup>th</sup> District

- I am here tonight speaking as a Supervisor of the 5<sup>th</sup> District NOT on behalf of the Board of Supervisors
- ALSO...I am here as a citizen of the City of Oxnard
- Ladies and Gentlemen of the California Energy Commission the proposed NRG plant **would** be located in my district
- **I DO NOT....AND WILL NOT** support the development of **ANY NEW** electrical generating facilities within the City of Oxnard's Coastal Zone!
- For Far Too Long Oxnard has been a **DUMPING GROUND** for:
  1. Landfills: Arnold Rd.
  2. Waste Facilities: Anterra
  3. And other **UNDESIREABLE** industrial uses for example: **HALACO** – This Superfund Site has affected our environment, our wetlands in Ormond Beach, and the health of our residents for years!!

- I have reviewed the NRG “PUENTE” Power Plant proposal
- It is my opinion.... that the NRG power plant is **JUST ANOTHER UNDESIRABLE** industrial use facility that should be located somewhere else!

I would like to **Point Out** 4 main topics in my testimony to you this evening:

1. Conservation and restoration of Oxnard’s unique and valuable coastline
2. Safety Concerns
3. Alternative Sites
4. Oxnard has ALREADY contributed more than our “Fair Share”

### Oxnard Coastline is Unique and Valuable

- The Santa Clara River lies in the northern boundary of the Oxnard Coastline
- The Ormond Beach wetlands are at the southern boundary of our County’s Coastline
- between at the Santa Clara River, to the North and Ormond Beach to the South lies some of the most beautiful Beaches in Southern California,
- There are wetlands, a canal, and coastal dunes where endangered species thrive in their natural habitat

- The proposed NRG facility would be located right in the middle of our scenic coastline:
- home to many important biological communities, residential areas, and world class surfing
- What a Waste of our Unique and **Valuable RESOURCES!**

### Our Safety Concerns

There are numerous safety concerns when it comes to developing a power plant in a coastal area

Potentially we will be confronted with mother nature

- Coastal Storms and Flooding
- Tsunamis and Tidal Waves
- Liquefaction caused by earthquakes
- Sea Level Rise

I say.....we shouldn't have to deal with the hazards and contamination of an **NRG PLANT on our COASTLINE!**

### Alternative Site(s)

There are alternative sites **Not** located near our coastline already zoned for industrial use

## Oxnard Has Provided Our "FAIR SHARE"

The City of Oxnard has provided our FAIR SHARE!

- Oxnard is a working class community with a 70% plus Latino community
- Again Oxnard has provided more than their "FAIR SHARE" of Industrial Uses in our City, our open space and our beaches
- Commissioners, I know there will be additional testimony I'm sure others will also let you know that
  - **"ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!"**
- Let me say it again **"ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!"**
- **"NO MORE DUMPING ON OXNARD!"**

IT IS SIMPLY NOT FAIR TO ADD a **4th** power plant to the  
3 that already exist in OXNARD!

WE NEED A BREAK - FOR OUR BEACHES – WETLANDS  
AND OUR ENVIRONMENT

We have contributed our FAIR SHARE!

Finally, I insist the California Energy Commission

1. Help Oxnard protect and restore our unique and environmentally sensitive coastline
2. **Deny ANY and ALL** permits for the proposed NRG Facility
3. I insist the California Energy Commission seriously investigate siting a Power Plant in a more appropriate outside of Oxnard!

Thank you