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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

Memorandum

**To: California Energy Commission
California Public Utilities Commission**

From: John C. Zaragoza



Date: July 21, 2016

Subject: Proposed Power Plant on Oxnard's Coastline

Attached is my presentation as delivered to the California Energy Commission at their Public Workshop held in Oxnard, CA regarding the proposed Power Plant for Oxnard.

Attachments: California Energy Commission Workshop speaking points



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California Energy Commission Workshop
July 21, 2016, Oxnard, CA

- Good Evening, I'm Ventura County Supervisor John Zaragoza
- I represent the 5th District of the County of Ventura, Which covers most of Oxnard and our coastline.

- Tonight I'm here as a citizen of Oxnard.
NOT on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

- Thank you for allowing me to say a few words.

- Let me begin by saying:
I am NOT in support of a FOURTH power plant on Oxnard's beautiful coastline!

- OXNARD is a working class community with a 70% Latino population...Let me repeat that,
70% LATINO POPULATION, Ladies and Gentlemen.

- And over the years we have been continuously plagued by ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICES and UNDESIREABLE industrial uses;
THREE power plants, host to THREE landfills and the Halaco Superfund site, which for years has caused our wetlands in Ormond to suffer.

- Today Oxnard is AGAIN being left behind by TWO State Agencies:
 - 1.) The California Energy Commission
 - 2.) The California Public Utilities Commission

- Oxnard already has **THREE** power plants on its unique and environmentally sensitive coastline....Now these agencies are considering approval of a **FOURTH** Natural Gas Power Plant.
- Why is Oxnard being forced to continue the burden of 50 years of power plant/energy production for the whole region?
- **WE ARE NOT A DUMPING GROUND!!** Enough is enough!
- **WE DEMAND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOR OXNARD**
- Residents are working to **IMPROVE** and **CONSERVE** our beloved coastal assets, why should we be forced backwards like this?
- When it comes to treasuring their assets, **Disadvantaged Communities ARE NOT ANY DIFFERENT** than privileged communities...**WE LOVE OUR BEACHES TOO!!**
- During a time when California is making great progress towards cleaner and renewable energy it's not unreasonable for **OUR** community to **STRIVE FOR** and even **EXPECT** cleaner and more renewable sources of energy.
- **Lastly: Enough is enough! PLEASE HELP** Oxnard preserve our precious coastline for our future generations.

Sincerely,


John C. Zaragoza
Supervisor, Fifth District

**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 5th District

- I am here tonight speaking as a Supervisor of the 5th 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