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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
ENERGY RESOURCES  
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

In the Matter of:	)	Docket No. 15-AFC-01
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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR	)	RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SANTA
THE PUENTE POWER PROJECT	)	PAULA REGARDING MISSION ROCK
	)	ENERGY CENTER
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The proposed location of the Mission Rock Energy Center (“MREC”) (15-AFC-02), at 1025 Mission Rock Road, has been suggested as an alternative site for the Puente Power Project in the context of the alternatives analysis being undertaken by California Energy Commission staff pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (*See*, Revised Preliminary Staff Assessment, Part 1, Alternatives Section, p. 6.1-18, TN #211885-1).

On October 17, 2016, the City of Santa Paula unanimously adopted the attached Resolution No. 7007 opposing the MREC.

DATED: November 7, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Michael J. Carroll*

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**RESOLUTION NO. 7007**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA PAULA CITY COUNCIL OPPOSING THE MISSION ROCK ENERGY CENTER, LLC'S APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION TO CONSTRUCT, OWN AND OPERATE A GAS-FIRED, ELECTRICAL GENERATING FACILITY AT 1025 MISSION ROCK ROAD**

The City Council of the City of Santa Paula does resolve as follows:

**SECTION 1:** The City Council finds and declares as follows:

- A. NRG Energy, LLC, contracted with Southern California Edison to construct a 262 megawatt natural gas-fired "peaker" plant in Oxnard (the Puente power plant) to replace the Mandalay power plant scheduled to go off-line in 2020. Mission Rock Energy Center, LLC (MREC), wholly owned by the Calpine Corporation, was authorized by the California Energy Commission (CEC) to submit an application for a similar facility at 1025 Mission Rock Road.
- B. On December 30, 2015, MREC submitted its Application for Certification to the CEC, which seeks authority to construct, own and operate a gas-fired, electrical generating facility rated at a capacity of 275 megawatts at the Mission Rock site (the MREC Plant).
- C. The MREC site is 9.79 acres and is currently used for recreational vehicle and boat storage. The MREC site is located in the Santa Clara River Valley in unincorporated Ventura County about two miles west of Santa Paula.
- D. Despite the MREC Plant's proximity to the City, the City was not provided notice of the Application until March, 2016.
- E. On March 21, 2016 and April 4, 2016, the City Council of the City of Santa Paula received and discussed public comments regarding the proposed MREC Plant. The comments received from City residents were overwhelmingly negative and focused on the negative impacts the MREC Plant would have on the residents of Santa Paula, including, among others, increasing local air pollution, impacting local agricultural land and operations, and diminishing the natural views of the Santa Clara Valley.
- F. On May 13, 2016, the City of Santa Paula sent a letter under Mayor Martin Hernandez' signature outlining a series of questions and concerns about the Project. The CEC docketed the letter on May 16, 2016 and identified it as TN No. 211496. To date, the questions raised in the letter have gone unanswered and the record does not contain substantial evidence that the concerns raised can be mitigated in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Santa Paula or the Santa Clara River Valley.

**For the City Council Meeting of October 17, 2016**

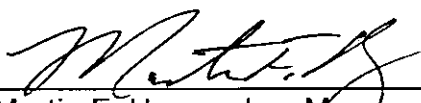
- G. On July 28, 2016, a committee of the CEC conducted an Environmental Scoping Meeting and Informational Hearing in the City. The meeting was attended by over 250 people. Of the 75 who spoke, only three spoke in favor of the MREC Plant.
  
- H. On August 1, 2016, MREC objected to requests for information from the CEC. MREC's refusal to provide the requested information may result in the approval of a flawed operating permit. More troubling, MREC's refusal to provide requested information may foretell MREC's response to demands for information once operational.

**SECTION 2:** Based on the foregoing, the City Council of the City of Santa Paula hereby opposes the MREC Plant and urges the California Energy Commission to deny MREC's application for certification of the MREC Plant. Additionally, the City of Santa Paula will not provide potable or recycled water to the MREC Plant.

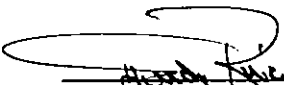
**SECTION 3:** The City Manager or his designee is directed to forward this resolution to all Ventura County cities, the Board of Supervisors, the California Public Utilities Commission, the California Energy Commission, and all elected State officials representing Santa Paula.

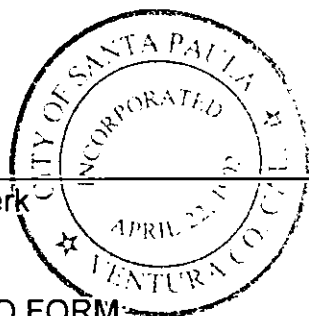
**SECTION 4:** This Resolution will become effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 17th day of October, 2016

  
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Martin F. Hernandez, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Judy Rice, City Clerk

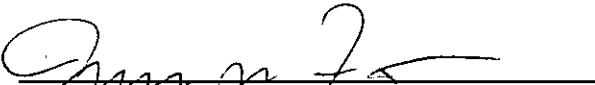


APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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John C. Cotti, City Attorney

***For the City Council Meeting of October 17, 2016***

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

  
Jaime M. Fontes, City Manager