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## **Fails to take into consideration local government plans to transition to clean energy**

The Puente Power Plant project fails to take into consideration the fact that Ventura County is participating in a feasibility study for Community Choice Aggregation along with Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties and 27 municipalities. They are serious about implementing such a program which is why they are spending time and money on it. The goal of implementing a Community Choice Energy program would be to accelerate the transition to clean energy much faster than state law and the CA energy commission is currently planning. These municipalities could very well set a 100% clean energy goal either immediately or within ten years as many other cities in California have already done, e.g., San Diego, Santa Monica, Palo Alto, etc. This is a very likely scenario.

Refer to the local government site "Central Coast Power": <http://www.centralcoastpower.org/>

As such, a new power plant would be unnecessary almost immediately as a 100% clean energy goal would, by definition, not include using natural gas for power generation.

The California Energy Commission should not approve a power plant that is so clearly unwanted by the community and which will be outmoded based on current local government plans to move the entire region away from fossil fuel based energy.