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Reject the Puente Power Project

Dear Submit your public comment,

I am writing to urge you to reject the Puente Power Project.

Besides being unnecessary to meet power needs in my state, the siting of this proposed plant in an area of wetlands is **TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE!** California coastal wetlands have been almost completely destroyed by development, yet it is scientific fact that wetlands stabilize the coast from erosion, filter and clean pollution and provide nursery habitat for economically important fish stocks. Once destroyed it would take many years and millions of dollars to restore, while the electricity generated for 20 or 30 years could easily be provided by the growing solar and wind electricity generation capacity.

This project would be damaging to California communities. The city of Oxnard already has some of the highest asthma rates in the state. We should be working to clean the air, not endanger California communities with more pollution.

Additionally, this project is uneconomical and unnecessary. Puente would cost more than twice as much as it would cost to meet the same electricity needs with renewables. Clean energy solutions can create more good, local jobs in the Oxnard area for a fraction of the cost.

This is a project whose time has passed. Now more than ever, Californias leadership is essential to lead our nation toward a clean energy economy we aren't going to get there by building uneconomical projects that lock in more pollution and dependence on fossil fuels.

I urge you to reject the Puente Power Project.

Sincerely, Lois Ruble