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## **No more power plants in Oxnard**

Dear Robin,

At a time when clean energy is more important than ever before, a massive, polluting, gas-fired power plant is planned on Ventura County's picturesque coastline and would commit our region to dangerous fossil fuels for decades.

We need your help to stop this project from destroying Oxnard's scenic and ecologically-fragile dunes and hastening climate disruption.

**PLEASE TAKE ACTION:**

Attend the Hearing and tell the Energy Commission not to approve a 4th power plant on Oxnard's beaches.

**WHERE:** Oxnard Performing Arts Center, 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard, CA

**WHEN:** Wednesday July 26, 2017, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM (public comment is at 6PM).

Please join us at the public rally at 5pm to hear from our Chief Counsel, Linda Krop.

**TALKING POINTS:**

Mr. Hearing Officer and California Energy Commissioners,

New information about renewable energy alternatives including solar power and energy storage demonstrates that the gas-fired Puente Project will not be needed.

Low-income Oxnard residents already suffering from high asthma rates currently breathe the exhaust from three fossil-fuel power plants. Approving a 4th plant would be a great social injustice.

The grossly polluting Puente Power Plant would be constructed atop a rare 2-acre coastal wetland that is surrounded by ancient and environmentally sensitive coastal dunes and unique plants and wildlife. Initially undisclosed by the developer, biologists just recently discovered numerous protected species living on and around the proposed site. Protected peregrine falcons are nesting, feeding, and raising young on the site, as are great horned owls. Federally-threatened snowy plovers and endangered California least terns nest in critical habitat on three sides of the site.

This power plant is not needed for public safety or grid reliability. An industrial facility of this nature should never be built on the coast where sea level rise will eventually submerge it. Please deny this ill-conceived project as we Californians look to a brighter fossil free future.

Sincerely,

Robin Jacobs