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Puente Power Plant

Mr. Hearing Officer and California Energy Commissioners,

Please reject the gas-fired Puente Project. Renewable energy alternatives (e.g., solar power and energy storage) are available.

The existing three fossil fuel power plants are polluting the environment contributing to the high asthma rates for Oxnard residents. Approving a 4th plant would make this worse.

The construction site for this plant includes a rare 2-acre coastal wetland that is surrounded by ancient and environmentally sensitive coastal dunes and unique plants and wildlife. Numerous protected species inhabit this area including peregrine falcons, great horned owls, snowy plovers, and least terns. They do not have a voice so I am calling on you to save this habitat.

This power plant is not needed for public safety or grid reliability. Sea levels are rising and the site will most likely eventually be submerged. Please deny this fossil fuel project as we Californians must protect our environment and move toward renewable energy sources.

Sincerely,

Jeannette Welling