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## **Reject Mission Rock Energy Center**

The Mission Rock Energy Center is a bad proposal. It is old technology and by Mission Rock's own forecasts it will be operated for much longer periods than a peaker plant.

It is to be situated within an agricultural area designated for restricted land use by the county SOAR (Save Our Agricultural Resources or Save Open-space and Agricultural Resources.) If farmers can't build an extra house on parcels in this general area how in the world could we the people allow a polluting industrial plant to be operated there? The project may be on less expensive land, however the project is in the wrong place for all environmental factors. The air pollution would be caught in the east-west valley sloshing back and forth from Santa Clarita to Oxnard-Ventura. It is far better to locate the plant closer to the coast and out from between the confining mountain ridges. Better to have a shorter discharge route for the plant effluent. From an engineering and scenic standpoint the proposed transmission line for the plant is inefficient and a visual scar on the scenic landscape. The plant should be located closer to the expected load growth of the urban areas of Oxnard, Camarillo: and Moorpark where the need supposedly exists. SOAR limits the electrical load growth to the east almost to Highway 5. Further the plant is to be located within the 100 year event flood plain designated by FEMA. Earthwork to raise the construction pad will require the trucking of thousands of yard of dirt and rock to the site. The raging Santa Clara River in flood will be no respecter of a raised pad in the path of tsunami-like floodwaters carrying mud, trees and other debris.

This project should be rejected. A thorough study of the plant design, siting and the forecast location of the electrical usage must be done to prevent the advance of a flawed plan.