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The Mission Rock Energy Center would endanger wildlife and contaminate our natural resources of water and air. The Santa Clara River (the Utom or "phantom" River as recognized by the native Chumash) is a sacred place for the Chumash people, where they have lived and buried loved ones. It is immoral to build such a place on their sacred space and resources which they can and still do use. It is a place to gather solace in a "developed" world dirtied by pollution. The plant would emit 400,000+ tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions into the surrounding air each year. The plant would quite likely be the largest polluter of toxic emissions in Santa Paula, a town that already does not meet federal and state clean air standards and also happens to be a state-designated environmental justice community.

Thank you for your time.