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Calpine Power Plant

Please deny the permit for the Calpine Power Plant on the Utom. If approved, the power plant would emit a variety of harmful toxins, including 400,000-plus tons of carbon dioxide emissions, into the air every year. That's the same as burning over 400 million pounds of coal. The plant would likely be the largest source of toxic emissions in Santa Paula (which already fails to meet state and federal air standards and is a state-designated environmental justice community).

The health and success of populations of endangered animal species, like the southwestern willow flycatcher and the Least Bell's Vireo riparian birds that nest along the banks of Utom near the proposed project site would be jeopardized by pollution emitted from the facility and transmission lines built for it.

This project threatens the health of our community and the survival of an entire species. At a time when California is moving toward clean, renewable energy, why would we knowingly take a step backward toward obsolete fossil-fuel infrastructure. Let us be the ones who are examples of life-giving and ecologically moral philosophy that protect the people and land. And ultimately, our future.

The commission must deny Calpine's application, just like it recently did in Oxnard with NRG's application to build the Puente Power Project. Here, just like there, a power plant is unnecessary.

This is a dangerous and unnecessary power plant. Please support the earth.