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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

Santa Paula Alliance

c/o Mary Ann Krause

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To: Commissioners Karen Douglas and Janea Scott, California Energy Commission

From: Santa Paula Alliance

Subject: Request for Extension of the Comment Period and Delay of Community Meeting for MREC

Date: December 18, 2017

The Santa Paula Alliance hereby requests that California Energy Commission extend the comment period and delay the community meeting for the Mission Rock Energy Center for a period of three months beyond the announced close of comments on January 26, 2018. This additional time is needed to allow reasonable local government and community input to the 1270-page Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) that serves as the platform for future decisions on this project.

The Thomas Fire has been a large-scale disaster for the Santa Paula area, burning an unprecedented proportion of our watershed. Members of the SP Alliance have been directly affected by the Fire, losing equipment, irrigation lines, citrus and avocado trees, etc., that serve as the basis of their livelihood. Local governments are charged with both Fire recovery efforts and prevention of future disasters that may result from winter rains triggering debris flows, mudslides and flooding. This must be our highest priority as a community, and attempting to provide meaningful comments for a project that appears unlikely to be built takes away from those efforts.

We believe that this request should be granted out of respect for the losses suffered by this community. The amount of time requested should be sufficient to get us past the "wet" season, and allow us to ensure that our homes and businesses are safe from further harm.

Sincerely,

Santa Paula Alliance

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