

July 16, 2012

To C.E.C.



I write this letter on behalf of all members of the public who attended the July 12, 2012 Hydrogen Energy California (HECA) meeting in Tupman, Ca. The meeting was held in front of the California Energy Commission. The U.S. Department of Energy, Sierra Club, Central Valley Air Quality Coalition, and Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment were among those attending. HECA and other organizations represented on the panel were given ample time to present the proposed project and discuss its benefits and possible downfalls, the public was not. The public had performed research and brought evidence to the meeting substantiating claims to the project's negative impacts, yet each member was limited to three minutes of time and then told to wrap it up or finish statements when the three minutes were up. Much of the information that was being presented had not been previously discussed or considered and is vital to the viability of the project as well as the health and wellbeing of the community for which this project effects. Simply allowing the public to present the rest of its concerns, or elaborate on the ones presented, in writing is a disservice to other members of the public who attended this meeting to further their knowledge of the project's impact upon themselves and their communities. The public portion of this meeting was not what it was intended to be and therefore this meeting should be reheld and everybody involved should be given ample time to speak and listen.

Thank you

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