

**Docket Optical System - Energy Commission Docket Unit Docket No. 11-AFC-03**

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I OPPOSE proposed Quail Brush gas generated power plant!

According to the application for certification, the Quail Brush power plant is "projected to operate up to 3,800 hours per year (or approximately at 43% of the time) during each of the 30 years. The projected EAF (equivalent availability factor), based on the SDG&E PPA, is estimated to exceed 98 percent in the summer months (June-September), and exceed 94 percent in the non-summer months (2.7.4.2 Plant Availability)." Am I understanding this correctly? During these times the power plant can operate 7 days per week, 24 hours per day (2.7.4 Reliability) and this is just at 43%! Don't think anyone believes that this plant will only operate at 43%, and we all know they can easily pay any fines imposed for going over the 43%. We are talking about eleven 100 ft smokestacks, 11 separate, parallel trains of generators, each with an independent engine... **Pollution! Pollution! Pollution!** This project should be evaluated at 100%.

**The proposed Quail Brush power plant is NOT in the middle of some nowhere landfill in some secluded place called Sycamore Canyon.** Santee's West Hills High School with approximately 2000 students and West Hills Little League baseball fields both are down wind and just a few hundred yards away from this proposed Quail Brush power plant. Also downwind is our Santee Town Center, 3 miles away, with Sportplex USA - with the goal to make Santee a recreational sports destination and to stimulate economic growth for the local businesses in Santee. With the 52/125 freeways already exposing our valley to high levels of pollutants it is unacceptable that SDG&E and Cogentrix would propose to add eleven 100 ft smoke stacks spewing carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, benzene, formaldehyde, and other air pollutants on the border of our city - **SANTEE!** There is **NO WAY** you can justify spewing millions of tons of Air Pollutants in **OUR CITY!**

**The proposed Quail Brush power plant is NOT in the middle of some nowhere landfill in some secluded place called Sycamore Canyon.** MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK is one of OUR NATIONS largest urban natural parks that includes Cowles Mountain, the 46 site Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Old Mission Dam (a registered National Historic Landmark), a scenic stretch of the San Diego River where hundreds of people from all over San Diego County come to get away from the city fumes & noise and use the trails to hike, mountain bike, mountain climb the face of Kwaay

Paay mountain and use the East Fortuna Equestrian staging area and trails. With the 52 and 125 freeways already exposing our beloved park to high levels of pollutants it is unacceptable that SDG&E and Cogentrix would propose to add eleven 100 ft smoke stacks spewing carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, benzene, formaldehyde, and other air pollutants on the border MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK! There is NO WAY you can justify spewing millions of tons of Air Pollutants into this designated OPEN SPACE parkland!

How fortunate I have been to have owned my home in Santee on the border of Mission Trails Regional Park for 22 years. DO NOT sacrifice our community and Mission Trails Regional Park and allow greed to destroy our home and ruin our treasured parkland for all time. WE ARE NOT LABORATORY RATS! Please do not tell us how much Air Pollution/Poison we must breathe for the benefit of the masses! I would NOT ask that of you! This project DO NOT BELONG HERE OR IN ANYONES BACKYARD! Please consider the "No Project Alternative that uses conservation as a strategy" option.

Respectfully,  
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