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Subject: Quail Brush



Hi Eric,

Thank you for taking the time to discuss this project with me at the recent SD City Planning Commission meeting.

Please add the attached letter from the San Diego County League of Women Voters, which I presented at the meeting, to the official public comments. This letter only addresses the issues most relevant to this hearing. For the next CEC workshop, our statement will include many more facets of this project which we are opposed to. Thank you. Sincerely,

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

June 28, 2012 Statement by the League of Women Voters of San Diego County

To: City of San Diego Planning Commission

Re: Quail Brush Community Plan Amendment Initiation

The League of Women supports an energy policy which reduces greenhouse gas emissions giving primary consideration to conservation, energy efficiency and renewable resources while protecting the environment and public health and safety. This is in direct accord with the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) clean energy policy called the Loading Order, which was approved on January 12, 2012. The Loading Order defers any new procurement of fossil fuel generation. This is based on their belief that long-term energy needs do not warrant the construction of more fossil fuel infrastructure, which contributes to global warming. The Loading Order also requires California's utilities to prioritize electricity sources. Energy efficiency and conservation must be employed first to meet consumer demand followed by the use of energy from renewable resources such as wind, solar and geothermal. Only after those supplies are exhausted may the utility purchase power from fossil fuel plants. According to the California Energy Commission (CEC), the state has about 30 percent more power than is needed on peak energy days. The CPUC anticipates that there will be 60 to 80 percent over-built by 2020, should current trends continue. SDG&E gets paid to build these facilities, if they are needed or not. Their proposed project defies both the CPUC Loading Order and the health and safety of the citizens of San Diego County, all for their financial gain.

City of San Diego Senior Planner Jean Cameron wrote on 11/30/2011 to CEC manager Davis noting the following concerns: the project conflicts with the applicable land use plan, policies and regulations and habitat conservation plan; it will exceed the City's threshold for noise in all land use categories; the project will create a significant visual quality impact; the Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Global Climate Change impacts need to be quantified; the project falls within the proposed boundary of Mission Trails Regional Park. Discretionary permits include a Land Use Plan Amendment, a Rezone, a MHPA Boundary Line Adjustment, and a Site Development Permit for Environmentally Sensitive Lands and the Mission Trail Design District.

As far as the above mentioned Land Use issues, this project should be denied solely due to these inconsistencies since this project is NEITHER a public convenience NOR a necessity.

The San Diego League of Women Voters urges you to deny this amendment to the East Elliot Community Plan to re-designate a portion of this 22 acre parcel from open space to industrial.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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