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RE: City of San Diego Project # 270282, **Quail Brush** Community Plan Amendment  
Initiation, CEC Docket Number 11-AFC-03  
**OPPOSE**

Dear San Diego Planning Commissioners, Mayor Sanders, San Diego City Council  
members and CEC Commissioners Douglas, McAllister, Peterman and Weisenmiller,

We the undersigned environmental organizations and officials together represent  
thousands of residents that live, work or recreate in the San Diego River watershed  
and Mission Trails Regional Park. We urge you to oppose changes to "laws,  
ordinances, standards and regulations" (LORS) needed to site the "Quail Brush  
Power Plant" within Mission Trails Regional Park expansion area and one-half-mile  
from the San Diego River.

At the turn of the century, the San Diego region's leading environmental organizations urged local, state and federal agencies to invest in the expansion of Mission Trails Regional Park, a State Conservancy for the San Diego River and a regional Multiple Species Preserve. Millions of public funds have since been invested in all of these symbiotic efforts. The effort to expand Mission Trails Park within East Elliot has resulted in the acquisition of approximately 35 parcels in excess of 700 acres. Public investment is ongoing and parcels acquired in 2011 resulted in the acquisition of 70 acres in East Elliot alone. The sum of these efforts represents a massive investment in public resources such as endangered wildlife habitat linkages, public recreation, sources of clean water, flood protection and visual relief that links regional parks. The site chosen for the power plant would significantly degrade this investment and threaten the public health and safety of the schools and neighborhoods located within a mile from the site.

Significant adverse impacts would include the following:

- Toxic air emissions harmful to public health that also produce acid rains favorable to invasive plant species.
- Habitat loss for endangered species such as Quino checkerspot butterfly.
- Noise and visual impacts to rock climbing areas and trails directly adjacent to the site.
- Lower water quality entering the San Diego River and its tributaries.
- Industrial land use incompatible with the surrounding open space, park, schools and single-family residential designations.

These impacts need to be avoided – not mitigated. Therefore, we respectfully request that you safeguard the public health and investment in natural resources adjacent to the site by rejecting any proposed changes in laws, ordinances, regulations and standards sought for siting of a Quail Brush Power Plant.

Sincerely,



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