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RE: Quail Brush Generation Project

Dear Mr. Solorio,

The purpose of this letter is to bring to your attention the Quail Brush Generation Project and the major concerns that it brings to the residents of the City of Santee.

The proposed project site by the applicant, Quail Brush Genco, LLC and the parent company Cogentrix Energy, LLC who are working in collaboration with both San Diego Gas and Electric Company, and the City of San Diego, purports to have over 21 acres of County designated parklands rezoned for a project that is generally reserved for a heavy industrial area. The scope and size of the proposed Quail Brush Generation Project very simply, does not belong within yards of any community's residents, adjacent schools, playgrounds, or anywhere within the immediate vicinity of a heavily used pristine regional park.

It is the hope of the residents of Santee and San Diego East County, that you are accurately able to collect, analyze, and visualize exactly what is at stake especially for this local community of over 55,000. The project proposed by Genco-Cogentrix and SDG&E demonstrates a lack of responsible civic minded planning from every aspect there is to consider, with the exception for being the most profitable solution. The vast majority of citizens realize there is a need for a long term energy solution because of limitations in the reliability of current renewable green energy resources. However, economic sense should never be allowed to be placed ahead of the health or the socioeconomic well being of the people intended to be served. The land may technically belong to the City of San Diego, but there is no question it would immediately become the City of Santee's nightmare.

If the Quail Brush Generation Project is not misguided enough on the rezoning condition alone, consider the proposed site includes installing: 11 gas fueled internal combustion engines, 20 pistons each with cylinders exceeding 13 inches in diameter, for a total combustion displacement of 44,323 cubic inches

per engine, multiplied by the 11 gas engines with exhaust smoke stacks each 4 feet in diameter, towering 100 feet in height, and perched on the slope of a downwind southeast facing hill. This giant landmark industrial facility with its smoke plumes would be situated literally at the front doorstep of the City of Santee, Mission Trails Regional park, and the neighboring homes and schools.

The highly contrasting and striking visual impact, the noise, and the pollution that would be forced into the air directly overhead of Santee and into the enclosed valley downwind should be viewed as really serious problems, as well as numerous other negative environmental and financial impacts on our citizens, property values, and wildlife. These long term consequences would in fact be realized by the entire East County community if the proposed Quail Brush Generation power plant is constructed.

The proposed site should not be considered an appropriate location for this facility.

If the City of San Diego and SDG&E remain intent on installing this extremely large power plant, I am calling on the all the principles including our civic leaders who may working behind the scenes on this project, to closely examine more suitable sites already in established heavy industrialized areas, such as the City's Miramar Landfill where it is virtually uninhabited. It may be less convenient and less profitable, but it should be old fashioned common sense that parking this kind of facility in a residential zone on top of homes, parks and schools is simply not the right thing to do, or even remotely consider.

Sincerely,
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