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California Energy Commission
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Dear Commissioners,

In advance of the upcoming Status Conference on October 16, I would like to urge the California Energy Commission (CEC) to approve the Quail Brush Generation Project, which is necessary to meet the specific needs of the region. My family lives in and owns property in East San Diego County and we feel that Quail Brush is needed to ensure electric reliability in San Diego County, particularly as SDG&E increases the use of intermittent renewable resources.

Quail Brush has the potential to come online at an ideal time with the closure of the San Onofre Power Plant and the potential decommissioning of the older generation facilities that no longer meet environmental standards. Quail Brush has advanced quick-start technology that will stabilize the electric grid. Grid stability will be crucial as more wind and solar resources come online. The irregularity of renewable generation presents the need for natural gas peaker plants, like Quail Brush. This project will ensure the much-needed reliability when those wind and solar resources are not available.

As you can see, Quail Brush is essential to San Diego's future. We need this project for many reasons. Please give these issues your serious consideration on October 16. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Adrienne E. Steussy