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Subject: Opposition to the Quail Brush Power Plant

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Please post this on the public comments section of the CEC website.

On very short notice, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has announced they will hold a public forum this coming Friday, Feb 1, at 6:00pm at the Al Bahr Shrine Center on 5440 Kearny Mesa Rd., San Diego 92111.

It has been a long year, and an uphill battle for the citizens concerned about this power plant. On 11/20/12 Administrative Law Judge Yacknin rendered a decision to reject SDGE's application A1105023 for the Quail Brush, Pio Pico and Escondido power plants. In spite of this recommendation, CPUC has repeatedly postponed making a final decision on the power plant(s). It has now been pushed back to Feb. 13th.

Way back when I first became involved in this issue, the statistics about the pollutants that would be released into the air THAT WE BREATHE were one of the first things people spoke about in our community meetings. I would like to refresh memories. All information was culled from the website of the CA Energy Commission.

Carbon Monoxide - 56.5 tons per year at 43% operation (113 tons at 100% operation)
Exposure to carbon monoxide makes people feel dizzy and tired and gives them headaches. In high concentrations, it is fatal. Elderly people with heart disease are hospitalized more often when they are exposed to high concentrations of carbon monoxide.

Nitrogen dioxide - 4408 tons per year at 43% operation (89.6 at 100% operation)
People who are exposed to nitrogen dioxide for a long time have a higher chance of getting respiratory infections. Nitrogen dioxide reacts in the atmosphere to form acid rain, which can harm plants and animals.

Other toxic pollutants: benzene, formaldehyde, propylene tons and tons. Toxic air pollutants can cause cancer. Some toxic air pollutants can also cause birth defects. Other effects depend on the pollutant, but can include skin and eye irritation and breathing problems.

Read more: Major Air Pollutants- Infoplease.com
<http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0004695.html#ixzz115XCOMBp>

San Diego Gas & Electric (SDGE) has included in their monthly bills (on several occasions) warnings about combustion of natural gas causing cancer or reproductive harm. I see you have letters in your public comments section mentioning this. Why then, is SDG&E willing to put a NATURAL GAS POWER

PLANT in proximity to many thousands of people>??? Why?

I have been saving articles I find on renewable energy. I will send more letters with info on alternative ways to produce energy. Ways that are not harmful to our health.

Were any of you around in the mid-late 70's when you had to buy gas on odd or even days (based on your license plate number)? Well, we haven't come very far on that issue in 35 years or so. Many people are driving around in large SUVs, and driving fast (using more gas). We NEED to use our intelligence and imaginations to get on the right track with energy production, and the types of energy we choose to use. There was a special on PBS by David Attenborough on the viability of our planet based on the rate we are using its resources. It was not a pretty picture. The USA is using many more of the earth's resources than the rest of the world. Our generation needs to leave behind a legacy of working to care for the world we live in. It needs to start NOW. No more fossil fuel plants. Use our creative minds to develop ways to get the energy we need and still have our beautiful planet and its plants and animals (including, of course, humans) in tact.

Thank you for your time. Reject the Quail Brush Power Plant.

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