



# SOUTH BAY PARKLAND CONSERVANCY

California Energy Commission

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Dear CEC members:

In response to the licensing of the Redondo Beach Energy Project (RBEP):

The South Bay Parkland Conservancy is non-profit and was founded in 2004 in response to the lack of open space that remains in the South Bay region of Southern California. Our mission statement: South Bay Parkland Conservancy is dedicated to the restoration, preservation and public use of coastal land resources in the South Bay Region.

With hundreds of members who want to retain and expand open space, our organization respectfully submits this letter and reminds the California Energy Commission that Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Torrance, Lomita, are all critically underserved areas with little open space for health and recreation. With 13,000 people per square mile in Hermosa Beach, and over 11,000 people per square mile in Redondo, the RBEP site is tightly surrounded by incompatible uses on all sides (see Figures 1,2,3,4 of Building a Better Redondo's AES Adequacy Assessment presented to this meeting today) including high density residential housing on its northern border (Hermosa Beach), medium density residential housing and senior housing and tourist hotels and retail establishments on the East, South, and West of the RBEP site (Redondo Beach). The South Bay is critically underserved for open space for its residents, with a maximum of 4.1 acres (specifically RB and HB) per State Coastal Conservancy study and local average of 7.3 acres for Los Angeles and 12.9 acres nationally. Redondo Beach has just 2.45 acres of parkland per 1000 residents, well below the minimum threshold established by the state. This value includes the County Beach. Nearly 9,500 people and 7,500 registered Redondo voters signed the initiative petition to phase out the power plant for park and commercial uses. This initiative will go to a vote in March 2013.

With all due respect to both the CEC and AES Corporation, (who owns AES Redondo), SBPC members understand the need for generating power especially in a population center such as the South Bay and greater Los Angeles County. However, with three brand new power plants coming online this year in the LA Basin, the greater good would be better served without this power plant. The AES submission does not evaluate a no power plant alternative.

SBPC requests the CEC honor the will of the residents and voters of Redondo, evaluate a no power plant in Redondo scenario, and ultimately deny a new license to AES. This land would serve the greatest public good as open space and "compatible" businesses that serve the local residents and tourist industry.

Sincerely,

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