



## South Bay Parkland Conservancy (SBPC)

California Energy Commission

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Dear CEC members:

This letter is 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 Los Angeles. The 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, Lawndale, Torrance and Lomita are all critically underserved areas with little open space for health and recreation.

Specific to the area adjacent to the RBEP site:

- There are 13,000 people per square mile in Hermosa Beach
- There are nearly 11,000 people per square mile in Redondo Beach
- In very close proximity to the RBEP site -
  - To the east, west and south are medium density residential housing, senior housing, hotels and retail establishments.
  - Along the northern border are high density residential housing in Hermosa Beach.

Refer also to Figures 1,2,3,4 of Building a Better Redondo's AES Adequacy Assessment presented at today's meeting. A power plant in the midst of a densely populated site simply makes no sense.

In terms of open space, the South Bay is critically underserved:

- Los Angeles averages 7.3 acres of open space per thousand residents whereas the national average is 12.9 acres.
- Redondo Beach has just 2.45 acres of open space per thousand residents, well below the minimum threshold established by the state. The open space value includes the County Beach.

The local citizens care about future plans for the power plant. Nearly 9,500 people and 7,500 registered Redondo Beach 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 criticality of power generation. However, with three brand new power plants coming online this year in the LA Basin, the greater good would be better served without the Redondo Beach 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 Beach, evaluate a no power plant in Redondo Beach 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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