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Dear Commissioners:

As extremely concerned citizens, we are writing you to voice our strong opposition to any further consideration of the proposed Quail Brush Power Plan (Quail Brush Generation Project 11-AFC-03 in the East Elliott Planning Area). There is an enormous amount of opposition to this proposal, and rightfully so. Simply stated, building a power plant at that location is a bad idea that makes no sense, especially considering the alternatives, which are many and varied (noting no power shortfalls since the San Onofre shutdown AND the recent approval of the Pio Pico Energy Center which is properly sited in an industrial area). A fossil fuel power plant is completely inappropriate for the ecologically sensitive area adjacent to Mission Trails Regional Park in both environmental and practical terms. Further, the San Diego River Habitat and the Santee Lakes Recreational Area are both nearby. The surrounding communities, which include schools, churches, residential, restaurants and retail business would suffer as property values and quality of life would be negatively impacted. The project is inconsistent with the City of San Diego's LORS.

It is important to note that the project has already been denied by the City of San Diego Planning Commission, the San Diego City Council, and the City of Santee. The proposed project is located within the East Elliott Multi-Habitat Planning Area which is part of San Diego's Multi Species Conservation Program (MSCP) open space area. The Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force vehemently opposes the siting of the power plant, and the taxpayers of San Diego County object to any further spending of California taxpayer dollars in pursuit of a project that violates so many key local land use provisions.

In summary, the citizens of this community are firmly united in bipartisan opposition to the Quail Brush project. As taxpayers and ratepayers, we are dependent upon your sound judgment in the clear and timely denial of any further consideration of this project. Accordingly, we ask that you deny the Developer's request and vacate with finality their application to build this Power Plant. Please end the 11-AFC-03 process and guide all involved toward more modern, efficient, and more suitably located projects.

Sincerely,

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