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## **Quail Brush Power Plant AFC (11-AFC-03) - Deny suspension**

Dear Commissioners:

We are opposed to the additional year suspension for the Quail Brush Generation Project 11-AFC-03 in the East Elliott Planning Area. The San Diego City Council, San Diego Planning Commission and City of Santee have already voted against on the Quail Brush rezoning designation. Furthermore, SDG&E and Cogentrix .did not pay any attention to local solar as a viable alternative, something they were supposed to do.

We are opposed to any zoning change to put a power plant next to our vital Mission Trails Regional Park. The City and County have spent valuable tax dollars to create this wonderful open space area. It destroys the value of that investment to put a power plant right next to it. Having Quail Brush with eleven smoke stacks emitting toxins into the air with a high school and thousands of nearby residents is a public health danger. This neighborhood pollution source can also lower property values. SDG&E ratepayers may well face a rate increase to pay for the \$150 million cost of this plant.

The power plant site is only 600 yards downwind to West Hills High School, 250 yards from the new Equestrian Center at Mission Trails park and just 500-600 yards from the Kumeyaay lake and Campground. The smokestacks will also be a visual blight from the park trails north of Highway 52.

We understand that Quail Brush can generate 56.5 tons per year of carbon monoxide, 44.8 tons of nitrogen oxide and 46.5 tons of toxic benzene, formaldehyde and propylene at 43% operation. Natural gas plant turbine engines are particularly noisy with additional noise from the air intake fans and cooling systems.

The pollution, public health, noise, visual and traffic impacts of power plants can reduce property values within 2 miles by 3-7% according to a May, 2010 UC Berkeley study "The Effects of Power Plants on Local Housing Values". Declines in household income, educational attainment and proportion of owner occupied homes are also reported.

We have more sustainable alternatives to generate clean, local energy with expansion of solar to business and home rooftops as well as parking lots. We have already installed rooftop solar panels on our home and are seeing the benefits. There's more we can all do to conserve energy at home and at work. It's better to invest in incentives to save energy for residents and small business owners. There are improved tools to manage energy use. Conservation and demand response programs are vital, according to SDG&E

We don't need to place power plants in our valuable remaining open space and so close to our Mission Trails Regional Park, schools and homes. Please reject this harmful and unnecessary heavy industrial placement for the Quail Brush power plant in the East Eliot Community Plan. Please send the 11-AF-03 Process and focus on energy storage and renewable energy projects.

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