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Original Mountain House Farming and Ranching Community Dating Back to 1896

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Location
Mountain House Road and
Kelso Road, Tracy, California

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Craig Hoffman
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1516 Ninth Street
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Re: Mariposa Energy Project – Tracy California – Public Questions and Comments

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

In regard to your request for public questions and comments at the November 29, 2010 meeting/workshop, the following are my questions concerning the Mariposa Energy Project: (Some of the questions were asked at the meeting, but I do not feel I received appropriate answers to my questions.)

1. Why wasn’t there an extensive research describing potential environmental impacts, i.e., health, noise, and safety to the existing and original Mt. House Farming and Ranching Community? That is located within 2 miles of the project. This community consists of over 86 residents, who are senior citizens, children, Hispanic and other minorities.

2. Why wasn’t my property listed on the section of “Property Owners Adjacent to Mr. Lee’s Property?”

The answer I received at the workshop that I was receiving the notices and that was all that mattered.
If that was the case everyone within 6 miles should have been on the list! It was not listed as a “Mailing List” on the section.

The other answer I received was that I was not a resident on my property. When in fact I do have a residence within 2 miles of the project and I was the only person in the entire meeting that actually lived within 2 miles of the project and have lived here for 42 years! Additionally, there are 5 (five) parcels on my property and I am planning to build homes on this property.

3. The following question is in regard to all of the money that has been given to the adjoining communities and the Mountain House School. Can you kindly tell me the reason for the following amounts of money to be given to these entities? And what each entity had to give Mariposa Energy Project in return? i.e., right of way, water, air, electricity, no objection to the plant being built, or any other concessions, or other mitigations?

Alameda County approximately $2,000,000.

San Joaquin County approximately $750,000.

Contra Costa County $800,000.

Mountain House School $10,000. in addition to a potential WISH LIST of a substantial amount of salaries and improvements to the school.

Additionally, being the original location of the CAL PINE Plant has been sold to another energy company will there be two large plants within two miles of each other producing potential hazards to our environment?

Please continue to keep me on the mailing list for all Public Workshops and Informational Meetings.

Thank you for your time and answering these important questions for me. I feel they are valid and all of our community would like the answer to these questions.

Sincerely,

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