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DISTRICT**

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Subject: Oakley Generating Station Application for Certification

Dear Commissioners Boyd and Weisenmiller,

I am writing to formally request that you please make the necessary approvals to allow the Oakley Generating Station to begin construction in 2011.

Since 1953, Diablo Water District has been providing a high quality reliable water supply for residents and businesses in our service area. The District is committed to quality, thoroughness, and personal service. Our stated mission is to provide a safe, dependable and adequate supply of high quality potable water to meet the requirements of the residents and businesses in our service area.

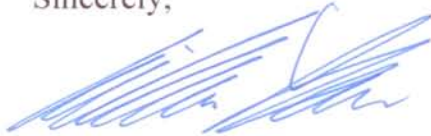
The District strives to operate in an environmentally responsible manner following the principles of good business and sound engineering to provide the best possible service at the lowest reasonable cost. The District, with a staff of 13 full-time employees, obtains, treats and supplies water for about 34,000 people and the parks, schools and businesses throughout a 21-square-mile area consisting of Oakley, Cypress Corridor and Hotchkiss Tract, as well as Summer Lakes, and portions of Bethel Island and Knightsen

In March of this year, our Board of Directors unanimously agreed to support Senate Bill 1398 (DeSaulnier); legislation that will correct an oversight in existing State law regarding property tax allocation revenue for public utilities. We provided our support to Senate Bill 1398 because we thought it would help the Oakley Generating Station become a reality. We also believe this project would be very good for East Contra Costa County.

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We are concerned that the economic benefits associated with this project will evaporate if necessary approvals are not provided in a timely manner. Also, from an energy perspective, we feel this project is an environmental upgrade compared to many of the current facilities in operation around Contra Costa County. With the support of our Board of Directors, I urge you to approve this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Yeraka", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mike Yeraka, P.E.  
General Manager