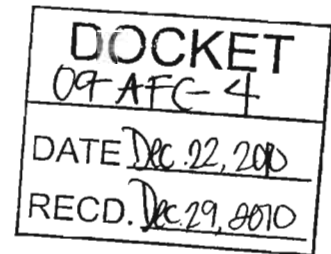


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Commissioner James Boyd
Commissioner Robert Weisenmiller
California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814



RE: Oakley Generating Station

Dear Commissioner Boyd and Weisenmiller:

I pride myself on staying informed with the major issues that impact East County. The Oakley Generating Station (OGS) would fall into the category of major issues impacting East County, in a positive way. As a long time resident of the County, an active community member and public servant, I want to express my full support of this project and hope you will make the necessary determinations to bring this project online as soon as possible.

The economic benefits associated with the OGS are unlike any I have seen in East County. This project will without a doubt be an economic driver for the City of Oakley and non-profits throughout the County. In addition to a Community Grant Program the applicant has committed to, OGS would provide approximately \$6 million in additional benefits to the City of Oakley and its residents. There are also significant opportunities for additional revenues to the City as a result of the OGS:

- \$4 million in new annual property tax revenues for the Oakley Redevelopment Agency (if SB 1398 is signed into law)
- \$6 million of one-time sales taxes revenue.

Consumer confidence has dramatically dropped in the last few years, securing private capital remains quite difficult and jobs are not being created fast enough, and that's just in the rest of the state, in East County, its worse. My point is, if not now, when? Not approving the Oakley Project at this time will essentially mean the death of this project, and we can't afford that right now.

Sincerely,


Russ Belleci