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City of Redondo Beach Resolution OPPOSING the RBEF

On April 2, 2013, the City Council of Redondo Beach adopted a resolution to oppose the AES application for a new generation station in Redondo Beach. As of this morning, August 26, 2013, the California Energy Commission (CEC) has not yet received this official document from the City of Redondo Beach. I have asked our City Attorney, Mike Webb, to follow through on "the date the city sent the document" to the CEC. Mr. Webb is checking with the City Manager, Bill Workman, for the specifics. Meanwhile, the official resolution, as forwarded to me from Mike Webb is attached.

There is independent, expert, documented proof that a power generation station is not needed in Redondo Beach. While it is not the process for the CEC to conduct their own needs analysis for to grant a permit for a new power plant, given the vast public disapproval of the project, the City of Redondo Beach's resolution opposing the project, and the Redondo Beach Unified School District's resolution opposing the project, I would ask that the CEC weigh these facts heavily and deny a permit to AES Southland for a new power generation station in Redondo Beach.

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

RESOLUTION NO. CC-1304-029

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING THE LICENSING APPLICATION BY THE AES CORPORATION TO THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, Redondo Beach has been a site for an electrical generation plant since 1896;

WHEREAS, the electricity from the electrical generation plant has served an important role in powering residential, commercial and industrial uses;

WHEREAS, the reliability and safety of the electrical grid that serves the City of Redondo Beach and the entire South Bay Region are critical factors in the economic health and quality of life of our City and surrounding communities;

WHEREAS, the electrical generation plant has provided jobs, taxes and economic benefits to the community;

WHEREAS, the electrical generation plant is presently owned and operated by AES Redondo, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the AES Corporation, a global electrical generation and distribution business headquartered in Arlington, Virginia;

WHEREAS, the AES Corporation currently operates aged production facilities on the coast of southern California at 1100 North Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach, California;

WHEREAS, this facility is directly adjacent and upwind of a densely populated area - over 13,000 residents per square mile, and surrounded by incompatible uses such as hotels, office buildings, a 1400 slip boat harbor, two restaurants and a senior living facility;

WHEREAS, the City of Redondo Beach is in the midst of a harbor revitalization effort that currently includes multi-million leasehold upgrades on our Pier, construction of a new Harbor Patrol Facility, proposed upgrades to several of our existing hotel chains, and a proposed new boutique hotel that will begin construction in the near future and;

WHEREAS, the City of Redondo Beach is committed to work collaboratively with the property owner to attempt to find economically viable alternative land uses to provide incentives for uses other than a power plant;

WHEREAS, a public advisory vote was conducted in 2005 to assess two competing visions for this site that had been facilitated and crafted for and by the public over a 6-month period, and neither plans envisioned the continuation of power generation here;

WHEREAS, the AES Corporation operates the electrical generation plant under regulations and permits issued by authorities of Federal and State agencies;

WHEREAS, in recent years, significant environmental, economic and regulatory changes have occurred that affect the electrical generation business in California and the AES Corporation's Redondo Beach electrical generation plant;

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission, California Public Utilities Commission, California State Water Resources Control Board, California Independent System Operator, California Air Resources Board, Southern California Air Quality Management District, California Coastal Commission, California State Tidelands Commission and other governmental agencies are or will be considering applications by the AES Corporation for continued permits to generate electricity in future years at the Redondo Beach electrical generation plant;

WHEREAS, the City of Redondo Beach recognizes the authority of Federal and State agencies to consider and take final action on the AES Corporation permits to generate electricity at the Redondo Beach electrical generation plant;

WHEREAS, the City of Redondo Beach desires to work collaboratively with AES on the removal and remediation of their current aged power plant facilities, preserving Wyland's Whaling Wall, and creating a vision for future non-industrial community beneficial uses of their property.

Now therefore be it resolved that, the City Council requests that the AES Corporation and governmental permitting agencies consider retiring the AES Redondo generating station permanently and remove the aged electrical production facilities, and remediate the land and;

WHEREAS, the City of Redondo Beach has serious concerns about the lasting negative impacts on the health, safety and welfare of the community for generations to come by building a new power plant that will likely run more often than the existing plant currently does; and


WHEREAS, this decision will affect the future of Redondo Beach and the surrounding region for the next 50-plus years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council resolves to oppose the licensing application submitted by AES to the California Energy Commission to construct and operate a new electrical energy generating plant in Redondo Beach.

SECTION 2. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and shall enter the same in the Book of Original Resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of April 2013


Mike Gin, Mayor

ATTEST:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF REDONDO BEACH)

I, Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk of the City of Redondo Beach, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. CC-1304-029 was duly passed, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach, California, at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 2nd day of April 2013 by the following vote:

AYES: ASPEL, BRAND, AUST, DIELS, KILROY

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE


Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Michael W. Webb, City Attorney