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I am opposed to Quail Brush Power Plant and to the request for extension.

Dear Commissioners:

I have studied the wind direction in our area. The proposed power plant will cause illness in Santee and in other communities in the El Cajon valley. The El Cajon valley is a basin which will hold the combustion products for a totally unacceptable period of time, particularly at the times of year when the plant will be most utilized. The El Cajon valley is highly populated, with a high number of elderly and children. Siting the Quail Brush Power Plant at its proposed location would create an unacceptable risk to the health of our population, and the people have already spoken their opposition. Granting an extension is untenable. Please decide to vacate the application. The project is untimely, unnecessary, strongly opposed, and unjustified.

I have just a few more observations.

Solar is quiet, non-polluting, and increasingly competitive with fossil fuel. The crossover point for the cost of solar energy vs. fossil fuel energy is projected to be well within the lifetime of the proposed Quail Brush power plant. Quail Brush will become part of the next pollution source to be removed after the coal burning power plants have gone away. It will not realize its cost goals. It will cost money to decommission, and in the meantime it will have cost money that should have been dedicated to more rational power sources.

Please vacate the application.

I include a well-written letter which I received, and with which I am in complete agreement. Please consider it also.

"I am a concerned citizen opposed to an additional year suspension for the Quail Brush Generation Project 11-AFC-03 in the East Elliott Planning Area.

Please deny this suspension. Furthermore, I respectfully request that the application be vacated.

A fossil fuel power plant is completely inappropriate for the ecologically sensitive area adjacent to Mission Trails Regional Park and surrounding communities with nearby schools, hospitals, and homes. The project is inconsistent with the City of San Diego's LORS. It was denied by the City of San Diego Planning Commission, the San Diego City Council, and the City of Santee. There is massive bipartisan public opposition to Quail Brush.

The proposed project is also located within the East Elliott Multi Habitat Planning Area, part of San Diego's Multi Species Conservation Program (MSCP) open space area. The Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force opposes the siting of the power plant.

The taxpayers of San Diego County object to any further spending of California taxpayer dollars in pursuit of a project that violates so many key local land use provisions.

The cumulative air quality impact to low-lying Santee and El Cajon is not acceptable, no matter what mitigation the power plant offers. The high fire hazard of a gas plant here is too high a price to pay.

Please end the 11-AFC-03 process and focus on truly progressive projects-- such as energy storage and rooftop solar--in appropriate places, to generate energy."

Thank you,

Ray Phoenix
Concerned citizen