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Please protect children and elderly from Quail Brush

Dear Commissioners:

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.

As a Registered Nurse, I know first-hand about the health detriments a fossil fuel power plant will bring to adjacent sensitive indicators. Sensitive indicators include the people, faun, and fauna within and adjacent to Mission Trails Regional Park. West Hills High School, Carlton Oaks Elementary School, Carlton Hills Elementary School, and Sycamore Canyon Elementary School are all located within a mile of the proposed site. Thousands of young undeveloped lungs will be infiltrated by the microscopic emissions from a fossil fuel power plant. Thousands of our elderly citizens will also pay the highest price, with their lives, if this power plant is allowed to proceed. Cancer, asthma exacerbation, allergies, and many other respiratory ailments will increase as a result of siting a fossil fuel power plant adjacent to school and elderly citizens.

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 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.

Sincerely, Stephen Houlahan RN Santee, California