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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

From: Mark Jorgensen <mjorgensen1951@gmail.com>

Date: April 15, 2014 at 10:56:07 AM PDT

To: publicadviser@energy.ca.gov

Subject: Quail Brush Opposition Letter

California Energy Commission:

I am writing as a concerned citizen and active conservationist to express my opposition to the once again proposed Quail Brush Power Plant (11-AFC-03) near Mission Trails Regional Park. This project is on land I grew up on during my childhood. I remember it as urban wildland, home to nesting golden eagles, mountain lions, bobcats, endangered least Bell's vireo and Southwest willow flycatcher, scores of migratory bird species, and numerous species of rare plants.

I request the CEC vacate the application process for this ill-conceived power facility adjacent to wildlands and in proximity to a large number of citizens of San Diego, El Cajon and Santee.

This project has previously been denied and opposed by the City of Santee, the San Diego City Council, and the San Diego Planning Commission. It's close proximity to the wonderful natural resources of the Mission Trails Regional Park and its placement within the East Elliot Multi-Species Habitat Planning Area are reasons enough to once again take this project off the planning tables for this region.

I recommend that energy and funding be put toward encouraging businesses and residents to move toward a massive program of rooftop solar energy production rather than degrading the quality of life and quality of natural habitat in the area. Rooftop solar has been discouraged by San Diego Gas & Electric Company and their parent company Sempra due to the fact they do not grossly profit from the transmission and sale of petroleum based energy production. SDG&E stated a few years ago during the Sunrise Powerlink discussions that San Diego did not have enough rooftops to produce the amount of energy needed to power the region. This was an absurd statement and is not true. The spoiling of San Diego County's backcountry region for large-scale industrial wind turbines and solar fields can be resolved by a large-scale rooftop solar movement throughout the residential and business areas of the county. I ask that your commission create better incentives to provide affordable rooftop solar panels to the general populace throughout California. The loss of valuable energy through long-range electrical transmission is wasteful, costly, and unduly spoils our wild backcountry.

Please put an end to this project proposal once and for all by saying "NO" to the requested Suspension. Deny the Suspension and support rooftop solar expansion to provide the energy necessary to power the homes and businesses of our county.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Jorgensen
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Borrego Springs, California