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Brush Power Plant AFC (11-AFC-03) - Deny suspension

Dear Commissioners:

I am a concerned citizen who has been opposed to the Quail Brush Generation Project 11-AFC-03 in the East Elliott Planning Area since first learning of this ill-advised plan two years ago. I have been there to voice my concerns and opposition at all venues where it has been presented, from the San Diego City Council and San Diego Planning Commission, to the CPUC meeting last year. I was ECSTATIC when this project was suspended by the CPUC commissioners, albeit wary that I would have to once again rise up, along with other concerned community members, to wrestle this monster to the ground once and for all and put a stake in its heart.

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

A fossil fuel power plant right next to Mission Trails Regional Park is completely inappropriate as it is an ecologically sensitive area and serves as a refuge for hikers, bikers, families and tourists. There are several vistas within the park where you would be able to see, smell and hear that power plant. How unconscionable to even conceive such a thing! This is not to mention all the nearby schools, hospitals, and homes which would be affected. Additionally, 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.

Why would a city that prides itself on being at the forefront of alternative energies even for one moment entertain the notion of some antiquated fossil-fuel power plant? It is beyond ridiculous. Please deny the application once and for all.