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Deny the Quail Brush Generation Project 11-AFC-03

Dear Commissioners:

I am a concerned citizen who is opposed to an additional year suspension for the Quail Brush Generation Project 11-AFC-03 in the East Elliott Planning Area. This project must be ended once and for all. What are you waiting for?

Please DENY this suspension, and I respectfully request that the application be vacated. I live about 2 miles from this proposed site, and I am very concerned about the health issues that this power plant will cause everyone living within its perimeters.

Most important to me is the affects that a fossil fuel plant have on our environment. We must be spending our hard-earned money on renewable energy projects, not on old technologies that only add to our carbon load and global warming. We now know with 97% of climate scientist agreeing that an increase in CO2 levels by human activity is causing ever more severe climatic events. According to the IPCC report on climate change (<http://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar5/wg1/>) without a dramatic reduction in CO2 gases, these climatic affects will only increase, and for California, and especially the San Diego region these are droughts, fires, and a lack of fresh water. We are already feeling these affects in California with the ongoing drought and they will get ever worse by what we've already released into the atmosphere in the last 50 years, since it can take at least 100 years to dissipate. The more we release every day, we just add to this load and these disasters. Adding another fossil fuel plant to this mix will only increase these events and how will we ever pay for them, and the lives that will be lost? If you ever approve this plant, it will forever be on your shoulders to explain to your grandchildren why you allowed this to happen. Please put this idea to rest once and for all.

Additionally, 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 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,
Diane Leshner
Santee Resident

