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**Quail Brush Generation Project - Request for Denial of Applicant's Second Request for Suspension of the Project Application for Certification**

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*



# CITY OF SANTEE

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RE: Docket #11-AFC-03: Quail Brush Genco LLC - Generation Project  
Request Denial of Applicant's Second Request for Suspension of the Project Application  
for Certification

Dear Commissioners:

The City of Santee has received notice of the Application for a Second Request for Suspension on the Application for Certification (AFC) submitted by Quail Brush Genco LLC, and opposes the request. This request, if granted by the California Energy Commission, would establish another 12 months for the Applicant and San Diego Gas & Electric to analyze the need for the Project, and would allow the Applicant to reinstate the AFC at any time during the 12-month period.

The City of Santee continues to assert that the Project does not belong where it has been proposed. A 100-megawatt electrical generating facility, with exhaust stacks, does not belong on visually prominent hillsides close to Mission Trails Regional Park and at the City's western gateway. Moreover, the facility would be visible along a state route segment that is currently in the "Scenic Highway" designation process through the City of San Diego and Caltrans. The City of Santee documented its support of the City of San Diego's designation request in letter to Caltrans dated September 17, 2013.

The City of Santee adopted a Resolution in March 2012, and resubmits this Resolution to re-state and emphasize its opposition to the Project as proposed and to the Applicant's second Request for Suspension on the application.

Sincerely,

Melanie Kush, AICP  
Director of Planning

Enclosure: City of Santee Resolution No. 015-2012

c. Keith Till, City Manager  
Pedro Orso-Delgado, Deputy City Manager/Development Services Director

**RESOLUTION NO. 015 – 2012**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTEE,  
CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING THE SITING OF THE QUAIL BRUSH GENCO LLC  
GENERATION POWER PLANT IN A VISUALLY PROMINENT LOCATION  
PROXIMATE TO SANTEE'S WESTERN GATEWAY**

**WHEREAS**, an application for Certification was submitted by Quail Brush Genco LLC to the California Energy Commission for the construction and operation of a 100-megawatt electrical generating facility ("Power Plant") that includes 11 exhaust stacks, each 100 feet in height, an 18-foot high radiator stack, a 22-foot high urea tank, a 20-foot high used oil tank, a 20-foot high new oil tank, a 30-foot high fire water tank, assorted exhaust vents, and a two-story building housing the generator bank in the City of San Diego's jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, the Power Plant is proposed to be located just outside of the City of Santee's jurisdiction on a regionally and visually prominent hillside proximate to the City of Santee's west gateway; and

**WHEREAS**, Objective 9.0 of the Land Use Element of the City of Santee's General Plan addresses the minimization of land use conflicts in adjacent areas, and seeks to protect vacant lands in the East Elliot area along the City's western boundary as part of a regional biological preserve system (Policy 9.1); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Santee monitors development that could result in increased land use compatibility impacts to the City of Santee (Land Use Element Policy 9.2); and

**WHEREAS**, Objective 10.0 of the Community Enhancement Element of the City of Santee's General Plan, strives to strengthen the gateways into the City by seeking to preserve the high quality scenic viewshed visible from the western entry along State Route 52 (Policy 10.1).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Santee, California, does hereby formally oppose the currently proposed location and design of the Power Plant unless and until all effects of the proposal are fully disclosed, analyzed, and mitigated with mitigation measures that reduce effects to a level of insignificance in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

**RESOLUTION NO. 015 – 2012**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall be forwarded to the California Energy Commission and City of San Diego.

**ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Santee, California, at a Regular Meeting thereof held this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012, by the following roll call vote to wit:

**AYES: DALE, MCNELIS, MINTO, RYAN, VOEPEL**

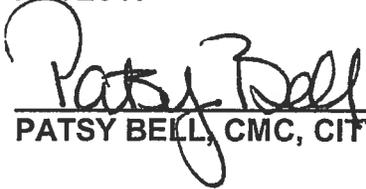
**NOES: NONE**

**ABSENT: NONE**

**APPROVED:**

  
**RANDY VOEPEL, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
**PATSY BELL, CMC, CITY CLERK**