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I am opposed to the MREC for the following reasons:

1. Air Quality and climate change concerns
2. Inadequate air quality monitoring available
3. Socioeconomic status of Santa Paula population
4. Proximity to Santa Paula Airport and flight path
5. Visual impacts detrimental to the Heritage Valley

1. Ventura County's air quality is out of compliance for State and Federal standards and is in a non-attainment status. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, PM_{2.5} becomes harmful to human health when a three-year annual average exceeds 12 micrograms of PM_{2.5} per cubic meter of air, or when daily averages over three years surpass 35 after the top two percent of readings are removed.
2. The air quality monitoring is inadequate for this area. The only Ventura County Air Pollution Control District monitoring is in Piru, a distance of 20 miles.
3. Economic data, budgets, housing and population data needs to be specific to Santa Paula not Ventura County. In Section 5-10.6 Santa Paula is mentioned in the text but a Ventura County chart is shown.
4. The location and height of the tower could interfere with airport traffic and create hazards.
5. This area is designated as the Heritage Valley and it provides economic and other benefits to the communities of Santa Paula, Fillmore and Piru. The visual impacts from the peaker plant would be a detriment to tourism and any economic benefit.