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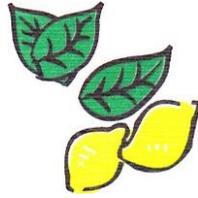
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Pinkerton Road and Mission Rock Road are private, and inadequate

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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To: California Energy Commission 8/26/16

Re: Mission Rock Energy Center (MREC)

The Calpine Project to put a Natural Gas Power Plant on a 10-acre parcel which previously housed an RV storage business should be immediately dismissed.

In order to reach the Mission Rock Road Industrial Area, you must travel over my private road and through my ranch. I have lived and farmed in this once exclusively agricultural area for over 60 years. It no longer is the pristine area it once was because of the many industrial businesses the County has allowed to move in over the years. It is increasingly difficult to farm here because of more dust and trash, increased noise and the need for increased security measures.

The Mission Rock Road Association is responsible for the liability and maintenance of both Pinkerton Road and Mission Rock Road. On July 23, 1992, a "Settlement in Lieu of Condemnation Agreement" was drawn up and signed by myself and the President of the Mission Rock Road Association. I granted passage over my road provided certain mitigating measures were met. The Association fulfilled some of the measures but not all of them because they lacked the necessary funds to continue. I consider the Association to be in default of the agreement, but it became impractical for me to enforce the agreement because it was so costly. My points are that road conditions are not optimal for this type of use, and the Mission Rock Road Association is probably not capable of making improvements or overseeing any conditions that might be imposed on this project.

As you know, the parcel is in a flood plain and is adjacent to the Santa Clara River. Calpine has suggested it will raise the 10-acre site by 10 feet because of the flood hazard. How many truck trips are you estimating this will take? Who will be responsible for monitoring the road maintenance and the trucks during the earthwork and construction? Will the truck loads be covered? If not, how will the overspill be removed so that it does not go airborne and damage my crops? Who within the Mission Rock Road Community will be paid to monitor and enforce standards and conditions to prevent further pollution to the area? Is it likely the County will be able to monitor the area, considering how negligent it was concerning the disastrous Santa Clara Wastewater Explosion?

Because the County of Ventura did not properly supervise the many businesses in the Mission Rock Community, the November 2014 explosion occurred. The entire area was evacuated for a week. I and others who live in the area were denied access to our homes and business operations because it was

unsafe and undetermined what chemicals caused the explosion. It was chaotic. The health of fire personnel was permanently damaged. The County of Ventura suffered millions of dollars of loss due to damage to its equipment, and the costs to investigate and prosecute the owners. The surrounding community suffered damage to its crops, and there are a seemingly endless list of legal expenses mounting between the County and Santa Clara Waste Water Company.

How can you entertain the idea of adding a natural gas-fired power plant to an already known hazardous area, jeopardizing the purity of the Santa Clara River, its groundwater reservoirs and the wildlife in the area, as well as the people who live and work here? This is not a planned industrial park with all of the customary safety measures one would expect; it has been allowed to grow in piece-meal fashion, without proper consideration for the combined impacts of all of the businesses. At one time, one fire hydrant served the entire community- that is the kind of nonsense the County has allowed.

You have received a huge amount of complaints from outraged environmentalists, scientists, councilmembers and residents of the community itself. Knowing this, how can you continue to entertain this idea? You should be acting on behalf of the Public Citizens and not on the behalf of Calpine whose main goal is to make money without concerning itself with the general health and welfare of the people and ecology of the community.

Please stop this potentially dangerous project before it is off the drawing board. It's hard enough to farm here as it is.

Signed

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