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**John C. Zaragoza, County of Ventura Supervisor Comments: On Re-Submitting
Opposition to NRG Puente Power Plant**

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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**California Energy Commission – Puente Power Plant Project
Oxnard Performing Arts Community Center
March 28, 2017**

Good Afternoon California Energy Commissioners:

My name is John C. Zaragoza, County of Ventura Board of Supervisors for the 5th District

- I send this letter not as a Supervisor of the 5th District
- NOT on behalf of the Board of Supervisors
- As a citizen of the City of Oxnard
- Ladies and Gentlemen of the California Energy Commission, the proposed NRG Power Plant Project **would** be located in my district.
- **I DO NOT....AND WILL NOT** support the development of **ANY NEW** electrical generating facilities within the City of Oxnard's Coastal Zone!

- For Far Too Long Oxnard has been a **DUMPING GROUND** for:

Landfills: Arnold Rd.

Waste Facilities: Anterra

And other **UNDESIREABLE** industrial uses, such as, **HALACO**. This Superfund Site has affected our environment, our wetlands in Ormond Beach, and the health of our residents for years.

- I have reviewed the NRG "PUENTE" Power Plant proposal
- It is my opinion....the NRG power plant is **JUST ANOTHER UNDESIRABLE** industrial use facility that should be located somewhere else!

I would like to point out 4 main topics in my testimony to you:

1. Conservation and restoration of Oxnard's unique and valuable coastline
2. Safety Concerns
3. Alternative Sites
4. Oxnard has ALREADY contributed more than our "Fair Share"

Oxnard Coastline is Unique and Valuable

- The Santa Clara River lies in the northern boundary of the Oxnard Coastline,
- The Ormond Beach wetlands are at the southern boundary of our County's Coastline,

- the Santa Clara River, to the North and Ormond Beach to the South lies some of the most beautiful Beaches in Southern California,
- there are wetlands, a canal, and coastal dunes where endangered species thrive in their natural habitat.
- The proposed NRG facility would be located right in the middle of our scenic coastline:
- home to many important biological communities, residential areas, and world class surfing
- What a Waste of our Unique and **Valuable RESOURCES!**

Our Safety Concerns

There are numerous safety concerns when it comes to developing a power plant in a coastal area

Potentially we will be confronted with Mother Nature

- Coastal Storms and Flooding
- Tsunamis and Tidal Waves
- Liquefaction caused by earthquakes
- Sea Level Rise

I say.....we shouldn't have to deal with the hazards and contamination of an **NRG PLANT on our COASTLINE!**

Alternative Site(s)

There are alternative sites already zoned for industrial use, **Not** located near the Santa Clara River, on our beaches, wetlands or any environmentally sensitive area.

The Residents of Oxnard - We Have Provided Our "FAIR SHARE"

The City of Oxnard has provided Our "FAIR SHARE"

We have provided more than our "FAIR SHARE" of Industrial Uses in our City, our open space and our beaches,

WE NEED A BREAK - FOR OUR BEACHES – WETLANDS AND OUR ENVIRONMENT,

I am not in support of a FOURTH power plant in Oxnard's beautiful coastline!

Oxnard is a working class community with a 70% plus Latino community,

Commissioners, I know there will be additional testimony I'm sure others will also let you know that

"ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!" - "NO MORE DUMPING ON OXNARD!"

We have contributed our FAIR SHARE!

I insist the California Energy Commission, Help Oxnard protect and restore our unique and environmentally sensitive coastline.

Deny ANY and ALL permits for the proposed NRG Facility

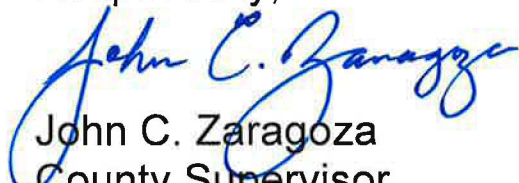
I insist the California Energy Commission to encourage EDISON and Staff to seriously investigate siting a power plant outside of Oxnard or bring forth a proposal or solution to our already weak coastline.

This is the time when California is making great progress towards cleaner and renewable energy, it's not unreasonable for our community to STRIVE FOR and even EXPECT cleaner and more renewable sources of energy

When it comes to treasuring assets, like our coastline for future generations, Disadvantage Communities are not any different than privileged communities...WE LOVE OUR BEACHES TOO!!!

Thank you so much for considering this letter.

Respectfully,



John C. Zaragoza
County Supervisor
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