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Gateway Generating Plant  
Water

Dear Sir,

As a survivor of the statewide drought of the early eighties, I must question the use of treated City of Antioch water for industrial purposes when there is a guaranteed source of reclaimed water readily available as brought to the attention of the commission staff and new owner. Reclaimed water is available, and according to state laws must be used. What right does the Energy Commission have to violate not only the public trust but also State law.

As a homeowner, I have been officially advised by the City of Antioch I must begin voluntary water conservation and will probably be put under mandatory conservation by next year. During the last drought, after losing my lawn and many plants, not replanting my vegetable garden, and only flushing "when brown, if it's yellow let it stay", I am astounded the City Fathers will give away our water supply, but also that a state agency would encourage it.

Although Delta Diablo Sewage would not guaranty the full cooling of the combined power plant with once-through cooling, it has no problem with meeting the demands of plant #8 with the cooling. If I can figure this out, why can't the staff of the Energy Commission? Because of both Energy Commission bulletins and local newspaper reporting, the public of Antioch can only believe that reclaimed water will be used. Not until the staff analysis was made public, was there mention of the use of city water. The city council approved the giveaway of our water under the April consent calendar without public debate. Although I suppose this was legal, it certainly wasn't protecting the rights of the city

residents, especially when, at the same time the population of the city is growing, and the quality of the San Joaquin River water is decreasing, and due to increase state water diversion is likely to become unusable due to salt intrusion.

How can the public believe there is not a conspiracy among the Energy Commission, P.G. & E, and the City of Antioch?

P.G. & E. Announces San Joaquin River water will not be used for power production. Does this mean the Mirant #6 and #7 plants are to be closed. Under the #8 power plant, there was to be no increase in use of San Joaquin River water, as it was to be cooled and reused by plant #8.

In the retail arena, this would be called "Bait and Switch". First, you announce not using river water and substituting reclaimed water, then you say reclaimed water is not available and switch to treated city water. Should the Bureau of Consumer Affairs be protecting my rights?

During Plant #8 approval, the water permits for plant #6 and #7 expired and were not renewed because the biological barrier was to be incorporated into the combined power plant proposal. A temporary emergency permit was issued subject to completion of the new plant construction.

P.G. & E. States the biological barrier WILL NOT be constructed. Does this mean plant #6 and #7 are to be closed? If so, what guarantee does the public have the existing plants will be removed? This MUST be address in permitting the new plant.

Part of the mediation of plant #8 was the development of the Los Medanos Wildlife Refuge. In the last six years of operation, what mediation has taken place? What mediation will take place in the future?

Staff should be reprimanded for supporting the "Bait and Switch" scam. After the Emron scandal, how dare this energy project be approved. The staff analysis is flawed. The future of plant #6 and #7 must be included in any approval of plant #8.

Public comment must be allowed and the publics' rights must be protected. This should have nothing to do with what is economically easy for a power company windfall.

Expecting a quick resolution to these problems, I remain,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles W. Worrell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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