

To whom it may concern,

It is an outrage that Hayward is being considered a host for two new gas burning power plants in the Bay Area when not everyone is for them. I don't think it is fair that the California Energy Commission alone has the authority to decide weather or not the power plants will be built. It's only fair that they let the public decide for themselves after all they're the ones that will be living with the power plants. Also if people feel real strongly about this then they should protest to show community involvement and that they are aware of the current situation with the whole proposed power plants deal.

The reason is that they bring much controversy such as health and safety issues since they're gas burning power plants. They bring air pollution to the table and jeopardize our air quality and therefore our health. The only upside to this is that I saw before reading the articles was that if the new power plants would be built then there would be enough energy to feed the Bay Area's electricity demand and blackouts would be minimal but is it really worth it to expose Hayward to Harmful pollutants and toxins?

In the article, "Commission has the power " by Matt O'Brian, a new point was brought upon me and that is that during the debates over the plants proponents have argued that the Hayward plants will improve regional air quality by replacing older Bay Area plants that pollute more if these statements are true then I think that it would benefit the air quality if new "cleaner" facilities were to be opened in Hayward to replace the old ones.

On the other hand in the other article, "Power providers may offer incentives" by Matt O'Brian it talks about how the gas burning power plants want people to stop burning firewood in their own homes because they themselves will be polluting over the standards. As a result both sides in my opinion have good arguments so at the moment I can't really say which side I am siding with since I both agree and disagree with both parties on this issue. I still would like for the general public to have an input on the final decision.

Sincerely, Gustavo Romere