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Felicia Miller -

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. My delay in sending this sooner was partly due to my Mayoral Campaign (I came in 3rd out of 5) I had previously handed you a copy of a new Release dated Mar-3rd. Here is the rest of my material to date.

Thanks again

Lyle Talbot

Attachments

1. map
2. my letter to CEC
3. " " Antonovich
4. Antonovich letter to me
5. L.A.R.P. letter to me
6. " " " AVAQMD

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April 15, 2010

To: California Energy Commission

Attn: Felicia Miller

From: R. Lyle Talbot, an environmental activist.

Subject: Palmdale Hybrid Power Project Docket No. 08-AFC-9

Note: I am a member of Desert Citizens Against Pollution (DCAP) but my remarks below are submitted as a stand-alone individual.

Firstly, I prefer the **No Project Alternative 4.1** (pg.4-1) as there is no present need for another fossil-fuel generator. Regarding the PHPP Palmdale Executive Summary Pg. 4-3 **Project Alternatives: Alt. site #1 is my personal preference** (should it be permitted by The Commission) and though the document states the site was too small for solar component needed, they could have looked at **other vacant acreage** that is south/east of the treatment plant and far-less expensive than proposed site. **Site selection may have been biased**, by the City's ownership of the proposed site.

I favor the Treatment Plant site for the following reasons:

1. Farther away from Flight operations at Plant 42 and any possible future development of LAWA owned property.
2. **No need for pipeline** to and from Treatment plant but lengthens secondary line from Dist 14.
3. Shortens **tie-in to the Vincent/Pearblossom** sub stations.
4. Shortens **tie-in to SoCal Gas supply**.
5. Eliminates **need for dirt berm** around solar field.
6. Eliminates **vapor-plume** to Ave."M" traffic and runways.
7. Eliminates **two 145 foot stacks** problem being near runway.
8. Eliminates **construction-related dust** and delays @ P42.
9. **No close residents or housing** development due to odors.
10. Lancaster residents safety from **air quality degradation** was ignored by Inland Energy for our sensitive receptors.
11. **Few Palmdale** and un-incorporated area **"down-winders"**.

Please consider these other possible benefits of relocation:

1. **No disruptions** Defense Dept. operations at Plant 42.
2. Palmdale gets **financial savings** with cheaper property.
3. Possibly, avoids need for **buying air quality credits**.
4. Complies with Environmental Justice Comp. **(and nolawsuits)**
5. **Savings** from shorter utility trenching and electric transmission lines **would pay for re-design costs**.

Also please consider the **2010 Census** will show **drastic changes** in ethnic make up regarding Environmental Justice issues and **Balot Measure 16** in November should be considered before any final decision is rendered, even though, those two events had not occurred, when the application was submitted. **A locally held re-hearing on Air Quality issues would be greatly appreciated by all of the residents of the City Lancaster.**

Signed: R.Lyle Talbot of Lancaster

CCs: Mayors of Palmdale, Lancaster, L.A. Co. Sup. Antonovich, the L.A. Co. Regional Planning Dept. and AVAQMD (Brett Banks).





March 23, 2010

Micael D. Antonovich, L.A. Co. 5th Dist. Supervisor

Dear Mike,

Jane Williams of DCAP and I have raised objections to the Palmdale Hybrid Power Project (PHPP) on the issue of Air Quality. Neither the City of Palmdale (COP), the City of Lancaster (COL), nor the AVAQMD office here in Lancaster have raised concerns for the "Down-winders", living in the north easterly sections of COL. Just last March 5 the AV Press headlined the story of AV Medical Community raising the issue that Emphysema is the number one medical cause of death in the Valley. The location of the PHPP can only exacerbate the incidence of lung diseases.

COP has placed the facility up-wind of their population center to the detriment of people in COL because; South West winds prevail 75% and Santa Annas about 4% of the year (their figures). Their solution is to purchase credits from other Air Districts, calling the process "Mitigation" while asthmatics in the affected area continue to suffer the consequences of the so-called "Hybrid" plant which is on 10% solar and 90% fossil fueled.

I raised such issues at the Calif. Energy Comm. (CEC) held in Palmdale on Feb. 16 and submitted our news release only to find out the Air Quality component was heard the week before - in **SACRAMENTO!** At that point I verbally, requested an additional hearing be held locally for further input (similar to the one you conducted on BlueFire Ethonal in 2008). I am not sure I was taken seriously. It would help if your office made a similar request should you be of a mind too.

I have met with Chamber Director, Ramon Ortega, in hopes of holding a second Medical Community discussion led by Dr. Tusso would broach the concerns I have expressed in this letter.

A 90% / 10% mix is a far stretch of the term "solar-hybrid" and does, pitifully, little to meet the Governor's mandate for 2013 of 33% sustainable energy, (as the proponents claim) while doing immense damage to we, the "down-winders".

There is also the matter of the "Environmental Justice" component on the CEC's list of requirements which, if brushed over, could raise further problems for the project as many, many residents in the path-of-the-plume are low income, of color and Hispanic which if treated too lightly, might draw the attention such as groups like C.O.R.E. and get ugly (my prediction).

As usual, DCAP is drawing little attention from the Valley media on the topic - but we keep trying!

For the members, Lyle Talbot



Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
SUPERVISOR

April 1, 2010

Mr. Lyle Talbot
633 West Avenue J-11
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Dear Mr. Talbot:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Palmdale Hybrid Power Plant.

By copy of this letter, I am asking that Richard Bruckner, Director of the Department of Regional Planning, look into your concerns and respond directly to you, with a copy of his response to my Antelope Valley field office for review.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
Supervisor

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c: Richard Bruckner
Regional Planning

Mark - @ 4-6-10
@ City of Lancaster
I have been contacted
by Felicia Miller
Proj. Mgr @ Cal. Eng. Comm.
and contacted USAF
@ Wright/Patt. AFB
regards PHPP @
Plant 42
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Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



Richard J. Bruckner
Director

April 12, 2010

Mr. Lyle Talbot
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Dear Mr. Talbot:

SUBJECT: PALMDALE HYBRID POWER PLANT

Your correspondence dated April 1, 2010, regarding the proposed Palmdale Hybrid Power Plant has been forwarded to our offices by the Office of Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich.

Please be advised that the County of Los Angeles is not the Lead Agency reviewing the proposed power plant development. The Lead Agency is the California Energy Commission (CEC); which is responsible for the preparation of their equivalent of an Environmental Impact Report referred to as "Preliminary Staff Assessment." The applicant is the City of Palmdale.

Several County agencies, including the Department of Regional Planning, have reviewed the Preliminary Staff Assessment Volumes 1 and 2 and submitted written comments. A copy of each of those responses is attached hereto for your convenience.

You will note that this Department did not comment on potential air quality impacts; which may be created by the proposed hybrid power plant because this agency does not include staff with expertise in the field of air quality. We note that the CEC's environmental document did address air quality and that the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) has been given an opportunity to review the document and respond regarding its adequacy and accuracy. We shall forward a separate correspondence to the AVAQMD requesting that a copy of their comments be forwarded to both yourself and this Department. We shall note your concerns and attach a copy of your correspondence.

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PALMDALE HYBRID POWER PLANT

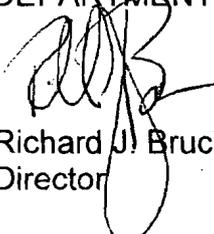
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Sincerely,

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING



Richard J. Bruckner
Director

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Attachments

c: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Fifth District
Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District



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Richard J. Bruckner
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April 12, 2010

Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District
Eldon Heaston, Executive Director
43301 Division Street, Suite 206
Lancaster, California 93535

Dear Mr. Heaston:

SUBJECT: PALMDALE HYBRID POWER PLANT

The Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning (DRP) has been asked by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich's Office to respond to concerns expressed by Mr. Lyle Talbot in his correspondence to the Supervisor's Office dated April 1, 2010. Copies of Mr. Talbot's correspondence and our response to Mr. Talbot are attached for your convenience.

In our response to Mr. Talbot, we assured him that we would forward his correspondence to your agency because it relates to potential air quality impacts relating to the proposed Palmdale Hybrid Power Plant, impacts not normally addressed by the DRP. We informed Mr. Talbot that we would request that your agency forward to him and the DRP copies of any comments which may have been generated by your agency regarding the Preliminary Staff Assessment prepared by the California Energy Commission regarding the proposed power plant project. In particular, the adequacy and completeness of the document's discussion regarding the proposed power plant's potential air quality impacts.

We thank you in advance for any assistance you may provide in responding to Mr. Talbot's concerns.

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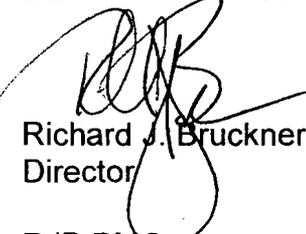
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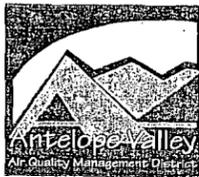
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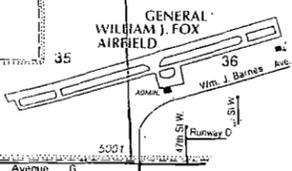
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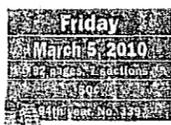


For Air Quality Forecasts visit our website at:
www.avaqmd.ca.gov

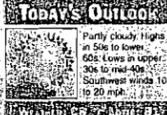


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Antelope Valley Press



We're living risky in Antelope Valley

Health, wellness should be a 'community effort'

CHARLES BOSWICK
Bay Press Managing Editor

PALMDALE — Just as Lancaster, Palmdale and other local officials' efforts to drive down crime, a leading local physician is calling for a new effort to improve Antelope Valley residents' health.

Speaking Thursday to more than 200 health-care and community leaders at the Health and Antelope Valley residents' 13th annual symposium, Dr. Charles Boswick, a board member of the Antelope Valley Health Center, said that the region's health care system is in a "state of emergency."

"It's essential that the people in this region work together to," said Boswick, a Kaiser Permanente physician who is a board member of the United Way's Antelope Valley Region, a board member of Antelope Valley Partners for Health and Lancaster Community Hospital's quality management chairman.

Three keynote speakers at the Antelope Valley United Way's second annual CEO Business Summit, said Antelope Valley residents' age-adjusted mortality rate per 100,000 population is 205 for coronary heart disease, compared to 108 for Los Angeles County overall; 57 for emphysema, compared to 21 countywide, and 17 for diabetes, compared to 25 countywide.

Overall, he said, Antelope Valley's age-adjusted mortality rate is 268 per 100,000 population, compared to 161 countywide.

The suggested setting a goal of dropping the Valley mortality rate to 160 — not like Valley officials set and a goal of lowering the acute care rate to 200 per 10,000 residents.

Others at the summit, conducted in a breakfast meeting at the Antelope Valley County Club, agreed that a community effort can help improve Valley residents' health. They said improving the health of the Valley work force makes economic sense.

"The best thing about this summit is that it brings all the right people together," Palmdale School District trustee Sandy Larrabee-Rodas said, naming education, health care and business leaders. "This can be our next great venture together."

Palmdale School District's health insurance premium is 10% higher than they would be elsewhere in Los Angeles County, superintendent Roger Gallazzi said.

Age-standardized per 100,000 population	LA County
Coronary heart disease	205
Emphysema	57
Diabetes	17
Stroke	56
Coronary heart disease	108
Emphysema	21
Diabetes	25
Stroke	41

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