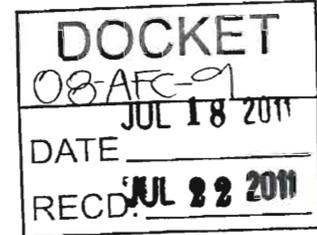




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AFC Committee
California Energy Committee Docket Unit
1516 Ninth Street, MS-4
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Docket No. 08-AFC-9: Los Angeles County Farm Bureau Comments on Presiding Member's Proposed Decision for Palmdale Hybrid Power Project

Dear Members of the AFC Committee:

In the Phase III trial of the Antelope Valley Groundwater Adjudication, Los Angeles County Waterworks No. 40, with support from the City of Palmdale, asserted the position that the Antelope Valley does not currently have enough water supplies to meet current demands.

Because of this, farmers and other businesses, as well as water districts and municipalities will be forced to significantly cut their water use. Such cuts have been shown to result in severe economic harm to the community.

In light of this, the Los Angeles County Farm Bureau does not understand how the California Energy Commission can find that increasing water demand by 4000 acre-feet/year will not impact water supplies. The community needs every bit of water to stay whole and does not need new consumptive uses of water.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eugene B. Nebeker".

Eugene B. Nebeker, Ph.D., P.E.
President