

Docket Optical System - Opposition to the Quail Brush Power Plant

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Dear Eric Solorio:

A year ago, my husband and I bought our first house in Santee because it so obviously was a great place to start a family. Some of the greatest gems to San Diego: the Santee Lakes and the Mission Hills Trails reside here. Clean air abounds. The multitude of parks, city trails (Mast Blvd), and recreation fields support an active, healthy family life--particularly for kids. So many times, I've pinched myself at how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful place. While walking my dog around the very Mission Hills trails that will no longer be a possibility for an afternoon walk upon the completion of this proposed power plant, I noticed, as we returned to the West Hills High School parking lot, how many young kids and families were using the man baseball fields.

Too much of an investment has been placed in Santee schools, parks, lakes, and trails to be so severely undermined by the construction and placement of one power plant. I honestly do not know how any such proposal made in good concience/consideration of a vibrant community would allow for a location to be placed across the street from a large high school and right at the heart of Santee's natural beauty: the Mission Hills Trails and the Santee Lakes.

Nor is this concern unique to Santee. Theodore Roosevelt recognized the need to safeguard prized natural settings long ago knowing full well how easily they can be exploited by development projects or energy production ventures. I can't imagine California without Yosemite. Nor could I imagine anyone approving the construction of a power plant right in the heart of the Yosemite valley!

I am happy to give you a tour of the Santee (I really meant it) I see and cherish every day so that you can more personally imagine how significantly this community will be affected by the insensitive placement the Quail Brush power plant. The long-term quality of human life within a long-cherished natural setting has to be more important than the opportunity to extend back up power options.

Sincerely,
 Susan Wu