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**RE: BEAUTIFUL SANTEE – QUAIL BRUSH POWER PLANT**

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Brenda Swaim. I have been a resident of Santee, Ca for 10 years and during that time I have watched the community of Santee make some wonderful progress for its residence and the surrounding communities. The City of Santee has worked very hard to attract quality businesses and provide its residence with quality family events. For example, Santee Street Fair, Christmas Tree Lighting, Fire works show and carnival, Wine tasting and Art Festival. We have also attracted many organic local farmers to our farmers market held on Wednesday every week.

We have a beautiful YMCA with attached water park and state of the art Olympic swimming pool. Located right next door to the YMCA are our new soccer and baseball/softball fields. We have many nice highly rated schools. The newest, I believe would be West Hills located closet to the application site for the power plant. We have an abundance of excellent parks, some of which are connected by walking paths along the San Diego River which runs through the full length of our community. These are just a few of the highlights this quaint community offers its residence.

Santee's natural surroundings make this a truly unique community in San Diego County. It is a real treasure still realizing its full potential.

I think I speak for all the residence in Santee when I say; we have all worked very diligently to bring the quality of life to a higher standard here. We have come far and take pride in this progress. Santee has become not just a two lane street in East County, but a thriving desirable place to live and raise a family. Most recently single family homes valued at upwards of \$700,000 were finished 2 years ago on the next block from my home.

The foothills that surround Santee set this community apart from the continual dizzying cityscape. Again, I think I speak for all the residence when I say; we love these beautiful foothills that separate our community in such a natural way. The fact that it is mostly the Mission Trails Regional Park gives a sense of security that our community will retain this natural treasure forever. Although the park and surrounding open space is used and valued by all of San Diego, we have the honor to live our daily lives in the midst of their serenity and beauty.

My husband and I felt blessed to have purchased a home in such a beautiful area with great schools and nice community. We made the decision long ago we would never leave.

I am shocked an application has been made for a power plant off Hwy 52 next to a high school. With so many laws, regulations and zoning against this type of endeavor in this particular area, I question why this location was chosen.

My concerns include air quality, noise pollution and aesthetics. I live across the valley from the proposed site. Both my husband and daughter have asthma. We will breathe the fumes at our home. My 7 year old daughter will attend West Hills High school and breathe the fumes. I will hear the power plant at my home and my daughter will hear it at school. My view will forever be changed with, in my opinion, some gross monstrosity on the hill across the valley.

When I think about the power plant going forward I am faced with the reality of moving out of Santee. No one wants to live by a power plant. I, like others, will move away from this beautiful community that has struggled so long to become the thriving desirable community it is today. My prediction is middle class will move to other communities because of the power plant and Santee will stop thriving and slowly decline.

I know beyond doubt a power plant across the valley will directly effect mine and my family's quality of life. I further believe a power plant will be the eventual ruin of this beautiful community.

I am only one voice but hope my quality of life and the life of this community is taken into deep consideration when final decisions are made regarding this power plant application.

Sincerely,  
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