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**Subject:** RE: QUAIL BRUSH GENERATING PROJECT\_Public Workshop Notice

Eric,

I attended the meeting Thursday night and found it to be very informative, which I believe was the purpose for having the meeting. I stayed until the end to hear the Applicant address the audience and was disappointed by the project manager's response to some of the issues – she basically avoided direct answers and did nothing to convince me that she or Cogentrix is really interested in doing the “right” thing.

I appreciated how you conducted the meeting and how your panel of experts hung in there throughout the evening. A couple of points became readily apparent by the end of the night:

1. There is no driving need for this project. We have no peak period power problems that won't already be solved by the Sunrise Power Link. Thus one could question why SDG&E is contracting with Cogentrix to build this power plant. I'm guessing that it's just another attempt for big business and corrupt politicians to make money at the expense of the public (SDG&E, Goldman Sachs, Cogentrix, San Diego City Council members) – nothing new there. I say follow the money and you will discover why this project is even being considered.
2. No justification was ever offered as to why old technology is being proposed instead of more environmentally friendly technology. Once again, probably driven by greed – old technology is cheaper than using newer technology, no matter the cost to the environment or the negative impact to the local population.
3. The point was made several times that what happens at these workshops has no impact on the final decision from a legal perspective. The decision makers can, and usually do, side with big business in the end. The only way to defeat this is to kill it before it gets any farther along, and that means getting to the politicians.

I believe that the meeting will lead to a much more energized effort to mobilize the people in Santee and throughout San Diego County to stop the project.

Once again, thank you for conducting the in a professional manner.

Alan