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> California Energy Commission Eric Solorio, Project Manager **1516 Ninth Street** Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

RE: City of Santee Resolution Opposing the Quail Brush Generation Project (Application for Certification Docket No. 11-AFC-3)

Dear Mr. Solorio:

On March 28, 2012, the City Council of the City of Santee held a public meeting to receive testimony on the proposed Application for Certification submitted by Quail Brush Genco LLC to the California Energy Commission ("CEC") for the construction and operation of a 100-megawatt electrical generating facility in the City of San Diego ("Project"). The City Council adopted the enclosed Resolution formally opposing the proposal.

If you have any questions, please call Melanie Kush, Director of Planning, at (619) 258-4100, extension 167.

Respectfully,

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Keith Till **City Manager**

Enclosure: Resolution No. 015-2012

RESOLUTION NO. 015 – 2012

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTEE, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING THE SITING OF THE QUAIL BRUSH GENCO LLC GENERATION POWER PLANT IN A VISUALLY PROMINENT LOCATION PROXIMATE TO SANTEE'S WESTERN GATEWAY

WHEREAS, an application for Certification was submitted by Quail Brush Genco LLC to the California Energy Commission for the construction and operation of a 100-megawatt electrical generating facility ("Power Plant") that includes 11 exhaust stacks, each 100 feet in height, an 18-foot high radiator stack, a 22-foot high urea tank, a 20-foot high used oil tank, a 20-foot high new oil tank, a 30-foot high fire water tank, assorted exhaust vents, and a two-story building housing the generator bank in the City of San Diego's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Power Plant is proposed to be located just outside of the City of Santee's jurisdiction on a regionally and visually prominent hillside proximate to the City of Santee's west gateway; and

WHEREAS, Objective 9.0 of the Land Use Element of the City of Santee's General Plan addresses the minimization of land use conflicts in adjacent areas, and seeks to protect vacant lands in the East Elliot area along the City's western boundary as part of a regional biological preserve system (Policy 9.1); and

WHEREAS, the City of Santee monitors development that could result in increased land use compatibility impacts to the City of Santee (Land Use Element Policy 9.2); and

WHEREAS, Objective 10.0 of the Community Enhancement Element of the City of Santee's General Plan, strives to strengthen the gateways into the City by seeking to preserve the high quality scenic viewshed visible from the western entry along State Route 52 (Policy 10.1).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Santee, California, does hereby formally oppose the currently proposed location and design of the Power Plant unless and until all effects of the proposal are fully disclosed, analyzed, and mitigated with mitigation measures that reduce effects to a level of insignificance in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be forwarded to the California Energy Commission and City of San Diego.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Santee, California, at a Regular Meeting thereof held this 28th day of March 2012, by the following roll call vote to wit:

DALE, MCNELIS, MINTO, RYAN, VOEPEL AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

NONE NONE APPROVED PATSY BELL CLERK CMC. CI