

Highland Trails Homeowners Association

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California Energy Commission
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RE: Proposed Quail Brush Generation Project

Dear Mr. Solorio,

This letter is being written on behalf of the Highland Trails Homeowners Association, a community of 200 homes located at the west end of Santee approximately one mile from the proposed Quail Brush Generation Project.

We have polled our ownership in regards to the project and the result is an overwhelming opposition to the construction of this power plant. In fact we have yet to find one of our homeowners that is in favor of the project.

One of the main reasons that people who own condominiums in Highland Trails bought their units is because of the close proximity to Mission Trails Regional Park. The fact that they can leave their homes and access the park simply by walking down Bushy Hill Drive for a few blocks make our property one of the most desirable in the city.

The top four streets of our property actually back right up to Mission Trails Regional Park. This proposed power plant will change some of this land from wilderness to industrial usage, and the pollution that will follow is totally unacceptable. The fact that a major high school is located less than 1/4 mile from the proposed site makes this project even more unconscionable. To ask homeowners to deal with noise, declining property values, and destroy the aesthetic beauty of what Mission Trails Regional Park has come to mean to Santee residents is not something that our residents are willing to tolerate.

Therefore we ask that the California Energy Commission deny the application for the Quail Brush Generation Project, as it is not in keeping with the rural lifesyle that we enjoy in Santee. This land was created as "open space", it should be left that way.

Sincerely,

Phil Ritchie, Board President
Highland Trails Homeowners Association