

DOCKET**11-AFC-3**DATE JUN 18 2012RECD. JUN 18 2012**From:** Bridget Marchand [mailto:we4marchands@gmail.com]**Sent:** Monday, June 18, 2012 7:23 AM**To:** Solorio, Eric@Energy**Cc:** CA52DHima@mail.house.gov; anthonyyoung@sandiego.gov; CarlDeMaio@sandiego.gov; JerrySanders@sandiego.gov; kevinfaulconer@sandiego.gov; martiemerald@sandiego.gov; SherriLightner@sandiego.gov; toddgloria@sandiego.gov; davidalvarez@sandiego.gov; loriezapf@sandiego.gov; JDale@ci.santee.ca.us; JMinto@ci.santee.ca.us; JRyan@ci.santee.ca.us; RVoepel@ci.santee.ca.us; RMcNelis@ci.santee.ca.us; dianne.jacob@sdcounty.ca.gov; Senator.Kehoe@sen.ca.gov; susan.davis@mail.house.gov; senator@boxer.senate.gov; senator@feinstein.senate.gov; assemblymember.jones@assembly.ca.gov; gail.ramer@asm.ca.gov**Subject:** CEC record - Docket #11 - AFC - 03 Quail Brush Power Generation Siting Case."

Dear Mr. Solorio,

Please respectfully see my attached letter in opposition to the proposed Quail Brush Power Plant. I hope that you can help us and our families and our community. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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To Eric Solorio,

June, 18, 2012

RE: QUAIL BRUSH COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT INITIATION
-PROJECT NO. 2011-04

We OPPOSE this initiation and demand its withdrawal. We, the people are watching our cities' actions closely now and will find it suspect should the city of San Diego's Planning Commission vote to allow this permanently damaging change. The Quail Brush project conflicts with the following documents: the East Elliott Community Plan, which designates the site as Open Space; the General Plan, which designates the site as Park, Open Space, and Recreation; and the Municipal Code, which designates the site's zoning as single-family residential (RS-1-8). Cogentrix wants to amend the Community and General Plan by initiating a rezoning from residential to industrial in open space area that was designated to be protected.

We have lived here for 8 years. We pay taxes, own a home and enjoy all that our community has to offer – parks, mission trails systems, wildlife – birds, bunnies, we even enjoy the coyotes singing their howls in the wee hours of the morning. We love the stars that are much more visible in our part of town. This neighborhood of San Diego is beloved to those who live here and we want to fight to keep it clean and free from hazardous waste and the toxins that will emerge from burning natural gas.

The burning of Natural Gas releases nitrogen oxides, carbon dioxide, Methane and other toxins, according to both the EPA and NaturalGas.org, a pro natural gas website.

Let's start with **nitrogen oxides (NO)**. NO is a main component in the formation of acid rain and more smog, it contributes to global climate change and in can inhibit plant growth. NO's affect on humans exposed to includes, but is not limited to, airway inflammation in healthy people and increased respiratory symptoms in people with asthma, and that is from short-term exposure (30 minutes to 24 hours).

Carbon Dioxide (Co2), which has catapulted into the mainstream as awareness of the global climate crisis has expanded, is probably the most well known of the greenhouse gases, so I won't go into that. In 2008, Reuters, published an article subtitled, "*Climate-warming carbon dioxide spewed by coal-fired power plants and fossil-fueled vehicles has been causing hundreds of premature U.S. deaths each year over the several decades, a new study reported.*" Although natural gas burning is cleaner than coal it is **not** better. It releases the same toxins just in lower concentrations, as you can see here. The Reuters article reports that of all the premature deaths due to air pollution in the United States (estimated between 50,000 to 100,000), "*about 30 percent of those occurred in California, which has 12 percent of the (U.S.) population.*"

Methane (Ch4) is a little less known as a greenhouse gas compared to Co2, but it is twenty times more effective at trapping heat in the atmosphere according to the EPA. I will cover more about global climate change and its effects on the planet later in the article. Eleven 100 foot tall smoke stacks spewing toxins into Santee's air will not be good for our children.

What is the specific justifiable criteria for initiating this change? Why is the city of San Diego even considering making changes to these plans and its own codes at the expense of the surrounding communities and federally endangered species that live there? Is the building of the 11, 100 ft stacks, using technology that is dated and inefficient, far more important than our quality of life, health of our seniors and children, and the peace and tranquility that the Mission Trails Regional Park has provided since around 1962?

Since the park was a 2000 acre gift from the Federal Government to be used for open space supporting the residential community, shouldn't the city of San Diego at least entertain the thought of supporting the federal government's mandate to move away from fossil-fuel based energy and instead look to solar energy? Solar panels on rooftops will harness surplus galore since San Diego gets abundant sunshine year round.

We OPPOSE this initiation and demand its withdrawal. We, the people are watching our cities' actions closely now and will find it suspect should the city of San Diego's Planning Commission vote to allow this permanently damaging change so that a power company can place their plant in a location that is most convenient and cost effective for them so they can increase their gross profits at the communities' expense in every conceivable way.

PLEASE STOP THESE POWER PLANT PLANS.

Sincerely,

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