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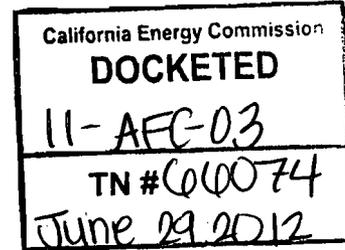


City of La Mesa

RUTH STERLING
Councilmember

June 13, 2012

Commissioner Karen Douglas
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814



RE: City of San Diego Project # 270282, **Quail Brush** Community Plan Amendment Initiation, CEC Docket Number 11-AFC-03 **OPPOSE**

Dear Commissioner Douglas:

I earnestly urge you to oppose changes to "laws, ordinances, standards and regulations" (LORS) needed to site the "Quail Brush Power Plant" within Mission Trails Design District and regional Multiple Species Habitat Planning Area Open Space, one-half-mile from the San Diego River.

The Mission Trails Regional Park Master Plan states, "Mission trails Regional Park is San Diego's wilderness park – as important to the area's future quality of life as is the cultural Balboa Park and aquatic Mission Bay Park." The site chosen for the power plant would significantly degrade the investment in public resources.

Air emissions from the proposed power plant are known to adversely impact public health. The industrial facility cannot avoid all adverse visual impacts, noise impacts, recreation impacts and endangered wildlife impacts.

Parcels considered for the facility are located within a State classified "very high" fire severity zone and the facility proposes to build a new gas pipeline, utilize highly explosive fuel, build a 20-foot high oil tank, and a 22-foot high urea tank, all well within one-half-mile of homes, parks and a community high school.

Natural gas has exorbitant external costs. Hydraulic fracturing natural gas drilling methods are exempted from the federal Clean Air and Clean Water Act, and have resulted in the conversion of thousands of acres of public wildlands into industrial wastelands with the permanent destruction of domestic groundwater supplies throughout the United States. Distributed solar energy systems, energy storage or energy efficiency measures are all superior replacements to gas-fired peaker plants.

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Due to substantial public costs – adverse impacts to public trust resources and the threats to public health and safety, I sincerely urge you to oppose changes to “laws, ordinances, standards and regulations” (LORS) requested by the applicant for the incompatible industrial power plant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth M. Sterling". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Ruth M. Sterling
City Councilmember