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**Subject:** Project #270282, Plan Area: East Elliott – Quail Brush Power Plant CPA Initiation (CEC record-Docket #11-AFC-03)

Hello. My name is Alyssa Fernandez and I am writing as a last ditch effort to urge those of you have have not already voted to please vote in OPPOSITION to the initiation of rezoning the open space to industrial in the East Elliot Community Plan. Also, I'd like to gratefully thank those of you who have voted against the rezoning. I sincerely believe that you have done the right thing!!

I have been a resident of Santee for 36 of my 38 years now, going to school and growing up within a couple of miles, if even that, of the proposed site for the power plant. I still reside in the same general area on the west side of Santee and I now have three kids of my own who are all attending school within ONE MILE of the proposed plant, one of them at West Hills High, one that is going there in the next two years, and the youngest attending school at Chet Harritt, only about one mile away from the proposed plant site. Children deserve to learn and play in an environment free from noise pollution and certainly excess air pollution! I will not stand for the blatant disregard for the health and safety of our children, or anyone else for that matter, you included!!

I would also like to add that I am an avid hiker of Mission Trails Regional Park, not because I am a "crazy hippie environmentalist" but because I love the beauty and tranquility that only the outdoors can provide. The fresh air, the closeness to the beauty, serenity, and SANITY that only nature can offer from the fast paced world we live in today. I LOVE this place more than you can imagine and feel so lucky to have this beautiful space essentially right in my own back yard. Again, growing up in Santee, I

have also seen Mission Trails grow up. It is truly a wonderful place and certainly will suffer the ill effects of a power plant directly adjacent to it. Please, please do not allow the rezoning of this space. The health and well being of an entire community is at stake here, and not just for Santee residents. This decision affects US ALL. The air here does not just stay here. The water that flows through the San Diego River LESS THAN A MILE AWAY affects us ALL. If you allow a plant here, then you are essentially saying that a power plant can go ANYWHERE. It is time for a new way of thinking. We are a people full of resources and ingenuity that knows no limits. To take the easy way out, by doing what we've always done because we won't be around to suffer the consequences is not the right way anymore. We have to think of the big picture and make a tough choice to say enough is enough! We have the chance to show our children that doing the right thing and caring for everyone, not just ourselves is a great a noble way to live--to leave them something from the past that we treasure, not just wipe out without another thought. Greed and the destruction of resources, land, and blatant disregard for ALL species not just our own is something to stand up against. I sincerely hope that you will join me in creating this legacy. I have included several photos that I have taken over the past year on my many hikes through beautiful Mission Trails and up Cowles Mountain. I felt I had to include these as I read that one of your members stated that they saw "nothing special or scenic" about the proposed site for the plant which would be approximately LESS THAN ONE AERIAL MILE FROM EVERY PICTURE TAKEN HERE (with exception of last picture which I estimate to be at less than two miles away). I find it hard to believe such a statement from someone who has actually been there, and in fact I wholeheartedly disagree. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this matter and please enjoy the photos as much as I have!

Alyssa Fernandez

## Attachments

Young coyote trying to get cool in the shade near dam at MTRP...View of downtown, Point Loma and the ocean from top of Cowles Mtn. Not so far from proposed site of power plant...Maizey and Maraya on hike in MTRP...Turn around on the ataris and the view is of the proposed site for power plant...Trying to capture bee flying in top right, which also happens to capture site of proposed plant. This is the top of North Fortuna Mtn in MTRP. Mt Laguna in distance...Lake at MTRP campground. The hill behind the lake is exact proposed location for the power plant will be located...Top of Cowles Mtn. Mt. Laguna in background among the clouds...Hike from MTRP Visitor's Center...Horny Toad...California poppies in the Grasslands at MTRP. If you look right from this same spot you will see the proposed site for the power plant...Cat and Raya looking toward proposed power plant site from Cowles Mtn....Early morning hike up Cowles Mtn. Proposed power plant site is just to right. View is of mountains toward Poway...Early morning hike. View from Cowles Mtn...Family moonlight hike up Cowles Mtn. July 2012...Geo cache at the top of North Fortuna. Hwy 52 and power plant site in background...Giant Daisy MTRP...Keith, Garrett, Raya enjoying Cowles Mtn summit sunset. Gorgeous! ..Mission Trails hike to Stairway to Heaven...Mission Trails Park equestrian center entrance on a beautiful rainy day. **LESS THAN ONE MILE FROM PROPOSED POWER PLANT SITE!**...Rainbow...Spring flowers on North Fortuna Mtn in MTRP...Ocean view from top of Cowles Mtn. All are affected when air and water, our vital resources, are involved. San Diego river runs less than half aerial mile from site of power plant...Egret at Santee Lakes. Within one mile of proposed power plant site, just to the east...Town Center Community Park. Soccer game with sunset, MTRP in background. About 1.5 miles from proposed site of power plant.







