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**Please note, my earlier e-mail was incomplete. I hit the wrong button and it was sent to you before I finished my thoughts....please read this in its entirety.....thank you for your time.....Vicki Call**

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Hello representatives of the people:

I suppose you have been hearing the good, bad and the ugly about the Quail Brush Power Plant. Well, I am one more person adding to the bad and the ugly regarding the plant. I have attended numerous meetings related to this issue and heard knowledgeable people speak on the topic. I believe the Planning Commission made the right recommendation when they voted NOT to accept the application from Cogentrix. They acted on behalf of the community. I am hoping you will do the same.

Cogentrix chose the site next to Mission Trails Park and the Sycamore Landfill because it will save them money. Natural gas lines are just a few hundred yards away on Mast Blvd. In several of the meetings I attended, staff from Cogentrix were asked if any other sites were considered. The answer was "Yes", but those other sites have never been revealed. Even when pressed by one of the members of the Planning Commission, the Cogentrix Project Manager did not reveal the exact locations of the other sites that were under consideration. I would like for someone to press them for the answer to that question. **PLEASE**. Not only is the location of the proposed power plant a bad idea, the idea of continuing to use fossil fuels is a setback. We really need to be thinking forward. Solar energy is plentiful here in southern Calif.

**(especially** in East County). In several meetings when Cogentrix was presenting, they said the plant would be operational when it was needed the most...on hot, sunny days. Those would be just the days when solar energy would be plentiful. Kaiser Hospital in La Mesa has installed solar panels in their parking lot. Not only are they generating power (and probably saving Kaiser money!), they are providing shade for cars parked there. Canyon Crest School near the city of Del Mar has also installed solar panels in their parking lot. When we went to the fair, we parked there. Again, nice shade for our car and energy being generated above us.

Additionally, I have heard hydrogen fuel cells are a clean energy source....the only output is water vapor....no pollution.

We need to be thinking of the people who live in the communities adjacent to the proposed power plant. There are known health risks from natural gas plants. SDGE even published a notice in their monthly bills to consumers advising that exposure to natural gas combustion can cause cancer and birth defects. Check your April 2012 bill. The second page has this advisory. If SDGE KNOWS that natural gas is harmful to health, WHY would they want to put a power plant in close proximity to several highly populated communities? The \$150 million they expect to spend to construct the plant could be used for solar or hydrogen fuel cell energy. I'm no expert on energy, but there are plenty of people out there who are. There are ways to create energy that won't be harmful to our health. The other issue at hand is Mission Trails Regional Park....one of the largest of its kind in the nation. A precious resource used by thousands of people for walking, biking, hiking, running, sitting and listening, learning about nature and the culture of the first inhabitants of the park...Native Americans. I, along with family members and friends, have taken many walks there over the years. The park is alive with creatures and plants, nature at its best. Flowers blooming in spring, little streams running after rains, birds nesting, coyotes hunting, squirrels barking, etc. etc. My

son is 41 now and we have taken many a walk in Mission Trails. A couple of months ago we saw a tarantula....it was a thrill....sounds crazy because it's a spider, but it was exciting to see something in real life instead of in a picture or in a TV documentary. My nephew is 8 and is fascinated with nature. Throwing rocks into a stream and watching the splash, looking for pollywogs when the weather has left ponds behind, checking out the tree with the natural bee hive in it, finding a bird's nest in a bush, spider webs, leaves of all different colors, deer tracks in the mud, morning walks, evening walks when the breeze is cool. I could go on and on with the feelings that are inspired when I think of time spent in Mission Trails through the various seasons. The power plant would be yards from the park. Let's not start eating away at our already limited open space by re-zoning the land to industrial. Once it's gone, we will never get it back. People who own land along that corridor have been told for years that they cannot build because the land is designated as open space. Now because big money comes in, it's OK??? No it's not ok. I hope you, as a group will realize this power plant is a bad idea all around and vote appropriately. Then, I hope you will help us convince the State CEC that it's a bad idea.

I look forward to being at the meeting on Monday, Sept 24th. Thank you for your time and attention.

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