STATE OF CALIFORNIA
California Energy Commission

In the Matter of: QUAIL BRUSH GENERATION PROJECT

DOCKET NO. 11-AFC-03

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STATUS REPORT
INTERVENOR: SUNSET GREENS HOA

October 15, 2012

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Pursuant to the current Committee Scheduling Order, Sunset Greens HOA, by President Phil Connor, files this STATUS REPORT to the Committee.

This Intervener has worked diligently with public agencies, the general public and with the membership of the HOA to inform and enlighten facts regarding the proposed power plant. Two primary issues: extreme unmitigable fire hazard and crushing loss in property values have emerged as the most impactful. During this time since the last Status Report we have retained an attorney.

This Intervener is requesting that the Commission require that the Applicant demonstrate public convenience and necessity, and the Commission schedule such for a future evidentiary hearing.

Further that the Commission make a finding implicitly required at this stage in CA Pub. Res. Code 25525 that the Applicant’s proposed facility does not conform with local ordinances and laws of San Diego based upon the 8-0 vote to refuse to initiate any planning for the project; and in addition that the City of Santee has likewise created an impasse in Santee by its vote 5-0 to oppose the project. Such a finding would invoke the provision of 25525 that requires an additional finding if it were to override those votes that the proposed project ”...is required for public
convenience and necessity and that there are not more prudent and feasible means of achieving public convenience and necessity.”

The initial finding of nonconformity is based upon the need to give staff current direction and avoid the bizarre circumstances that occurred at the most recent “Workshop”: those elements of the project, specifically the one troubling the staff biologist, needing the cooperation and feedback of the City of San Diego staff to go forward. One thing that was obvious to all there, and must be obvious to this Commission, is that there is dispositive nonconformity at this point and that there can be no public convenience when the CEC staff can simply not do its job, faced with the dispositive non-conformance of such votes above.

This Intervener contends that the alternative of “no project” must be seriously considered, and then found, when there is no way to mitigate the extreme high fire danger to which the Applicant intends to subject the local residents.

We incorporate by reference the statements of better alternatives, more expansive alternative energies (on October 12 the Federal Government set aside 445 square miles of public land for the development of large-scale solar power plants-SD Union Sat. Oct. 13, 2012 A14), and increased storage technology by Bill Powers. His testimony is now part of the record; and such testimony makes this proposed project not only not necessary, but also obsolete technology. We also incorporate by reference the statements of the public regarding the dangers on global warming that make this proposed project and others proposed not only not necessary but also a threat to future generations.

The language of 25525 requires that the Commission consider the “…entire record of the proceedings.” This Intervener puts in the record the above facts and that the motivation for this proposed project is not the pious
pronouncements of concerns of and for the public. The purpose of this project is to burn natural gas. It was created from a solicitation from SDG&E to ask for “peaker plant/s” and meets and suits SDG&E’s parent, Sempra Energy's corporate goal to sell natural gas from whatever source: U.S. stockpiles, fracking in US communities, urban and rural, or foreign sources. Question: natural gas as a commodity has plummeted yet the consumer cost of energy continues to escalate. Why? Because Sempra and therefore SDG&E must maximize profits for shareholders, not provide safe energy, clean skies, or healthy communities, or even a safe neighborhood for this Intervener.

Dated: October 15, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ ____________________________
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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Phillip M. Connor, declare that on October 15, 2012, I served and filed a copy of the Status Report of Intervener SGHOA, dated October 15, 2012. This document is accompanied by the most recent Proof of Service list, located on the web page for this project at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/quailbrush/index.html.

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