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Subject: Quail Brush peaker plant

I have attached a letter for your reference in regard to the Quail Brush peaker plant.

Thank you for your support in advance of the approval.

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Mr. Eric Solorio
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Dear Mr. Solorio:

I would like to voice my support for the Quail Brush Generation Project (Quail Brush). It has come to my attention that you will be holding a status conference next Tuesday, October 16, and will be discussing if the project is a necessity to our region. There are several reasons why Quail Brush is extremely vital to San Diego County.

First, we are facing uncertainty due to the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS). We have been able to meet the region's energy demands so far only because of new transmission lines and a generation facility in Huntington Beach. After this year, the Huntington Beach plant will not be available to San Diego, and there is no scheduled timeline for SONGS to return back online. That means Quail Brush is essential to meeting the region's energy demands, especially if we have another hot summer.

As a Realtor, I understand the need to provide housing for the future of the San Diego community. Providing the necessary power for this future housing is a primary part of the infrastructure that must be provided. The County of San Diego has projected a population growth of approximately 16% over the next 30 to 40 years. We must seek all avenues available to maintain the beautiful and productive San Diego we currently know.

I am a huge supporter of renewable energy, but I also recognize that rooftop solar cannot meet our region's entire energy demand. Renewable resources cannot supply power to the grid when the sun is not shining or when the wind is not blowing. Quail Brush's quick-start capabilities will allow the plant to supply power when there are dips in renewable energy production. The project's advanced technology enables it to restart and begin supplying power within 10 minutes. Natural gas-fired peaker plants are the cleanest, most effective way to provide electricity and maintain reliability when renewable resources are not available.

Quail Brush is essential to our region, and I hope you will approve it very soon.

Sincerely,

Liz Higgins