

March 14, 2013

TO: California Energy Commissioners Douglas and McAllister, and Advisers Renaud, Lemei, Nelson, Miranda, Hungerford, Saxton, and Allen  
CC: Project Manager Eric Solorio, Staff Counsel Adams, and Public Advisers

Dear Commissioners and Staff:

Thousands of citizens are distraught and perplexed about the possibility that the CEC would approve siting a power plant adjacent to Mission Trails Regional Park and within the Mission Trails Design District. Living near and enjoying the park, we understand the environmental, recreational, and aesthetic value of these hills, in a way that you, probably residing in Sacramento or elsewhere, have not understood or appreciated.

Please take a moment to view these nine photos I took last weekend around the hills adjacent to the project site. This is our San Diego community treasure. We request that the CEC deny the Quail Brush Generation Project, and thus protect this land, zoned open space, from grading and industrialization.



Below left is Old Mission Dam, a nationally registered historic landmark, and starting point for hikes into the Grasslands (above) and Oak Canyon. Below right is the San Diego River. The proposed power plant would be in full view from what are now incredible vistas.



Letter to CEC with Photos of parkland area adjoining Quail Brush site, continued



As you can get a feel for below right, Mission Trails is well used every day. From all parts of the county and even as tourists from other states and countries, we come here for fresh air, respite from more urban areas, and healthy exercise. We hike, camp, bike, join interpretive walks about native plants and Native American lore, and birdwatch. In fact, the riparian woodland closest to the power plant site is world-renowned for its fall and spring migration of warblers and vireos, including the endangered least Bell's vireo which I heard on this walk.



Mission Trails and East Elliott Open Space are worth protecting now. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sandy Kuntz  
Santee, California

