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Sacramento, CA 95814

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Re: Docket# 01-AFC-07C

Commissioners and staff:

After evaluating the above extension request, the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society (SCVAS), representing 3500+ bay area members, is opposed to the Calpine Corporation Petition for extending the deadline for the commencement of construction of the Russell City Energy Center on the San Francisco Bay/Hayward Shoreline. We request that our position be entered into the official record.

Recommendation:

The following environmental impacts need to be carefully analyzed for further mitigation and biologic review prior to any permitting decisions that would allow development at this site:

Increases in background noise by 24/7 operations.

Nitrogen deposition.

Night-time lighting, power lines, and building design.

The Hayward shoreline is an critical component of the San Francisco Bay Important Bird Area. The proposed project site is adjacent to the Eden Landing complex of the South Bay Salt Ponds Restoration Project. Extreme care and thorough review of environmental impacts is imperative in the determination of any permitted development in this area so as not to undermine significant regional habitat restoration efforts.

Sincerely,

Bob Power, Executive Director