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Ms. Mary Dyas
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Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Ms. Dyas:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District, I am requesting your assistance with our concerns regarding the Russell City Energy Center (RCEC) and its impact on the Hayward Shoreline and the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center.

The Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center, located at 1401 Breakwater Avenue in Hayward, and the adjacent bay land, provides year-round educational and recreational programming to Bay Area schools, community groups and the general public. Thousands of individuals visit the Center and the shoreline to study the bay, participate in interpretive programs, hike or bike the shoreline and visit a variety of exhibits and events annually. The revenue generated from these programs support our operational and maintenance costs.

Equally important, we are responsible for the preservation of the shoreline habitat, which is designated as the "San Francisco Bay South Important Bird Area" and is part of the Pacific Flyway for hundreds of thousands of migratory birds traveling between Alaska and South America. This area is also home to year-round native wildlife, including endangered species. The Interpretive Center and the shoreline that surrounds it is a jewel in the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District.

It is this mandate and concern for the shoreline and our Interpretive Center that raises many questions for the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District in regards to the location of the RCEC. As a public entity that has made a substantial investment in the shoreline, we have serious concerns with the negative impact of the RCEC. For over 25 years, we have operated a variety of

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popular programs and events at the shoreline. In light of the proposed power plant, a survey was circulated at the Shoreline Interpretive Center to gather input from our patrons on the potential impact of the power plant on their use of our programs, and the results indicated a serious decrease in participation, which would result in a serious decrease in much needed revenue for the Center.

Our District must do its due diligence to gather answers on the impact the Russell City Energy Center will have on the shoreline. We have serious concerns regarding the changes in aircraft flight patterns, which will require aircraft to fly over the shoreline to avoid the plumes of the power plant; the impact of the still undisclosed power plant lighting plan and how it will affect the shoreline habitat; and the power plant's impact in regards to noise, pollutants and damage to the view shed of the shoreline.

We may not be able to mitigate many of these impacts and it is difficult to put a price tag on our losses. As part of our public mandate as the Board of Directors of the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District, it is our responsibility to bring these concerns to the CEC and request that they address these issues and identify mitigation which should reflect the serious impact of the RCEC to the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District.

We request that the California Energy Commission temporarily rescind Russell City Energy Center's certification pending the resolution of these issues. The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District looks forward to receiving your response soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Minane Jameson".

Minane Jameson
President
Board of Directors
Hayward Area Recreation and Park District

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Enclosures

HSIC Revenue and Attendance Potential
Impact

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Program	Annual Participants	Revenue (not donations; gross - not net)	Possible Impact: Attendance	Possible Impact: Revenue	Difference: Attendance (loss)	Difference: Revenue (loss)	Summary
Nature Classes: School and Scout Programs	2,574	\$ 16,000	2,574	\$ 16,000	-	\$ -	Indicated loss of participation by 35% (midrange estimate based on questionnaire response.)
Nature Classes: Weekend Programs	724	\$ 2,000	471	\$ 1,300	253	\$ 700	
Enterprise: Birthday Parties	626	\$ 8,000	407	\$ 5,200	219	\$ 2,800	
Enterprise: Bay Camp	106	\$ 17,000	69	\$ 11,050	37	\$ 5,950	
Special Events: 10K on the Bay	210	\$ 10,000	137	\$ 6,500	74	\$ 3,500	
Special Events: Coastal Clean Up	41	\$ -	27	\$ -	14	\$ -	
Weekend Drop In (donation revenue only)	4,418	\$ -	2,872	\$ -	1,546	\$ -	
Total	8,699	\$ 53,000	6,555	\$ 40,050	2,144	\$ 12,950	

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Potential Impact

8/15/2011

Program	Annual Participants	Revenue (not donations; gross - not net)	Possible impact: Attendance	Possible Impact: Revenue	Difference: Attendance (loss)	Difference: Revenue (loss)	Summary
Estimated Ave. Trail Use	36,000	\$ -	14,760	\$ -	21,240	\$ -	Indicates loss of participation by 59% based on questionnaire response regarding Shoreline Area Outdoor Activities.)
Total	36,000	\$ -	14,760	\$ -	21,240	\$ -	



SHORELINE USE SURVEY

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District have a few questions that we hope you will answer about your present and future use of the Hayward Shoreline. You may or may not be aware that on February 4 2010 the Bay Area Air Quality Management Board issued a federal permit for the Russell City Energy Center which will be located adjacent to the Hayward Shoreline. Please answer the following questions regarding your use of the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center and surround shoreline areas:

Please circle any activities that you presently participate in on the Hayward Shoreline:

Bike Riding Hiking Running Fishing Bird Watching Walking Attend Nature Programs
(Majority of respondents indicated participating in more than one activity on the Hayward Shoreline)

Will the future presence of a power plant change your use patterns of the following shoreline amenities?

- **Shoreline Area Outdoor Activities:** (68 responses)

59% will not use 37% will use less 4% no change in use 0% use more 0% use significantly more

- **Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center Activities:** (69 responses)

33% will not use 46% will use less 20% no change in use 1% use more ___ use significantly more

- **Special Events on the Shoreline:** (67 responses) (i.e. Father's Day campout, 10 K Run, Movies on the Shoreline)

38% will not use 37% will use less 25% no change in use ___ use more ___ use significantly more

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. This survey provides important information for our future programming. Please find information and articles regarding the future power plant from local areas concerned citizens and press releases from Calpine.

Final results as of 4/10/10.