



Preserve Calavera
Coastal North San Diego County

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Mike Monasmith, Project Manager
Systems Assessment & Facility Siting Division
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-15
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject : Docket # 07-AFC-06
Carlsbad Facility Siting Case

Dear Mr. Monasmith :

Preserve Calavera is a grassroots conservation organization whose goal is to protect, enhance, and restore the natural resources of coastal North San Diego County.

We have reviewed the alternative sites proposed for replacing the Encina power plant.

We object to two of the proposed sites, Maerkle Reservoir and Carlsbad Oaks North Industrial Park. Both of these proposed sites would compromise and are in conflict with the local and regional habitat conservation plans. Both would have serious direct and/or indirect impacts to core habitat, sensitive species, and wildlife movement corridors from the plant and associated infrastructure.

We agree with the recently completed energy study for San Diego which concluded our area is best served by building small, highly efficient facilities close to where the energy is needed. The proposed new plant would eliminate the old system of once-through cooling that is so damaging to marine resources. The use of new state-of-the art air cooling will eliminate these impacts and make continued use of this coastal site acceptable. While all three of the proposed locations meet the objective of the regional energy study, only relocation on the existing plant site would both meet this objective and be consistent with regional conservation plans.

We therefor urge you to eliminate any further consideration of the alternative sites proposed at Maerkle Reservoir or Carlsbad Oaks North Industrial park.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Diane Nygaard

On behalf of Preserve Calavera

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