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An expansion of the Carlsbad Power Plant would be a failure on the part of our citizens, our politicians and our utility leaders. It is 2012. We need creativity and innovation when it comes to building new and better means of generating electricity. I do not deny that, at least in the short and medium term, we need to continue burning fossil fuels. This does not mean that it makes sense to expand current carbon-generating plants, particularly those that are surrounded so closely by sensitive ecosystems (the Pacific Ocean in this case) or high populations (North San Diego County). Yes the power plant would also destroy the visual beauty of this coastline, but I know that is unlikely to be a decision-making criteria for the state. The State is, however, mandated with protecting the health and wellbeing of its citizens, and with protecting the economic well being of its municipalities. Allowing for the expansion of the Carlsbad Power Plant would be a failure on the State's part on both counts. Please do not let California become an even greater failure in its leadership around climate change, child health and economic sustainability.

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