

We don't need a polluting power plant..txt

From: Barry Leech

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To: Weyman Lee

Subject: We don't need a polluting power plant.

Dear Mr. Lee,

My feelings about the proposed CalPine power plant is that if it is allowed we will be helpless to end the pollution it will cause in Hayward and Castro Valley where I live and is downwind of prevailing winds. This will make a very favorable place to live, Hayward and Castro Valley, an area lacking the quality it now has. My family in Castro Valley and Hayward numbers 11 people and I want to prevent the pollution and harm CalPine would spew over our area and effect my family and others. I'm sure you know the high numbers of tons of the various pollutants CalPine's stacks will shoot in the air. The chemicals are likely to detrimentally effect endangered species in the marshlands, be detrimental to the public nature and recreation trails next door in the now beautiful Hayward Shoreline park. I wouldn't think the tarnishing by pollution fallout of the new, sparkling buildings in downtown Hayward which residents can be so proud of can be worth the few million dollars of CalPine's bribe to influence allowing another power plant. They have so many power plants already they don't need another one and the area's people certainly don't need one. Why let big corporations from back East, who can't really care, downgrade the lovely Hayward area, the Heart of the Bay.

I know some people, even people I admire, think that a natural gas power plant is something technologically advanced to be of a "green" grade. It isn't. Natural gas is a fossil fuel just like coal and petroleum and it emits the same CO2 that is causing the greenhouse effect. We need to be thinking of the future, to save our planet for those who will come.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Barry Leech
Castro Valley, CA.