



Project Receives Broad Community Support

Dear Neighbors,

We continue to be pleased with the show of support the Carlsbad Energy Center Project is receiving from Carlsbad residents, business owners, community leaders and environmentalists.

We've received letters of support that I want to share with you. The first letter touches on the important environmental benefits of the project:

NRG's proposal eliminates the need to withdraw cooling water from Agua Hedionda Lagoon and the associated destruction of marine life. This project proposal is a win-win for advancing higher efficiency power generation and protecting our precious marine environment.

-- Joe Geever, California Policy Coordinator, Surfrider Foundation

Another important reason to update our facility is to further ensure reliable power in the San Diego basin. Dependable electricity is on the minds of residents and business owners alike, as captured in this quote from another letter:

The Carlsbad Chamber believes in having quality, sustainable and reliable resources for the community. In our opinion, the Carlsbad Energy Center fits that bill for providing energy.

-- Ted Owen, President & CEO, Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce

This next quote offers the perspective of a long-time resident and recognized community leader:

[This project] will certainly improve our environment and if they start the process of moving the plant east of the railroad tracks and next to the freeway, it will also improve our views.

-- Ofelia Escobedo, resident and owner of Lola's Market and Deli

As you can see, more and more community members recognize that our plan is good for Carlsbad. Please contact us if you would like to join our growing list of supporters.

Sincerely,

Steve Hoffmann
Regional President
NRG West

You are invited to an Open House

Date: Tuesday, June 17

Time: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Place: Agua Hedionda Lagoon
Foundation Discovery
Center

(Cannon and Faraday)
1580 Cannon Road
Carlsbad, CA

On Sunday, June 15th through Sunday, June 22nd balloons will be raised at the site of the proposed Carlsbad Energy Center Project between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to mark the height of the proposed project. Please join us at the June 17th Open House to view the site and have your questions answered by members of the Carlsbad Energy Center Project Team.

**Weather and wind conditions may require that the balloons be taken down earlier than expected.*

RSVP to (760) 408-9833.

NRG Fact or Fiction

FACT

The City of Carlsbad created zoning at the beginning of the decade surrounding the power plant and stretching south, to relocate the Encina Power Plant to a smaller and more efficient location.

In 2000, the City of Carlsbad created a redevelopment zone for the area surrounding the Encina Power Plant and stretching south. The City and Redevelopment Agency’s objective was “to work towards the complete demolition of the existing power plant at its current location on the existing site and provide for construction of a new physically smaller plant towards the rear of the existing site.”

The City of Carlsbad and Redevelopment Agency’s “top preference is to have the new power plant constructed within the area between the railroad tracks and Interstate 5, which is east of the existing plant site. With demolition of the existing power plant and construction of a new plant to the rear of the existing site, excess development property will be created, which is located in a prime coastal location. It is staff’s opinion that this excess property could be used for both private and public land uses.”*

Following the City of Carlsbad’s vision, NRG has proposed a new site for a more environmentally friendly and efficient project. In keeping with the City’s vision, it would be located east of the railroad tracks and west of the freeway on the Encina Power Station property, where several unused fuel oil tanks sit today. This proposed project is known as the Carlsbad Energy Center Project (CECP). Utilizing this area of the power station in a recessed location approximately 30 feet below grade substantially eliminates visual impacts often expected from power plants. Visual simulations are available at www.carlsbadenergycenter.com showing how this project is substantially hidden from the public eye by the selection of the location on plant property and screening via established landscaping.

* City of Carlsbad staff’s work plan attached to City of Carlsbad Resolution adopting the Plan, February 2002.

Community Activism is NRG’s Passion



A seal was saved at Aqua Hedionda Lagoon

Recently, NRG employees worked with Sea World to rescue a seal that was in distress on the beach in front of the power plant.



Sea World Animal Rescue



Meeting the region's need for reliable, efficient power.

NRG Fact or Fiction continued

FACT

The proposed site will be smaller than the existing site.

The proposed project is substantially smaller than the existing Encina Power Station. The existing power plant is approximately 150 feet high and the boiler stack is approximately 400 feet high. The proposed stacks at the Center will be approximately 139 feet high and the generating equipment will be 90 feet high. (This number has changed since our last newsletter based on input from the California Energy Commission and the Air Pollution Control District.) By starting 30 feet below grade in the recessed area, the effective stack heights will only be 109 feet above grade. For more information visit www.carlsbadenergycenter.com

FACT

The Carlsbad Energy Project cannot be built on an alternative site.

Environmental and energy experts conducted a comprehensive analysis of alternative sites. They concluded that an alternative site will not work due to significant adverse environmental and community impacts. Additionally, alternative sites are not technically feasible due to several factors including insufficient electrical transmission capacity.

Learn more about NRG's Carlsbad Energy Center Project at www.carlsbadenergycenter.com



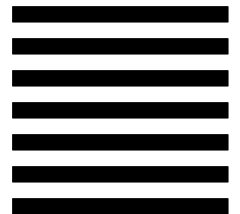
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- I support this project and you may list my name as a supporter.