



# City of Vista

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July 1, 2009

Honorable Mayor Claude A. "Bud" Lewis  
City of Carlsbad  
1200 Carlsbad Village Drive  
Carlsbad, CA 92008

Dear Mayor Lewis:

I hope you are well. I am writing to formalize my opposition to the coastal power plant proposed by NRG for North San Diego County. Following a recent meeting with Council Member Matt Hall, I believe this step is necessary to demonstrate regional solidarity against this poorly planned project.

As you may know, several members of the Vista City Council have expressed their opposition to alternate sites that were previously suggested by the City of Carlsbad. These sites are located inland and border the City of Vista. I understand, however, that the City of Carlsbad is no longer proposing a relocation of the planned power plant and is instead mounting an opposition to the current project based on its inherent flaws.

I strongly support this effort due to the significant and unmitigable impacts associated with the proposed power plant. NRG's project would generate 850,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions each year – 10 times more than current levels. At a time when state mandates require considerable greenhouse gas reductions, this increased air pollution is unacceptable for our region.

Moreover, NRG has failed to propose adequate mitigation measures for these impacts, as well as negative effects related to water and visual resources and regional transportation. Unless the company addresses – and fully mitigates – these issues, the power plant should not be allowed to proceed. The project as planned is clearly adverse to our region's best interests.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (760) 639-6130. I look forward to working with you to defeat the proposed power plant. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Morris B. Vance  
Mayor

c: California Energy Commission  
NRG West, Inc.