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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Clerk of the Board
Environmental Appeals Board
(MC 1103B)
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 0460-0001

Re: Reference: PSD Permit, 08-01 and PSD Permit #15487

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (HARD) owns and maintains property along the San Francisco Bay Shoreline in conjunction with the East Bay Regional Park District. These properties are part of the San Francisco Bay Trail system and bird sanctuaries, and are enjoyed daily by the public who recreate and visit these Shoreline areas. In addition to the Shoreline area, we own and operate the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center, which is a dedicated to providing community-based environmental recreation education, classes, programs and special events relating to the Shoreline habitat and wildlife. Our District is committed to continuing to heighten awareness and continue to protection of several endangered native species, including the snowy plover, salt marsh harvest mouse, least tern, and brown pelican.

We are writing to share our concern with the possible future impact that the Russell City Energy Center could have to the Hayward Shoreline and Interpretative Center programs. Of great concern is that the construction and placement of a large Energy Center within distance of the Shoreline and the Interpretative Center, and the potential impact it would have on our programs, including a loss of program support and revenue to the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District.

Due to the possible and unknown future impacts, we ask that your agency carefully consider and further study the impact of the decision to construct the Russell City Energy Center in its presently proposed location within close proximity to the Bay Trail, sensitive environment, endangered species and the Hayward Shoreline Interpretative Center.

Sincerely,

Minane Jameson
Vice-President
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Hayward Area Recreation and Park District

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