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RE: Calpine, RCEC, PSD Permit 08-01 and PSD Permit #15487

ENVIR. APPEALS BOARD


To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing in regards to the PSD permit granted to Calpine. I don't understand how this permit was approved when no formal study was conducted on the affects this plant will have on the future usage of the Hayward shoreline and the Shoreline Interpretive Center.

The Hayward shoreline and the Interpretive Center, just north of the San Mateo Bridge, were developed by the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (HARD) for public enjoyment with public money. Millions of dollars were spent over several decades to create this beautiful sanctuary which is enjoyed by thousands of visitors every year and is home to a number of endangered species. It pains me to think that a private company such as Calpine can present itself as being more important than the shoreline visitors (both two legged or four legged) and the Interpretive Center, which employs numerous people and educates thousands. While this park and facility won't impose on Calpine's business, there is a very good chance Calpine's will impose on HARD's! (And let's not forget who was here first!)

I think the PSD permit should be remanded until adequate studies are conducted to evaluate the impact this project will have on the future usage and revenue of the shoreline and the Interpretive Center. There is a casual survey being conducted by the Center's staff at this very moment to find out if the power plant might affect the shoreline's future usage, and despite the survey's limitations, the information collected so far implies that there is potential concern for the future of the Center. It could be very costly to HARD if its business is negatively affected by a decline in visitors who support the programs and purpose there on the shoreline. Please take the time to fully evaluate the impacts RCEC will have on its surroundings, especially the shoreline and Center created with public money for public use.

Sincerely,



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Hayward resident