

Commissioners,

I am writing to express my full and unconditional support for the proposed AES Rancho Viejo project.

I have spent over 40-years as a federal wildland firefighter. I have seen first-hand the destructive results of climate change. I have worked recovery efforts on three major hurricanes (including Katrina) and have witnessed the death and destruction these storms have caused.

As a wildland firefighter and in fire management we constantly assess and mitigate risk. Having served as the chair of two NFPA wildland fire committees I know how comprehensive NFPA standards are. These standards, adopted throughout the world serve to protect the public and the workforce. The AES facility will be built to the appropriate NFPA standards. I have full confidence this facility will pose limited risk to the community.

What is certain, is that as our climate continues to change, our world will become less habitable.

While developing and implementing fire suppression strategies we choose options with the highest probability of success and minimum risk. This proposed project would certainly meet our requirements for acting upon it.

You have an opportunity to take definitive action to address climate change while incurring very minimal risk.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

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