



Fw: wishing you strength to withstand CEC (mis)behavior

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Greg,

I just wanted to send a personal note, not with any specifics on the proceeding, but to wish you well in dealing with the unruly crowd from CEC on the Rancho Viejo matter. I think it "the few" damaging "the many" by delaying this project for no valid reasons.

I think it would be just great to limit live audience to Parties of Standing and their presenters.... and force public to attend by Zoom to eliminate the bad behavior we have seen from the group at previous Hearings.

Just in case you are unaware the CEC has really been disparaging County Staff and Planning Commission on NextDoor and mailings to the members:

On this past Friday, May 2nd, we filed our formal appeal of the Planning Commission's recommendation with the County. This included a 17+ page Letter of Intent, prepared with our attorney, detailing why we believe the Planning Commission not only ignored the facts and the law regarding the AES project, but violated CEC's (and the public's) due process rights in their hearing. It should be posted on the County's website under the AES project page shortly should you wish to read it. <https://www.santafecountynm.gov/growth-management/building-development/large-scale-renewable-energy-projects-2024/uaes> Update on Next and Final County Hearing on AES Application Since our appeal application had to be delivered in person, Dominic Sisneros (County Staff Team Leader) informed us that the Board of County Commissioners special hearing on this AES application will now be at either the end of June or sometime after the national holiday in

early July. And, despite the County's promises to hold all these hearings in large venues to accommodate all of those who are interested — as they did with the Hearing Officer and Planning Commission hearings at the Convention Center — the County Manager, Greg Shaffer, is now considering holding the hearing over a three-day period in the small county chamber that can only accommodate 100 – 150 people. As was evident in the Planning Commission Hearing, it seems the County is once again doing whatever they can to undercut or eliminate the public who are opposed to this project and to support AES and the minority of the public who support it. The County Commissioners are our elected representatives, and they should have the courage and decency to face all their interested constituents, especially on so controversial an issue. CEC will be writing to the County to share our concerns about this proposed hearing plan and will update you as we know more. If you'd like to send Greg Shaffer your own thoughts, his email is:

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Regards,

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