The San Diego City Planning Commission has received a recommendation by city staff to initiate zoning changes to pave the way for a power plant on the border of Mission Trails Regional Park (map link). A hearing is scheduled at 9 am on April 26, 2012 at San Diego City Hall (downtown).

Cogentrix, an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., initiated an application with the California Energy Commission in August 2011 in response to a request for bids from SDG&E to build a local peaker power plant at the site.

The City of San Diego and the CEC have identified conflicts due to a number of local laws and ordinances, which must be revised so the plant can be approved. The project as proposed requires (text below taken from a letter by San Diego City Development Dept to the Applicant) these changes:

• community plan amendment as the proposed project would be inconsistent with the current Open Space designation.
• rezone as the current residential (RS-1-8) zoning would be inconsistent with the proposed electric generation station.
• Site Development Permit for environmentally Sensitive Lands in the form of sensitive biology and steep hillsides.
• Multi-Habitat Planning Area boundary line adjustment

Concerned citizens are expressing strong opposition to zoning changes and the Power plant application in protection of both Mission Trails Regional Park (MTRP) and surrounding communities.

Please join them and email your opposition today! Tell the Planning Commission and CEC that Open Space is a precious resource that should not be frittered away to developers, particularly not for heavy industry such as a power plant, which will threaten the wildlife and ecology of MTRP and the population of surrounding urban communities. Copy the letter below and send as a single email to:

To: ESolorio@energy.state.ca.us
Cc: planningcommission@sandiego.gov; JerrySanders@sandiego.gov; anthonyyoung@sandiego.gov; CarlDeMaio@sandiego.gov; kevinfaulconer@sandiego.gov; mariemercury@sandiego.gov; SherriLightner@sandiego.gov; toddgloria@sandiego.gov; diannejacob@sdcounty.ca.gov; senator@boxer.senate.gov; senator@feinstein.senate.gov; assemblymember.jones@assembly.ca.gov

Subject: CEC Docket #11-AFC-03 Quail Brush Generation Project Power Plant Licensing Case 
Opposition to Revised Land Use And Rezoning

As a concerned citizen(s), I/we strongly oppose a (1) MHPA Boundary Line Adjustment, (2) Community Plan Amendment of Open Space, (3) Rezone of (RS-1-8) residential zoning to industrial zoning within the East Elliot Community Plan area, and (4) Revision of the City’s Multi-Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Subarea Plan, all of which actions are intended to facilitate the siting of a Power Plant.

Additionally, I/we respectfully request the CEC to consider the “No Project Alternative” for Docket #11-AFC-03 Quail Brush Generation Project Power Plant Licensing Case.

Respectfully,
[Your name here]

Attend these meetings, it’s critical to show opposition to officials and community planning groups:

• 4/16 - 7 pm Navajo Community Planners, Inc.: Temple Emanu-El, 6299 Capri Dr, SD (Del Cerro).
• 4/18 - 6:30 pm Tierrasanta Community Council: Tierrasanta Recreation Ctr, 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd (park & enter single-story bldg near basketball courts).
• 4/26 - 9 am San Diego Planning Commission: City Admin Building, 202 C St, (downtown) San Diego.