

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

Inter-Department Correspondence

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To: Members, Board of Supervisors
From: Illa Collin, Supervisor
Second District
Subject: Resolution Establishing a Community Energy Review Committee

After a series of meetings held over several months, the members of the former PG&E Sawhill committee have recommended that they become an independent committee jointly established by the cities of Folsom, Galt and Sacramento and the County of Sacramento. On May 12, 1987, similar resolutions will be on the agenda of each jurisdiction.

The purpose of the group will be to provide an independent assessment of the pertinent issues and questions facing Sacramento's energy future and Rancho Seco's role in that future.

This Committee would retain a consultant, through a Request for Proposal process, to provide the Committee the technical help necessary to review pertinent studies.

The Committee would approach SMUD, PG&E and many segments of the community for funding.

Committee members would include: 2 County Supervisors, the Mayor and 2 Council members from the City of Sacramento, the Mayors of Galt and Folsom (or a member from each of their Councils), SMUD Ratepayers Association, Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization, Council of Senior Organizations, Environmental Council of Sacramento, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the League of Women Voters of Sacramento, and the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce.

I urge our Board to join with Galt, Folsom and the City of Sacramento in establishing this committee. Attached is an outline giving you more information.

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Community Energy Review Committee

PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE: To provide the Sacramento community with an independent assessment of pertinent issues and questions regarding our energy future and Rancho Seco's role in that future.

COMMITTEE NAME: Community Energy Review Committee.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Two Sacramento County Supervisors, the Mayor of Sacramento and two Councilmembers, the Mayor of the City of Folsom (or a Councilmember), the Mayor of the City of Galt (or a Councilmember), the SMUD Ratepayers Association, Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization, Council of Sacramento Senior Organizations, Environmental Council of Sacramento, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, League of Women Voters of Sacramento, and the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce.

STAFF: A consultant would be selected through an RFP process. The RFP would be issued by the Committee to identify the scope of the project undertaking, and to solicit specific proposals from technical consultants.

FUNDING: As this will be a community-based study, it will be appropriate to seek numerous funding sources from throughout the community. These might include businesses, local government agencies, community groups, individuals, foundations, and perhaps some State sources. It will also be necessary to seek funds from SMUD and PG&E, as well as ask both utilities for technical help and

access to information and on-going studies. The funds obtained would be administered by a third party, perhaps Sacramento County or the Sacramento Regional Foundation.

COMMUNITY CREDIBILITY: To insure that this study has credibility with the community, it is imperative that the Committee be independent. It will be necessary for the Committee to work with both SMUD and PG&E in order to facilitate the gathering of information.

PROJECT/STUDY: The project would assess safety and economic issues and questions relating to the continued operation of Rancho Seco and the energy alternatives available to the community if Rancho Seco is closed, converted, or sold. Its main purpose would be to identify pertinent questions, identify factual information and those areas of uncertainty and dispute. Possible bases of data for project review might include, but not be limited to: a SMUD-sponsored economic study of alternative operating and resource scenarios, the NRC's Safety Evaluation Report, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission case regarding the SMUD-PG&E contract dispute, the generic study of B&W reactors, the Union of Concerned Scientists' petition and the B&W Owners Group response, and PG&E's Sawhill report. These, and other sources of data, could then be assessed by the Committee and its consultant. The desire would be for a report that would be understandable and credible to the community, and would be a public document.

All meetings of the Committee will be public. Report findings and conclusions will be shared with the community. News media will be invited to all meetings.