



# City of Hermosa Beach

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April 14, 2020

Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel and Board Members  
State Water Resources Control Board  
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Sacramento, CA 95814-0100

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## **Re: Opposition to Extension of Operations of AES Redondo Beach**

Mr. Esquivel,

We respectfully write to express our vehement opposition to the proposed extension of operations at the AES Redondo Beach power plant located at 1100 North Harbor Drive in Redondo Beach. This extension was recommended for your consideration by the California Public Utilities Commission at their November 7, 2019 meeting and we formally request that the State Water Resource Control Board vote no on this proposed extension.

The cities of Redondo Beach and Hermosa Beach have been working diligently for many years to ensure this facility cease its operations and transition the site to a more beneficial use. Redondo Beach has spearheaded these efforts and the City of Hermosa Beach has worked closely with Redondo toward the same goals. The site is located directly across the street from Hermosa Beach's southern border and has been a source of grave concern in our community for its deleterious effect on our environmental health and quality of life. The plant and its acres of radiating power transmission lines have been highly visible sources of noise, visual and air pollution for not only our cities but the region as a whole.

The tireless efforts of the City of Redondo Beach have been vital in finally bringing the imminent closure of this locus of blight. Currently, the facility is scheduled to close at the end of 2020 – only a few short months from now. In addition, a private party has purchased the property with the aim of redevelopment. The City of Redondo Beach has additionally been awarded a State grant of nearly \$5 million to purchase portions of the land to become open park space and established an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District to benefit the site's future development. We request that you oppose this extension of operation of AES Redondo Beach and allow these 50 acres to finally become a source of pride and boon to the region's health and quality of life.

Sincerely,

**Mary Campbell**  
Mayor