

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Greetings. My name is John Zinner. I served as City Energy Coordinator on the staff of Mayor Tom Bradley and was the lead author of the Energy/LA Action Plan. It was adopted by City Council in 1982 and is the acknowledged predecessor to the Green New Deal pLAn. I'm writing on behalf of the Sierra Club to urge the LA City Council to accept its appeal and reject the Scattergood EIR because it is faulty and this project is dangerous, expensive, polluting, and the local communities don't want it. My primary concern is that there are more feasible and cost-effective alternatives to hydrogen combustion that have not been fairly considered, despite having been presented by Sierra Club and other stakeholders. These include:

- **Energy Storage:** The EIR should have evaluated non-emitting long-duration energy storage (LDES) technologies such as batteries with long lifespans and charging capacity that would decrease the acreage needed for the project and the vertical stacking of batteries. Battery storage technologies are rapidly dropping in cost and providing electricity for longer durations on less acreage.
- **Combinations:** A combination of battery storage, demand response, and distributed energy resources which was not fairly considered in either the EIR or the NREL study. In addition, LADWP adopted a very narrow project description in the EIR that is biased towards combustion generation, when in fact the same goal could be met through non-combustion alternatives.

Other major issues include:

- The Scattergood EIR fails to comply with CEQA as detail in the Sierra Club letter to the LADWP Commission.
- This project will cause additional impacts to environmental justice communities.
- This project is extremely expensive and is only the first phase necessary to achieve 100% hydrogen.
- There is great uncertainty around the availability of green hydrogen fuel.

In summary, please:

- **ACCEPT** Sierra Club's appeal and **REJECT** the EIR.
- Instruct LADWP to reopen the EIR and examine non-combustion alternatives.
- Prioritize environmental justice, climate, and health by pursuing cleaner and more cost-effective alternatives, over another risky combustion technology.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Jim Stewart

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Comments for Public Posting: NOW is the time to phase OUT fossil fuels in LA! Not to put hundreds of millions into trying to make a methane plant work with a mix of 30% hydrogen and 70% methane, continuing to emit CO2 + more NOx than methane alone! Please ACCEPT Sierra Club's appeal and REJECT the EIR. Please instruct LADWP to go back and look at non-combustion alternatives. Please prioritize environmental justice, climate, and health by pursuing cleaner alternatives, over another risky combustion technology.