

Potential Power Plant Locations in CV

Michael Meachum the director of the Energy and Conservation division of Development Services for the city of Chula Vista has been working with several potential power plant builders to convince them to consider sending a proposal to SDGE in response to SDGE's Request for Proposals for peaking facilities in their service area. Michael has located sites that would meet the city's criteria of at least 1,000 feet from sensitive receptors in General Industrial Zones. He has spoken with the property owners and potential developers. The property owners would like to make their properties available for this use.

Since Wellhead is on the point of buying the Escondido and the Chula Vista peakers, Michael has been encouraging them to build at a site owned by Kevin O'Neill on Main Street. Redevelopment may give them half of their tax increment back to fund getting gas to the site and power line undergrounding, if they tear down the existing peaker off of Main St. This would provide gas and electricity for upgrades to the businesses along Energy Way.



Kevin O'Neill's land from one pole to another. It is at the very end of Main St.

From the top of the land.





There is a drainage that will be undergrounded.



This is view from the property. Homes across the river are 1500 feet away. Knott's soak City can also be seen.



There is also a property on Maxwell around 1700 feet from residents in Robinhood Homes. Owner agrees, but currently leased by a towing company that does not.

Michael has also talked to people about building a 300 or bigger megawatt base load plant on a site near the Water Treatment facility at Lower Otay Lakes. This site is now zoned Open Space and is in the OVRP preserve, but it is disturbed. The city would use 12 acres of there 50 acre take and rezone the property if a developer could be found. There would never be a home within a half mile of this site and it is miles away

from existing homes. It is near the County Park at Lower Otay Lake and on a ridge overlooking the Otay River:





The 125 bridge over the Otay River can be seen to the west of this site as well as the river bottom itself.



It is possible that this is a mound of dirt from when the original dam was dug in the 1800's because it looks different than the natural hills.



There are a number of transmission lines of various sizes and service roads all around the site. The trees are growing in the bottom of the Otay River.



A sewer or water line crossing the river can be seen from this picture taken from the site as well as a transmission line. The river goes through a narrow gorge here very close to the dam.



Michael is standing on the site. The tanks in the back are part of the water treatment facility. The County Park picnic area is behind the trees on the right.

Michael spoke about these sites at the July 27,2009 meeting of the Southwest Chula Vista Civic Association. Here are excerpts from his presentation and comments of the participants:

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