



## UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

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California Public Utility Commission/Bureau of Land Management  
C/o Aspen Environmental Group  
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SUBJECT: MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR COMMENTS ON  
SUNRISE POWERLINK PROJECT DRAFT EIS/EIR

### **In-Area All-Source Generation Alternative**

This new alternative identifies three power plants aboard Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar. MCAS Miramar is a federal military installation dedicated to the national defense mission, which is of paramount importance in considering any land uses that may affect aircraft operations. The EIR/EIS should clarify that these power plants are merely notional examples of how such an alternative might be implemented if selected. The EIR/EIS should also clarify that the plants are located aboard Marine Corps property and that the Secretary of the Navy would determine whether such plants were an acceptable land use.

The San Diego Community Power Project (ENPEX) is a private proposal to build a 750 MW power plant somewhere aboard MCAS Miramar. The Secretary of the Navy has statutory authority to convey property to ENPEX for the project, but has not made a decision to do so. The proposal has not been the subject of an EIS, and an EIS is not scheduled for commencement. At this point, the eventual construction of the ENPEX power plant anywhere aboard MCAS Miramar is speculative.

The two "peaker" plants would be located aboard the Miramar Landfill, which is operated by the City of San Diego on land leased from the Department of the Navy. Any proposed development of the plants at this location would require detailed analysis of impacts to MCAS Miramar aircraft operations.

Any other power plants within the Airport Environs Overlay Zone surrounding MCAS Miramar would require detailed evaluation for compatibility with military operations.

**Renewable Sources In-Area Alternative**

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Sincerely,



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