The California Energy Commission met last Monday at Hayward City Hall to review petitions in opposition to the siting of the 2nd power plant (Eastshore project.) The City, the County and the Faculty Association and District have filed Petitions to Intervene in the approval of the 2nd plant.

Many of us were unaware, and we were too late in the CEC process approving the first (Calpine) plant, but this is our chance to make a difference in opposing the 2nd plant.

There was a good turnout last Monday of the Hayward communities in opposition to the plant(s). Carolyn Arnold, Diane Zuliani and Susan Sperling attended on behalf of Chabot faculty and a number of students and staff were also present. It is clear to the CEC that not only their own staff assessment recommends against this second plant siting, but that significant community opposition to the Eastshore plant is at play.

This is the time to make your opinion known to the CEC commissioners. We saw what happened when Calpine achieved their siting of the first plant with few of us at Chabot aware of the process. Now is the time to take action on the second plant.

**Hearings on the Faculty and District Petition (as well as the City of Hayward and Alameda County Opposition Petitions) to intervene in the Eastshore Plant***

Please attend the public comments session. Your presence will make a difference!!!!

Monday: December 17
Hayward City Hall Chambers
Hearing: 10 AM - 1 PM
Public Comments:
2:30 - 5 PM

Tuesday: December 18
Hayward City Hall Chambers
Hearings: 10 am - 1 PM; 2:30 PM - 5 PM

The pre-hearing conference and public comments Monday made clear how crucial public response can be to this process. Finals week is a hard time for all of us, but members of the Chabot College Community concerned about the potential impacts of these plants on our workplace and students need to let the CEC know you care! The way to do this is to turn out at Hayward City Hall on Monday afternoon, December 17. Norman at the Chabot library has put up an excellent website of information on the plants—access it through the Chabot College Library. (Thank you, Norman!)

The Faculty Association will be bringing forward issues of workplace health and safety as well as environmental justice. Add your voice!!! It counts!

The Plants Task Force will meet again early in the spring semester to plan the next steps. Stay tuned and have a great end of the fall semester.

~Susan