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The Following Notice was Published by the District

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DECISION
TO APPROVE A SOURCE OF AIR POLLUTION BY THE
SAN DIEGO COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District hereby gives notice that in accordance with Rule 20.3 of the District’s Rules and Regulations, the Air Pollution Control Officer has made a preliminary decision to approve the Carlsbad Energy Center LLC’s proposed development of the Amended Carlsbad Energy Center Project (District Application Nos. APCD2014-APP-003480, APCD2014-APP-003481, APCD2014-APP-003482, APCD2014-APP-003483, APCD2014-APP-003484, APCD2014-APP-003485, APCD2014-APP-003486, APCD2014-APP-003487), an approximately 630 megawatt simple cycle power plant consisting of six natural-gas-fired combustion turbine generators, each with emission control equipment; an emergency diesel fire pump engine; and an emergency generator engine to be located at 4600 Carlsbad Blvd., Carlsbad, CA, on a portion of the same facility as the existing Encina Power Station. If the amended project is constructed, the previously approved Carlsbad Energy Center Project (District Application Nos. APCD2007-APP-985745, APCD2007-APP-985747, and APCD2007-APP-985748) would not be constructed. This project is also the subject of a Compliance and Amendment Proceeding with the California Energy Commission.

The District performed an evaluation of the air pollution impacts of this proposal and the equipment is expected to operate in compliance with all applicable District Rules and Regulations and all applicable federal requirements that the District is authorized to implement. The proposed permit incorporates conditions necessary to ensure compliance with all these applicable federal and District requirements.

The proposed permit would allow the new equipment to emit a maximum of 84.8 tons per year of oxides of nitrogen, 77.8 tons per year of carbon monoxide, 24.1 tons per year of volatile organic compounds, 28.4 tons per year of particulate matter less than or equal to 10 microns in diameter, and 5.6 tons per year of oxides of sulfur. These emission increases would be partially offset by the retirement of the five existing utility boilers and peaking turbine currently in operation at the Encina Power Station.

The District is seeking comments on this proposed permit action. Written comments concerning the District’s proposed action may be submitted for a period of 30 days, commencing on December 17, 2014, and ending on January 16, 2015. Please direct your comments to the attention of Steven Moore, San Diego County Air Pollution Control District, 10124 Old Grove Road, San Diego, CA 92131. Documents relating to the proposed action are available for public review at this address.

Should you have any questions regarding this notice or wish to make an appointment to review documents related to this action, please contact Steven Moore at (858) 586-2750 or via email at steve.moore@sdcounty.ca.gov.

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