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Sir and/or Madam,

I, John Myers, am a local resident of Lake Elsinore employed. Much of my work is off the Ortega Highway including Orange County. Your project will be "in my back yard." Since the Cleveland National Forest is my backyard, about 30 feet away. Listed below are my reasons for Opposition for the LEAPS project.

- A main reason we moved here is for the rural like area, the quietness, and the beauty in the Santa Ana Mountains view all of wonderful wildlife at my door step .Noise from construction, power lines and pumping operations will create unwanted and unneeded sound pollution. The construction of those wicked and unnecessary power lines to which could cause cataclysmic fires for years to come.

- Increased construction traffic on an already over congested highway would create unnecessary hazards and further slow commuters. Ortega Highway is also one of the most dangerous highways in CA. This project's construction requirements alone would add thousands of truck trips to the mix. Not to mention the tunneling and construction on the overly driven Grand Ave. During the construction process of over 24 months Tens of thousands of commuters will have to add up to three times the normal commute time to and from work.

Due to the requirement of a second reservoir in Deckers Canyon it is located on one of the most potentially active fault lines. In the Last 150 years two earthquakes one reaching 4.0 and 6.5 on the Richter scale right where this plant is going to be built. Nevada Hydro is trying to use old environmental research that is so obsolete that it could be considered as an antiquated relic. You must force Nevada Hydro to use up to date research and reports from third party experts, it is your fiduciary responsibility.

Water front residential lots. With this project you depreciate the values of the waterfront houses. By pumping the water from the lake you expose their beaches and shore lines to unwanted muds and debris that would normally be under the water. Nobody wants to live next to the smell of rotting mud.

-Saying this project will provide 500 local jobs is outlandish. The jobs will be union jobs and those jobs will be given to the lowest builders. As like your company they can be out of state companies. Also with this area the way it is "Local" insinuates this area of Lake Elsinore, Corona, Wildomar. Not local as in California Labor Unions.

- There is a zero net increase in electricity production. There is also zero benefit for the local community with the production of electricity.

- The only motivation for this project is profit by an OUT OF STATE company with ZERO local ties, ZERO regard for local opinion, ZERO regard for impact on those of us that chose this area to live because of its natural beauty.

- Project started with and is led by a former ENRON Director and Nevada Hydro Executive David Kates - a company forever disgraced due to its callous disregard for California electricity rate-payers. Also Nevada Enron arrogance and thievery directly destroyed the lives of pensioners of Enron, destroyed the largest of the big 5 accounting firms in Arthur Andersen established in 1913 and in 2002 were posting revenue of 9.3 billion dollars and had 87,000 employees. 2007 Morgan Stanley Commodities agreed to be a principle investor in the newly formed LEAPS Hydro LLC project but all of a sudden they chose dissolve the agreement. When visiting the Secretary of State of California's web site conducting a search on LEAPS Hydro LLC clicking on the entity name in the search results, it will pull up 4 PDF records look at Cancellation Under the section Additional Information They list the reason for cancellation was due to the entity was erroneously formed buy our previous business partner, Morgan Stanley. We had knowledge of the existence of the entities until recently and no activity occurred during their existence. Signed Rexford Wait. If you go to this website below and go to the fifth paragraph Rexford Wait is touting the agreements he made with Morgan Stanley

<https://www.hydroworld.com/articles/2007/08/morgan-stanley-invests-in-californias-500-mw-lake-elsinore.html>

I have a hard time believing a person or company who would lie to the California Secretary State

- There are zero current impact studies and reports on the project in its entirety-

1. National Forest Impact Study
2. Underground Aquifer Risk Analysis and Impact Study
3. Lake Elsinore Water Quality and Supply Impact Study
4. Plant & Animal Environmental Impact Studies
5. Fire Risk and Earth Quake Impact Study for Decker Canyon and the surrounding US National Forest
6. Flood Plane Impact & Risk Analysis for Private and public lands downstream of the proposed 200ft high LEAPS dam

7. Property Value Degradation Study for each parcel of private property located in a 10 mile radius of the project site, upstream and downstream project infrastructure (dam, underground pipes, high tension power lines, etc.)
8. Ortega Highway Traffic, Safety & Road Condition Impact Study
9. Updated Energy Needs Assessment and Energy Demand Forecasts
10. Financial Impact Analysis for The Nevada Hydro Company, Inc. and its affiliates
11. Post Hydro-Electric Facility Impact Study (Note, expected lifespan of infrastructure is 100 years)

Lake Elsinore are well know for their Historic values and their extreme sports the neighboring Santa Anna Mountains provide as well as the lake. Hideous pump houses, with transformer stations and man made reservoirs would destroy the beauty of the landscape for all aerial extreme sportsters. The loss of lake water would drastically shrink the lake. Also were plan on building the upper water storage facility is very close to the ancient burial grounds of the Luiseno Indian Tribe they archeologists have estimated to site to be over 5000 years old .There use to be boat races, however do to extremely low water levels and the continuing presence of a drought the area it to low for races. Pumping lake water out would further aid in lower than optimal water conditions. This project is not for us and never will be for us. I can assure you that, as local residents, we will vigorously oppose this project and will defeat it once again. NO ON LEAPS!

Sincerely,

John Myers

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