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Subject: Comments on Aliso Canyon Methane Leak Climate Impacts Mitigation Program Draft

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Solar photovoltaic, solar water heater panels, electric cars and wind power BEST meet the program objectives of reducing SLCP (short lived climate pollutants) including automobile exhaust and gas fired power plant emissions without creating further pollution. These renewable energy projects reduce our dependence of fossil fuels, stress on the power grid and are consistent with the mandate of South Coast Air Quality Management (SCAQMD) District Resolution # 16-1 dated January 8, 2016 advising efforts benefit Porter Ranch "to the maximum extent feasible".

I am in full agreement with Supervisor Antonovich sponsored SCAQMD Resolution # 16-1 and believe that with strong community participation, we can achieve nearly all of the mitigation in Porter Ranch with solar, wind and electric vehicles. Porter Ranch residents should receive first priority and be subsidized between 75% to 100% of the cost (factoring in existing rebates) as part of the mitigation program due to their substantial suffering, close proximity to the pollution source point and having to live in fear from any unknown potential long term risks including cancer from benzene exposure.

Per the Aliso Canyon Climate Impacts Mitigation Program Draft, page 10 noting Recommended Priorities, the capture of Methane Emissions from the Agriculture and Waste Sectors is not consistent with Resolution 16-1 since there are no dairy or waste operations in Porter Ranch. The nearest waste facility is in Granada Hills—Sunshine landfill. Second, there is already in California, Cap-and-Trade benefits being received in the dairy industry. There is no need for further incentives. Third, ("Manure for some, dollars for others") by Pauline Bartolone dated August 11, 2015 from CALmatters) Western United Dairyman, a California dairy farmers association, stated that the Governor's proposal would "barely make a dent" in curbing greenhouse gas emissions on California farms. Fourth, there is still some uncertainty about the technology involved. For these reasons this mitigation strategy should be of low priority.

Moreover, with respect to farms, the movement is to organic farming and free-range animal farms. The feed lot type of farms generate so much waste causing ground water contamination making them part of the problem and not the solution. Incentives should encourage sustainable and non-polluting organic farming and free range ranching to support the movement towards sustainable agriculture in the way that nature intended.

Porter Ranch is blessed with warm and sunny weather and lots of Santa Ana winds that make hilltop wind power possible as well, supplying energy for those unable to benefit from rooftop solar. Citizens affected by this gas leak will still face the same fossil fuel dependency problems for years to come in addition to having to live in fear of Aliso Canyon's other wells failing since all were built at the same time. Mitigation strategies focused in the impacted communities should reduce fossil fuel dependency and encourage clean energy sources moving towards the Net Zero Community described by Mayor Garcetti. With this gas leak, our community has become very motivated to overcome not only this problem but find long range positive solutions.

Solar panels and electric cars have a MEASURABLE co-benefit, namely in helping meet the state goals of reducing greenhouse emission, mitigating pollution sources like gas powered power plants, gas water heaters, car exhaust AND reducing dependence on fossil fuels in a way that **doesn't create additional pollution** like the methane engines in manure digesters described in the above referenced CALmatters manure article or causing water pollution from the high concentrations of manure. Mitigation dollars should be focused in Porter Ranch on projects that preserve the environment and safety of future generations through reducing dependency of fossil fuels, reducing power company obligations to a growing California population and providing residents long-range savings as compensation for reduced home value.

Sincerely,

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