

Comment Letter #54

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The AQMD seeks utopia while denying reality. It also suffers from a clear case of rectal myopia-[look it up].

On the one hand, I commend AQMD for its massively successful reduction in cleaning up the LA Basin smog problem. I grew up in LA in the 50's & 60's and choked through the daily "smog alerts". Today I can enjoy infinitely more days of clear skies, enjoying the view of the San Gabriels. Thanks. Job well done. But ... there are pragmatic limits to how rapidly the conflicting goals you set out to achieve can be realized, while avoiding becoming a third rate nation. And this is the crux of the matter.

The math simply doesn't work out. For all its glory, CA is still massively underserved by adequate, essential water power reserves and options. Sacramento is inexcusably wrong in approving or allowing more homebuilding, more commercial building, more demand for electrical consumption to support the digital world and more electrical cars, all of this, without balancing & funding construction of the undeniably essential electrical production capabilities from a variety of all well proven technology & clean sources: water, wind, solar and nuclear.

We are now hovering critically close to brown outs, severe water rationing, etc. Sacramento has, without explaining why, delayed, time after time, the construction of critically needed new water storage, which any fifth grader knows simultaneously provides the cleanest source of electricity, eg, gravity powered falling water flowing thru electrical generators !

Not only will these new sources create production of energy, these critically needed facilities will help everybody. They provide long term employment because they require 10+ years to build out. And .. you can't outsource that; you need to dig here, operate here, construct etc etc.

So obvious, yet so entangled in useless byzantine bureaucracy, which the AQMD management and staff seems to foster for its own preservation, instead of the preservation of the taxpayers, large and small who fund it.

How egalitarian & selfish! Shamed on you, AQMD!

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