

1 [Opposing Coal-Fired Power Plant]

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3 **Resolution opposing the proposed Sempra coal fired power plant in northern Nevada's**
4 **Black Rock Desert and urging the City of Los Angeles to oppose Sempra's application**
5 **to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to tap the Pacific Direct Current**
6 **Intertie to carry electricity generated by the proposed plant.**
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8 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is desirous of promoting the use of
9 renewable energy for its citizens; and,

10 WHEREAS, Electrical energy production from fossil fuels, such as coal fired power
11 plants, are especially significant sources of greenhouse gases that cause global warming;
12 and,

13 WHEREAS, The California Energy Commission awarded a Public Interest Energy
14 Research (PIER) grant to San Francisco's Public Utilities Commission, through the Hetch
15 Hetchy Department of Water and Power, to study the feasibility of tapping the Pacific Direct
16 Current Intertie (PDCI) in northern Nevada to bring significant quantities of renewable energy
17 to California; and,

18 WHEREAS, The California Energy Commission's Public Interest Energy Research
19 (PIER) Program supports energy research, development and demonstration (RD&D) projects
20 that will help improve the quality of life in California by bringing environmentally safe,
21 affordable and reliable energy services and products to the marketplace; and,

22 WHEREAS, The PIER grant-funded study determined that it is feasible to tap the PDCI
23 and develop significant quantities of renewable energy in northern Nevada for export to
24 California; and,

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1 WHEREAS, Sempra Generation, a subsidiary of Sempra Energy Company, is
2 proposing to construct a 1450 megawatt coal fired power plant, Granite Fox, in northern
3 Nevada that would tap into the PDCI and use capacity on the line that could otherwise be
4 used to develop and transmit renewable energy determined feasible by the PIER study; and,

5 WHEREAS, Capacity exists on the PDCI transmission line for either renewable energy
6 or coal fired power, but not both; and,

7 WHEREAS, The proposed Sempra coal fired power plant would cause significant
8 degradation of the air quality in northern Nevada, emit hundreds of pounds of dangerous
9 mercury annually, consume huge amounts of scarce water resources, and produce carbon
10 pollution that causes global warming; and,

11 WHEREAS, The construction and operation of the Sempra coal fired power plant would
12 despoil the Paiute Indian Tribe's Pyramid Lake, as well as many nearby wilderness areas
13 including the Black Rock Desert Wilderness, home to the annual Burning Man Festival; now,
14 therefore, be it,

15 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco opposes the construction of
16 the Sempra Granite Fox coal plant in northern Nevada's Black Rock Desert; and be it,

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco encourages the
18 state of California to invest in a tap on the Pacific Direct Current Intertie in northern Nevada
19 that would be dedicated to the development of clean renewable resources; and be it

20 FINALLY RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco encourages its
21 the City of Los Angeles to consider investing in a renewable tap on the PDCI in northern
22 Nevada and to oppose Sempra's application to the Los Angeles Department of Water and
23 Power to tap the Pacific Direct Current Intertie to use the existing free capacity on the line to
24 transmit coal based power.

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