

# PC\_10062021\_Exhibit 8 - Motion\_by\_the\_ Sustainability\_Commission\_Recommendation

## SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

### MOTION

Moved by Sustainability Commission Member Werner, seconded by Sustainability Commission Member Pinkerton, that the Sustainability Commission, having heard staff presentations, reviewed materials including the September 2, 2021 staff report and linked exhibits, having heard public testimony, and having deliberated and discussed same, hereby directs staff to provide the City Council with the following recommendations concerning the certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Biogas Renewable Generation Project and concerning the approval of the proposed Biogas Renewable Generation Project: Not to certify the Final Environmental Impact Report and reject the Project as proposed.

The Sustainability Commission Vice Chair also offered the following comments:

1. The data on the No Project Alternative is out of date since the existing flares are being replaced with new flares.
2. That the Project violates the Glendale Municipal Code regulations by failing to protect primary ridgelines. Seeks exemption as an existing utility, when the project is a new project with new equipment with independent utility and the facts do not support that it is an existing project.
3. The economic benefits stated as the purpose of the Project are speculative and will decline from year to year, and it appears that the breakeven point could occur at about the time the Project is decommissioned. Staff should study this in more detail and provide a report since CEQA does not address

the financials.

4. Staff should do a report looking at the average temperatures in the City before and after the flaring system was installed since the temperatures in Glendale over thirty years have increased dramatically, need to know this to make an informed decision.
5. Need a holistic approach that considers the totality of our emissions and considers Scholl Canyon landfill gas as the local resource that could be used at Grayson using the best available control technology and incorporates this strategy into the Grayson Repowering plan.
6. Segmentation of Glendale's power resource plan does not serve the public interest of powering the City in the least impactful and most economic way possible.
7. The Planning Commission and City Council should reject the assertion that the Biogas and Grayson projects are separate because they serve different purposes. The facts suggest that they both could achieve the same purposes, they are physically connected, and both must be considered part of the state mandated renewable portfolio standards.
8. The highest form of environmental stewardship is the reuse of existing resources so every effort should be made to ensure that Glendale's energy plan integrates existing infrastructure as much as possible, including the fuel from Grayson and the Biogas Project does not achieve this.
9. An integrated resource plan must be developed through an integrated process and without segmentation, where everyone works together to

achieve regulatory requirements, impact avoidance, power reliability and cost effectiveness.

10. That the City must consider the impact of Zero Waste requirements and compliance with SB 1383 requiring diversion of organic material waste disposal at Scholl Canyon Landfill, which means less methane need discussion on that.

11. The use of micro turbines should be revisited an option since they are in use in other cities.

12. That a solar option be studied because Project construction timing would be close to when landfill is supposed to close.

Vote as follows:

Ayes: Chairperson Bartrosouf, Vice Chairperson Werner, Commissioner Khanjian, Commissioner Pinkerton

Noes: Commissioner Kartounian

Absent:

Abstain: