



# Pio Pico Unplugged



Photo: US Environmental Protection Agency

## Another Dirty Power Plant

Pio Pico is a proposed new dirty power plant by San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E). The proposal is for 305 megawatts of natural gas electricity servicing the San Diego area. SDG&E wants the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to fast track and approve this proposal at the end of 2013.

Pio Pico will cost  
SDG&E customers  
**\$1.6  
Billion**  
over 25 years even if you  
don't use its power.

Pio Pico will emit  
**685,626  
Tons**  
of carbon dioxide  
equivalent/yr,  
equal to emissions from  
129,584 cars.

## Bad for Californians

This dirty power plant will cost utility ratepayers a whopping \$1.6 billion. The contract will be locked in for 25 years, and we will pass on the burden of these payments to future generations.

## Bad for climate

The dirty Pio Pico power plant will continue California's path towards climate chaos. The plant will spew over half a million pounds of carbon dioxide every year. Natural gas plants like Pio Pico are known to emit large quantities of methane, which is the primary component of natural gas. Methane has over 20 times the global warming potential than carbon dioxide.

## Bad for our families



Pio Pico is an example of a pattern of dumping the region's pollution in the South Bay and border region. The area is already in the top 20% most highly impacted zip codes throughout California, including having toxic air emissions worse than 80% of the state. It has the regions' highest levels

of particulate matter, which leads directly to respiratory illnesses like asthma. The area is 2/3 Latino and is already disproportionately impacted by pollution.

## More renewable energy or more dirty power plants?

California shouldn't plug in dirty energy like Pio Pico, it should power-up our communities and our health with clean renewable energy. SDG&E falsely claims that Pio Pico is needed to bring power to neighborhoods in San Diego. But every time we build a new dirty power plant, we take a step away from the growing renewable energy economy that can power California.

## Yes to clean energy and No to Pio Pico

All the facts show that we can easily meet our power needs through renewable energy, energy efficiency, and energy storage. We don't need any new dirty fossil fuel plants.

California's choice is clear: more renewable energy OR more expensive dirty power plants, climate change, and clogged lungs?

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Supporting Pio Pico is a vote against renewable energy and the health of our families. Urge the Public Utility Commissioners to VOTE NO on the dirty Pio Pico power plant TODAY and VOTE YES for renewable energy.