

From: [Heena Singh](#)
To: [CSLC CommissionMeetings](#)
Cc: [Ramirez, Yessica@SLC](#)
Subject: REJECT Ormond Beach Generating Station Lease 4196 Amendment
Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2024 3:06:57 PM

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Dear California State Lands Commission and Commissioners,

As an LA County resident, I stand in solidarity with CAUSE and am sending you this email to ask you to reject the lease amendment extending the lease term of Lease 4196 – Ormond Beach Generating Station (OBGS) from April 23, 2025, to December 31, 2026, for one seawater intake conduit and one discharge conduit.

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From,
Heena Singh
California Environmental Justice Alliance (CEJA)

From: [Ramona Bravo](#)
To: [CSLC CommissionMeetings](#)
Cc: [Ramirez, Yessica@SLC](#)
Subject: REJECT Ormond Beach Generating Station Lease 4196 Amendment
Date: Saturday, January 18, 2025 10:14:34 AM

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From,

Sent from my iPhone

From: brianacruz226@icloud.com
To: [CSLC CommissionMeetings](#)
Cc: Ramirez_Yessica@SLC
Subject: REJECT Ormond Beach Generating Station Lease 4196 Amendment
Date: Saturday, January 18, 2025 11:59:52 AM

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From, Briana

From: [Margarita Moran](#)
To: [CSLC CommissionMeetings](#)
Cc: [Ramirez, Yessica@SLC](#)
Subject: REJECT Ormond Beach Generating Station Lease 4196 Amendment
Date: Saturday, January 18, 2025 12:10:15 PM

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From,

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Fatima Lucero](#)
To: [CSLC CommissionMeetings](#)
Cc: [Ramirez, Yessica@SLC](#)
Subject: REJECT Ormond Beach Generating Station Lease 4196 Amendment
Date: Saturday, January 18, 2025 2:09:24 PM

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From,

Fatima Mota

From: [Ann Dorsey](#)
To: [CSLC CommissionMeetings](#)
Subject: Public Comment for the 2/25 Meeting
Date: Saturday, February 22, 2025 10:11:09 PM

Attention: This email originated from outside of SLC and should be treated with extra caution.

CSLC Commission,

I urge you to:

- reject the lease amendment extending the lease term of Lease 4196 for seawater intake & discharge conduits at the Ormond Beach Generating Station
- hold the decision-making meeting for this lease in the city of Oxnard during an evening time to accommodate Oxnard's majority working-class community
- AND have at least one of the commissioners present this Friday at the Community Engagement Meeting in Oxnard to listen to Oxnard resident's comments

For years community members in Oxnard have fought for clean air & coastal accessibility. In 2017, the community of Oxnard fought hard to reject the proposed Puente Power Plant, the fight continues for the transition to renewables and the retirement of the Ormond Beach gas plant - that we were promised would be shut down in 2020 and again in 2023.

Even though the Ormond Beach Generating Station was running at full capacity during the 2022 heat wave (emitting 13x more pollution than the baseline), it was unable to produce sufficient electricity during peak demand hours and it contributes to the other pollution sources that cut Oxnard residents' lives short and block them from accessing Ormond Beach. Rather than extending Lease 4196, the Commission should prioritize the cleanup and removal of the intake & discharge conduits.

Once-through cooling systems like Ormond Beach Generating Station are known to harm marine ecosystems by exposing them to thermal stress & physical stress due to impingement and entrainment.

It thereby threatens one of the last remaining wetlands in Southern California that is habitat to various endangered & threatened species like the Snowy Plover, California Least Tern, & TideWater Goby.

Please deny the lease amendment and meet your responsibility to increase benefits and minimize additional burdens on marginalized and disadvantaged communities.

Thank you,

Ann Dorsey



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February 11, 2025

Sent via email

Subject:

Increase Public Participation: For consideration of the California State Lands Commission (Commission) to hold Commission Meeting in the evening in Oxnard, California for final vote for the amendment of Lease 4196

Dear Commissioners and Staff,

The Central Coast Alliance for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE) is a base-building organization committed to social, economic, and environmental justice for working-class and immigrant communities across the Central Coast. Oxnard is the largest and most diverse city in Ventura County and residents have been speaking out for many years against polluting industries that have taken over their coastline. Our work centers local community leader's lived experiences by amplifying their voices and creating opportunities for engagement with decision-making agencies such as the California State Lands Commission (Commission) to ensure their perspectives are reflected in the policies and decisions that impact their daily lives.

Since 2006 CAUSE's grassroots leaders, alongside community members and organizational partners, have been working to restore the coastal wetlands at Ormond Beach, to increase safe public access to this area, and to guarantee a right to healthy air for surrounding communities. This has included advocating for an end to the unjust legacy of Ventura County's fossil fuel power plants being concentrated in Oxnard, including the retirement of the Ormond Beach Generating Station. Additionally, since October 2024, in anticipation of the expiration of Lease 4196 for operation of the Ormond Beach Generating Station, we have been engaging directly with the Commission. We have appreciated being in communication with Commission staff regarding the amendment being considered for Lease 4196, a General Lease Industrial Use, to extend existing lease term to December 31, 2026, for one seawater intake conduit and one discharge conduit, on State-owned sovereign land in the Pacific Ocean, offshore Ormond Beach, near Oxnard, Ventura County.

With the expiration date for Lease 4196 approaching on April 23, 2025, we would like to request that the Commission consider holding the voting meeting for the amendment of this lease at a location in Oxnard, California. Furthermore, we ask that the Commission hold this meeting during an evening time to

accommodate the schedules of a majority of working-class community members in Oxnard. In the past, some CAUSE community leaders have been unable to participate in Commission meetings due to meetings being held during typical school and work hours on weekdays. In 2007, we worked with the State Lands Commission to engage the Oxnard community on a public hearing for the BHP Billiton Liquefied Natural Gas terminal and were thankful that the Commission held the hearing in Oxnard to allow for greater community participation.

As recognized in the Commission's Environmental Justice Policy (slc.ca.gov/envirojustice/), participation of historically marginalized communities is imperative to ensure an *equitable* decision making process. The policy calls for "Commission meetings in locations that are accessible to communities impacted by the decisions the Commission may make at those meetings"¹. Holding the decision-making meeting in Oxnard and during an evening time will help alleviate location and time constraints community members have expressed with us and ensure that those who want to participate in-person are able to.

We are hopeful to see what next steps the Commission will take to hold this - and future - meetings in directly-impacted communities. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Aurora Rugerio, Policy Advocate, at (805) 790-2686 or aurora@causenow.org.

Sincerely,



Lucas Zucker
Co-Executive Director
Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE)

¹ California State Lands Commission, Environmental Justice Policy