Summary of Position Paper

The Dioxin Education Committee

DEC's concerns regarding the proposed South Oroville energy/biomass project include but are not limited to:

1) Disturbing/developing at previously identified contaminated locations.
2) The need for heightened environmental scrutiny due to cancer clusters at and near proposed locations.
3) South Oroville is a disadvantaged community and accordingly, should not bear the disproportionate pollution and industrial impact.
4) The impact on the air, traffic and roads caused by thousands of trucks coming and going.
5) Potential contamination due to porous soils and proximity to the Feather River.
6) The "green benefits" of what's proposed are questionable at best.
7) AG waste: Proposed fuel sources could contain pesticides, herbicides, fungicides and other chemical residues.
8) There has been insufficient public review. The two "town halls" have been glorified sales pitches by proponents.
9) The general confusion or the roles and relationships among the players: BREI, OCDC, Albion, Heritage Energy, Heffner Enterprises, Oro Verde, and the City of Oroville. Foreign investors remain unclear.
10) Possible financial and legal exposure to the City. Many unanswered questions remain re: Financing, subsidies, permits, integration with PG&E and more.

The DEC calls for an immediate halt to the South Oroville energy/biomass project until independent experts, the public and regulators can fully investigate and evaluate its environmental, health, financial and operational risks.