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I am generally supportive of Cal-Am's desalination project for the Monterey Peninsula. I have some concerns, though, about the plant's energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, which the report describes as significant impacts.

I am dismayed to find that the Draft EIR makes little mention of potential mitigation measures, such as on site solar panels or wind generation. Indeed, the report assumes all energy for plant operations will come from PG&E. The report does mention two potential alternative energy sources, specifically methane from the local landfill and solar panels, but completely fails to analyze the costs and benefits of these energy sources. The question that needs to be answered is, would these or any other alternative on-site energy sources, either together or separately, be sufficient to reduce the plant's greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption to a non-significant level? I would like to see this question addressed in the final EIR.

I'm also thinking that on-site electricity generation could help keep the plant at least partly operational in the event of a natural disaster, such as a major earthquake, which would disrupt power supplies from PG&E as happened in 1989.

Sincerely,
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