

Summary

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My name is Jesse Rosales and I live in San Bernardino, CA. We currently get a portion of our electricity from Western Geopower, which taps the geothermal energy produced by the Geysers north of San Francisco and converts it to electricity. They have announced a project to drill up to six new wells in the Geysers field and to develop a 25.5 megawatt geothermal power plant at the steam field. The drilling of the new wells and construction of a new facility to harness the energy will cost the residents and taxpayers in Sonoma County quite a bit of money. Although I believe that continued fossil fuel burning is a threat to our world due to global warming, I do not feel that the residents of our community should have to bear the burden of the cost of this plant. I support the use of alternative energy sources and I think geothermal energy is a safe and consistent source of energy, but I am concerned that increasing the use of geothermal energy will cost too much money. Also, I have read that sometimes these geysers can stop producing hot water and how will we get electricity if that happens?