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## **Statement from San Clemente Green**

There is some confusion about the instructions for filing these comments, which were posted from the workshop. They listed 15-IEPR-12 as Energy Efficiency, not Nuclear Power, so please consider this in the appropriate category.

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*



## **Input for CEC consideration**

**RE: IEPR 2015-04-27 WORKSHOP - Public Comments - 5/11/15**

As Founder of San Clemente Green, a group of over 4800 concerned citizens living near San Onofre, I would like to share our concerns about nuclear power issues. Our involvement began at the end of 2009, when whistleblowers began raising red flags about issues that eventually led to the shutdown. Many questions of integrity between Edison and the NRC remain. Now, we learn that [the CPUC has been complacent, if not criminal](#), in the ways they have neglected their responsibilities to the public. It seems that the entire nuclear power industry has shown itself to be dysfunctional at this critical point in history, when serious problems need urgent answers.

The most serious concern of all, is that we continue to produce nuclear waste when there is no permanent repository, as promised for the past 50 years or so. The risk of running nuclear power plants increases with time, especially considering long overdue seismic activity that experts anticipate. Shutting down Diablo Canyon (and Palo Verde), is the first step towards making California less likely to have a disaster like Fukushima. Wind and solar power will now be viable alternatives to dirty energy sources thanks to [new developments in battery technology](#).

Closely tied to that action, is the need to use the world's best dry cask storage system to quickly remove the waste from pools which are vulnerable to earthquakes and terrorists. We call for thicker casks that can be monitored in real time for leaks, and can be repaired and readily transported. Onsite capabilities to transfer damaged waste or cracked canisters in pools or hot box containment must be accessible for as long as the waste remains on site. The current storage plan is woefully inadequate and must be replaced with a better long term solution.

Ultimately, the waste must be placed in a permanent repository but that is not likely to happen for decades. Therefore we support interim storage for nuclear waste that is now being stored in casks that were only intended to last from 20 to 30 years. Some have as little as 8 years left before they might become compromised by the elements. To approve leaving these containers right where they are for an indefinite period is irresponsible and dangerous. We must move them away from populated areas prone to earthquakes and tsunamis. It should be somewhere in California (to expedite approval), at a site designed to handle the nuclear waste produced in this state alone, until a permanent repository has been established.

In this vacuum of leadership, we hope the CEC will step up to guide us through these uncertain times. Please consider encouraging all forms of solar power by paying those adding power to the grid, fair market value for the energy they produce beyond what they consume. New ideas,

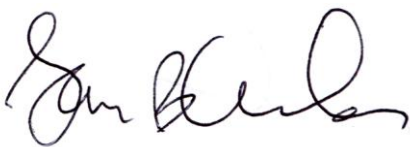
like the [solar garden projects](#), should be given more encouragement for being good for the planet, people and profit, or the "triple bottom line".

Making solar investments profitable has proven to be far more of an incentive than rebate programs administered by the utility companies, who actually stand to lose if these programs are very successful. Too many ratepayer dollars go towards what amounts to nothing more than giving away light bulbs. It is free publicity for the utility companies, making the impression they are "greener" than they really are, while accomplishing little. On the contrary, they seem to be the ones obstructing real progress. After letting us down like this, they should no longer play a role in distributing CPUC approved funds intended to promote energy conservation and truly green energy sources.

Considering that the CPUC is currently under investigation, we support the creation of a special committee to be formed to handle this transition period. The committee should work with the CEC and the governor's office and include members of the public and experts they have grown to trust such as nuclear engineer, Arnie Gunderson, and/or former NRC Commissioners, Gregory Jaczko and Peter Bradford amongst others. The one quality each member should have in common is a history of service in the realm of public/environmental safety.

Meanwhile, investigations into the roles played by Edison, the NRC and the CPUC should proceed to determine systemic flaws and criminal misconduct of individuals. We need true accountability and much needed changes based on what those investigations uncover. There is too much at stake for Californians to rely on the CPUC which comes up with answers that tend to favor the industry instead of the public good.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Headrick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "H".

Gary Headrick  
Co-founder of San Clemente Green