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## **Please adopt technology-neutral CO2 emission metric, and keep Diablo generating station operational**

California, without voter input, is planning to decommission the Diablo Canyon nuclear generating station. This plant is the only zero-CO2 baseload generating station supplying that part of the California grid. Shutting it down means that Natural Gas would become the 'critical' replacement reliable generation source.

There are many years left in Diablo's generating capability. Shutting it down before its normal operational life (a) adds to costs borne by Californians when Diablo could just keep operating and be revenue positive, (b) impacts jobs local to the Avila Beach area, (c) would result in increased CO2 emissions, (d) will increase environmental impact through lands used for solar and wind, even those still need to be backed up with a natural gas plant.

We want lower energy costs, not higher. We want lower CO2 emissions, not more. We want less lands used for industrial-scale energy. All of these should make this choice clear: don't shut down the Diablo generating station.