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SLO County Supervisors Vote to Extend Life of Diablo Canyon Power Plant

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Attached is a Letter to Governor Newsom set by the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors to extend life of Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant on February 15th.

On February 15th, 2022, the authors of the Stanford/MIT Study regarding Diablo Canyon Power Plant made a presentation to the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors.

The recording of this call is available here:
https://slocounty.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=46&clip_id=4021

The Presentation from MIT/Stanford professors begins at 3:12:35

After the presentation, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors voted 4-1-1 to send Governor Newsom a letter describing a pathway to keep the plant open in conjunction with specific approvals from the State Water Resource Control Board, the California State Lands Commission and the California Public Utilities Commission.

The letter concludes “The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors would greatly appreciate your assistance in securing the required state approvals. These efforts would assist California in continuing on a path towards a greenhouse gas free energy supply and keeping the lights on for its citizens.”

It is worth noting that District 3 Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg recused herself from the vote given her former employment with PGE. Additionally, Supervisor Ortiz-Legg was a guest speaker at the Save Clean Energy Rally on December 10th, 2021 outside the SLO Courthouse. During her speech, she encouraged those in attendance to “stay curious” about this matter, without explicitly endorsing the continued operation of the plant.

Nuclear energy advocates hope that this demonstration of local support for continued operation will sway the Governor, the CEC, the CPUC, the State Water Resource Control Board and the California State Lands Commission to work together to protect California’s largest powerplant.

Sincerely,

Ryan Pickering

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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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March 8, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Diablo Canyon Power Plant Assistance with State Approvals to Continue Operations

Dear Governor Newsom:

On February 15, 2022, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors received a presentation by the authors of the Stanford University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology study titled, "An Assessment of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant for Zero Carbon Electricity, Desalination, and Hydrogen Production." This study examines how continuing operation of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) could provide value in the following areas:

- Contributing to California's zero-carbon electricity production goals,
- Providing power to a large-scale desalination plant to produce water for drought-stricken areas,
- Providing a carbon-free source of hydrogen production for the transportation and manufacturing sectors, and
- Configuring and operating the DCPP as a "polygeneration" facility, generating electricity and producing desalinated water and hydrogen simultaneously.

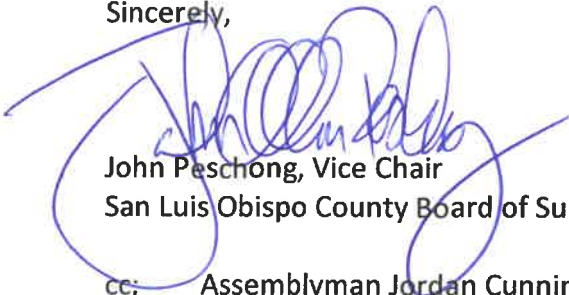
Based on the presentation, the Board, by a vote of 3 to 1 (with one abstention), elected to send you a letter requesting your assistance in securing the required state approvals, should PG&E seek to extend the operation of the DCPP. Specifically, the plant would need an extension from the State Water Resources Control Board on DCPP's use of once through cooling water. In addition, the term of PG&E's lease with the California State Lands Commission would require an extension. Lastly, the California Public Utilities Commission would need to reverse its decision on the DCPP closure.

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Sincerely,



**John Peschong, Vice Chair
San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors**

cc; **Assemblyman Jordan Cunningham
Senator John Laird
Tom Jones, PG&E
Eric Daniels, PG&E**