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Continued operation of Diablo Canyon is the right thing to do

Diablo Canyon is a safe and reliable generating asset for California. The best plan for climate protection is to keep it operating.

I heard about the plan to close Diablo Canyon with dismay some years ago. I simply couldn't understand how California could let this non-carbon generating asset slip through their fingers when so much more remains to be done to move away from fossil fuels. We need more electricity, not less, and not just "replacement" of existing assets which spends a lot of time and resources to make zero progress.

I am glad that the nuclear plant is now again being seen positively in a climate context. It makes abundant sense to retain assets wherever possible, and there is no significant downside that compares to the massive benefit of GWs of steadily produced clean electricity. Of course it helps that we are seeing some explicit financial recognition of that benefit too which helps to turn the previous decision around.