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Diablo Canyon is NOT what we need

The decision to shut down Diablo Canyon was the right one, made through deep cost-benefit analysis and detailed planning. Nuclear is not the path towards clean, reliable energy.

Baseload power creates a mismatch for cheaper, cleaner wind and solar energy, and a more difficult-to-manage system. Big chunks of inflexible power do not address peak usage problems, which are better addressed by responsive storage and shifting demand.

Nuclear is a brittle power source, especially in hot weather, and losing big chunks of inflexible power is a disaster. Diablo Canyon reduces the power available during peak times because system operators need to reserve power sources in case the facility has to shut down. This harms efforts to stabilize the grid, and it will cost taxpayers and ratepayers BILLIONS to keep Diablo Canyon online. This money is far better spent on truly sustainable technologies.