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Reject Newsom's Monster Nuclear Bailout

This past Friday, August 12, the Office of Governor Newsom, the California Energy Commission (CEC), and the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) hosted a nuclear industry dog-and-pony show to trot out an effort to overturn the January 2018 decision to close PG&E's Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant's California's last remaining nuclear power station. Newsom is attempting to extend Diablo Canyon's operating lifetime for up to twenty years in a monster ratepayer and taxpayer bailout of nuclear energy.

Totally contradicting the compelling reasons agreed upon by all California stakeholders, including Newsom himself, to retire Diablo Canyon's two nuclear generators by 2025, a bevy of pro-nuclear "heavyweights" have recently emerged touting a MIT and Stanford University plan to extend the life of Diablo Canyon. The August 12 Workshop was their attempt to make the case for what every knowledgeable Californian knows is a crock of "let's call it" baloney.

we are not buying their baloney "at a cost of billions of dollars of ratepayer and taxpayer expense. State investment should instead be made in community energy" in distributed energy resources that provide safe, clean, affordable, reliable, resilient, sustainable, and equitable energy in our own communities.

The August 12 Workshop speaks loudly of California's energy agencies selling out to the nuclear industry, pushing a plan to extend the lifetime of Diablo Canyon that would upend California's clean energy and climate goals. What this push by Newsom, CEC, CAISO, and the California energy establishment signifies is that the time has come to retire more than just Diablo Canyon, but also the public agencies that are working against the needs of Californians for safe, clean, reliable, affordable, resilient, equitable and sustainable energy programs. Diablo Canyon is none of these.