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We need flexible demand response & storage, not expensive Diablo Canyon

The decision to shut down Diablo Canyon was a good one: deep cost-benefit analysis and detailed planning. Letâ€[™]s stick with that, and with a fast path to clean, reliable energy.

Nuclear is a brittle source of power, especially in hot weather, and we risk losing big chunks of inflexible power. Peak usage problems are better addressed by responsive storage and shifting demand. Diablo Canyon does not stabilize the grid but reduces the power available during peak times because system operators need to reserve power sources in case the facility has to shut down. It will cost taxpayers and ratepayers BILLIONS to keep Diablo Canyon online. This money should instead be spent on creating a robust and affordable grid, with efficiency improvements across the board in buildings, industry and transit. Flex alerts are cheap and the cheapest energy is the energy we don't use.