

March 11, 2020

Pacific Gas & Electric
Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel
Attn: Chuck Anders, Panel Facilitator (via email:canders@strategicinit.com)

Subject: Engagement Panel Meeting March 11, 2020
Diablo Canyon Lands and Other Critical Issues

Dear PG&E Staff and Members of the Engagement Panel:

I agree with San Luis Obispo Mayor Heidi Harmon's recent letter to you regarding the protection of Diablo Canyon Lands. She says, in part:

"The City and residents of San Luis Obispo have a long-standing interest in the decommissioning of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) and the critical issues surrounding it. Indeed, as expressed in early communications with PG&E, the City Council has adopted the following policies relating to the decommissioning.

- Ensure the continued safe operation of the DCCP, so as to protect the health and safety of the community;
- Foster creative solutions that will lessen the short and long term economic, fiscal, and environmental impacts to the community;
- Investigate opportunities for job creation and economic diversification;
- Develop a plan to address the potential long-term impacts of closing a nuclear facility; and
- Explore options for the future use and protection of land and marine resources, cultural resources, historic sites, and related facilities.

The Engagement Panel's March 11, 2020 meeting is focused on the Diablo Canyon Lands... There is a long history of the Central Coast's prioritizing the conservation of these lands. It is reflected in the overwhelming passage (by nearly 75%) by SLO County residents of the Dream Initiative in 2000 – which called for the conservation of and public access to the Diablo Canyon Lands once the plant closes. Also, the work of the Engagement Panel– including now four public meetings, almost 1000 written comments, and the Panel's Strategic Vision document – reflects the will of this community in conserving the Diablo Canyon Lands.

The conservation of and public access to the Diablo Canyon Lands makes sense on multiple levels. The land is remote, prone to fire danger, and has a single path in and out. ”

I ask PG&E and the County of San Luis Obispo for the safe and efficient decommissioning of DCPP, as well as ensuring the conservation of and public access to the Diablo Canyon Lands.

Sincerely,

Heather Nelson
Avila Beach Resident