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Welcome, everyone. 1 MR. ANDERS: My name is 2 Chuck Anders and I'm the facilitator for the Diablo 3 Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel. I want to 4 thank you everybody for participating in this meeting. 5 Tonight we will -- go to the next slide, please, Zeek. Did we get our slides going? Okay. So tonight we're 6 7 going to have two major agenda items. Before we get into them, we will have a safety briefing and then we 8 9 have some new panel members to introduce. 10 Our first major topic of the evening is spent nuclear fuel management and our other topic that we have 11 tonight is the coastal development permit that was 12 13 submitted by PG&E recently and how that interacts with 14 the California Environmental Quality Act process. We'll 15 have PG&E update on any other items of concern, and around 8:20 tonight, we will have public comment period 16 17 and we look forward to hearing from members of the 18 public during that time. So next slide, please. So, Tim would -- Dr. Timothy Auran, panel 19 20 member, has agreed to provide a safety briefing. We start all of our meetings with a safety reminder or 21 22 safety tip. So go ahead, Tim. 23 MR. AURAN: All right. I think, again, 24 probably one of the biggest safety issues we're all 25 still dealing with is COVID. The vaccination rollout

- 1 has gone quite well, but I think we need to remind
- 2 everybody to make sure that you have gotten your
- 3 vaccines. We have statistics out that came today from
- 4 the CDC saying about 50 percent of the U.S. population
- 5 is now fully vaccinated, California slightly above that.
- 6 Unfortunately, the demand is dropping. Most of the
- 7 models predict that we're not going to reach herd
- 8 immunity. So there will be some continued restrictions
- 9 that go on potentially in perpetuity if we can't get
- 10 complete herd immunity in place. If anybody's concerned
- 11 about side effects or anything like that, we've given
- 12 almost 300 million vaccines in the country and there
- 13 have been very few, if any, significant severe reactions
- 14 to them. So we really do have extensive good data to
- 15 show it's safe and effective. Children 12 and older can
- 16 now get the Pfizer vaccine and the Moderna vaccine
- 17 should be approved very shortly for kids, as well.
- 18 Everybody needs to remember if you haven't gotten your
- 19 vaccine, that this is still the same coronavirus that
- 20 has killed almost 600,000 Americans. So if you haven't
- 21 been vaccinated, it's still the same virus. It can
- 22 still cause sever illness for you. If that alone isn't
- 23 enough to persuade people to get the vaccine, it appears
- 24 that a lot of large events run by private organizations
- 25 like sporting events, concerts, outdoor festivals are

- 1 still going to require either proof of a negative COVID
- 2 test or proof of vaccination. So as everybody feels
- 3 relief in a sense of opening society to speed your own
- 4 return to society, it's probably a good idea to get the
- 5 vaccine so you don't have to go through multiple
- 6 somewhat unpleasant COVID tests to prove that you're not
- 7 infected prior to that event. Anybody who hasn't gotten
- 8 the vaccine, you can go to vaccines.gov to find a
- 9 location. All CVS, Rite-Aids or Vons pharmacies still
- 10 have vaccines in stock and many are not requiring
- 11 appointments. You can walk in and get a vaccine at any
- 12 time. That's about it for me.
- 13 MR. ANDERS: Great. Thank you, Tim.
- 14 Before we get into introducing our new panel
- 15 members, I'd like to remind members of the public that
- 16 you have the opportunity to offer questions or comments
- 17 using the chat feature of Zoom. The panel members are
- 18 monitoring that chat feature, and during the
- 19 presentations or during the question and answer
- 20 sessions, they may take a look at your comments or
- 21 questions and follow up with those with the speakers and
- 22 so on. All of the substantive comments and questions
- 23 that are offered in the chat feature during the meeting
- 24 will become part of the public record and will be
- 25 included in the list of comments and public perspectives

in the panel official record. 1 2 So there's -- also, I want to remind everyone 3 that there will be a written transcript of this meeting 4 and that that will be available about ten days after the 5 meeting and I thank Melissa Plooy, who is our court reporter that's reporting this meeting. 6 I also want to recognize Linda Seeley and 7 Trevor Keith who have taken the lead for the major panel 8 topics for this meeting. For those in the public that 9 10 don't know, panel members take the lead to put together these topics that are discussed at the panel meeting and 11 Linda and Trevor are providing that leadership tonight. 12 13 This is the 18th panel meeting since its inception in 14 2018 and the panel on -- the panel members serve 15 three-year terms that are staggered terms and so each year three panel members or three positions are up for 16 renewal and this year we'd like to welcome two new panel 17 18 members to the panel and two panel members that have been reappointed. Dena Bellman and David Baldwin were 19 20 reappointed to the panel and Bill Almas and Miriam Shah are new members to the panel and I would just like to 21 22 introduce Miriam. 23 Miriam has two terms as council member on the Grover Beach City Council. She served on executive 24

committees of the Homeless Services Oversight Committee,

- 1 the Air Pollution Control District and California League
- 2 of Cities. She also sits on the board of the Grover
- 3 Beach Library, Five Cities Homeless Coalition and has
- 4 been active with Grover Heights PTA for several years,
- 5 serving three years as president.
- 6 Miriam, do you have any comments or thoughts as
- 7 a new member of the panel?
- 8 MS. SHAH: Thank you. I'm just really happy to
- 9 be here and there's already been a lot to learn and I'll
- 10 just hope to be able to represent the community well.
- 11 So thank you and thank you for trusting me with this
- 12 position.
- 13 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, Miriam.
- Our second new member is Bill Almas. Bill is
- 15 retired from Chevron as a senior real estate manager in
- 16 2015. Bill held many various positions with Chevron and
- 17 Unocal, including environmental and regulatory manager,
- 18 manager of governmental affairs, area manager and
- 19 environmental and regulatory manager for Molycorp, which
- 20 is a subsidiary of Unocal. He was the lead for the
- 21 Unocal property purchase and settlements associated with
- 22 the Avila Beach remediation and managed the preparation
- 23 of the San Luis Obispo Chevron Tank Farm Environmental
- 24 Impact Report and various property sales.
- So, Bill, sounds like you're qualified to look

- 1 at the decommissioning process. Bill, do you have any
- 2 thoughts that you would like to offer?
- 3 MR. ALMAS: Thank you, Chuck. Just that I
- 4 am -- I feel honored that I was selected for this
- 5 position. I will try and do the best that I can to
- 6 gather public input and that's about it. I do think I
- 7 am able to contribute to the panel, and so with that,
- 8 I'll sign off.
- 9 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, Bill. We did have over
- 10 50 applications for the four positions that were filled
- 11 this year. Sadly, we are losing two panel members, Alex
- 12 Karlin and Lauren Brown, and Lauren is with us tonight
- 13 and I just want to say and thank Lauren for his
- 14 extraordinary leadership and statesmanship over the past
- 15 three years as the panel has initiated its activities
- 16 and really matured as a collaborative body.
- 17 Lauren, do you have any thoughts? As this is
- 18 your last meeting with the panel, at least until a new
- 19 term, should you choose to apply.
- 20 MR. BROWN: All right. Yes, I would like to
- 21 comment just a little bit.
- Yesterday I received a package that included --
- 23 I don't know if you can see this. It's a plague that
- 24 PG&E has sent me and the sentiment on this plaque I
- 25 think has become something of a motto for the

- 1 decommissioning panel. I'd just like to read this one
- 2 section. "The decisions I make are not for me, but for
- 3 generations to come." That's what the panel will do, is
- 4 to try to determine what is best for future generations
- 5 and that motto, I think, really captured what my
- 6 motivation was for being part of this panel and it's one
- 7 the panel should keep foremost in your minds. I've been
- 8 honored very much to be part of it. I've enjoyed it. I
- 9 intend to keep in touch in watching what's going on and
- 10 I'd also like to say hello, Dr. Peter Lam. All right.
- 11 Well, I'll be muting myself and stopping the video
- 12 because...
- MS. ROSALES: Thank you for your service,
- 14 Lauren. We're going to miss you.
- DR. LAM: Thank you. I just unmute my mic.
- MR. ANDERS: Any other panel members have any
- 17 other thoughts or suggestions or advice to the new panel
- 18 members or departing sentiments to Lauren and Alice?
- 19 MR. JONES: This is Tom. I'd like to thank
- 20 both Alex Karlin and Lauren for getting us off the
- 21 ground. Lauren's statesmanship and his engagement in
- 22 the community brought great outreach and advocacy to the
- 23 project and, frankly, Alex Karlin's regulatory expertise
- 24 and his experience in other environmental nuclear issues
- 25 really helped raise everyone's knowledge on the panel,

- 1 as well. So both will be missed and both have made
- 2 significant contributions to make this, I think, one of
- 3 the best engagement panels in the United States. So
- 4 thank you both, gentlemen, for your contributions.
- 5 MR. ANDERS: Great. Thank you, Tom.
- Any other comments or thoughts before we move
- 7 on to the next agenda item?
- 8 Okay. The next item is spent nuclear fuel
- 9 management update and Linda is going to introduce this
- 10 topic.
- 11 So, Linda, please go ahead.
- 12 And I think we need the next slide, please,
- 13 Zeek.
- 14 MS. SEELEY: I don't think this is right. I
- 15 think we're introducing -- whoops, Chuck. You're muted.
- 16 MR. ANDERS: Zeek, go ahead to Agenda Item
- 17 Number 5, please.
- 18 MS. SEELEY: Okay. Thank you. I very much
- 19 appreciate this opportunity to be able to look at this
- 20 new spent fuel system that PG&E is going to be buying.
- 21 As you can see on this slide, this is the spent fuel pad
- 22 that we have right now. There are 58 casks of highly
- 23 radioactive spent nuclear fuel sitting there and we have
- 24 an opportunity now to help -- oh, gee. I just got a
- 25 message that my PC -- or my computer is going to run out

- 1 of juice. I have to -- excuse me for a second. I have 2 to plug it in. 3 MR. ANDERS: While Linda is gone -- this is 4 Chuck -- I just want to mention that we're pleased to 5 have during this particular segment Tom Jones of PG&E that is going to do an overview and introduction of the 6 cask RFP process, along with Dr. Justin Cochran of the 7 California Energy Commission, and we also have Rodney 8 9 McCullum, who is from the Nuclear Energy Institute, is 10 going to give us an overview of the interim storage activities, and we're very fortunate to have Peter Lam 11 12 with the Diablo Canyon Independent Safety Committee here with us tonight to answer any questions the panel or 13 14 others might have with regard to the spent fuel system 15 or the intermediate storage facility. So go ahead, Linda. Are you plugged in? 16 17 MS. SEELEY: I'm plugged in. So I am doing 18 this first before Tom and Justin and Rod, right? MR. ANDERS: You're doing the overview and the 19 20 introduction. MR. JONES: And just one correction, team. 21 22 Philippe Soenen is presenting for PG&E and Tom Jones
- 24 MS. SEELEY: Okay. Perfect. So anyway, we see 25 here on the side 58 casks that are there right now and

will be presenting on the coastal development section.

when the plant shuts down -- and right now we have fuel 1 2 in the spent fuel pools. The spent fuel is there. When 3 the plant shuts down, PG&E is going to move all of 4 these -- all of the spent fuel out to this pad that's 5 there and it's going to be -- and they are -- right now, they have submitted a request for proposal from several 6 different cask makers and they are going to fill up this 7 pad with casks and our job as the panel is to help them 8 9 decide what to get and so we made recommendations in 10 2019 what we would like to see to fill up the rest of this pad with spent fuel. 11 12 And can you go on to the next slide? This. In 13 our strategic vision, we asked that PG&E -- we wanted 14 them to begin the -- anyway, we're going to skip A. 15 Okay? Because this has already happened. The RFP, the request for proposal process, happened. We want PG&E to 16 17 thoroughly investigate and research all potential dry 18 cask storage systems so that we can get the very best 19 site-specific system that takes into consideration all 20 of the seismic risks at the Diablo Canyon plant and the fact that the length of time that the spent nuclear fuel 21 22 and the greater than Class C waste, that's GTCC waste, 23 which is radioactive waste that's not spent fuel, but 24 highly radioactive, which will have to be stored on site So that we want -- we don't know how long it will 25

be there and so we want to be able to have the best 1 2 possible system for storage. 3 We recommended that their selection use the 4 advances and the materials, the manufacturing and 5 engineering of dry cask storage systems so that we can improve the shielding and confinement of spent nuclear 6 fuel and the heat capacity of the canisters. What we're 7 looking for is the very, very best -- the very best 8 9 system that is available on the planet. We also want 10 to -- them to do 24-hour-a-day radiation monitoring to have casks that are capable of being inspected, that the 11 casks can be retrievable, and meaning if there is a 12 13 problem with them, that they can be removed and fixed, 14 have the capacity to either repackage or repair a 15 damaged cask and that they be licensed for transportation so that they don't have to be moved and 16 17 we recommend that the new dry cask system minimize -- of course minimize the dose rates of radiation to workers 18 19 to the greatest extent possible. 20 I have one more slide. We also recommend that all PG&E staff and any outside contractors involved with 21 the cask loading receive excellent preoperational 22 23 training and testing based on lessons learned in other 24 dry cask storage systems before the implementation of 25 any new dry cask storage system. We know that they are

- 1 going to be bringing in outside contractors and we also
- 2 recommend strongly that any outside contractors involved
- 3 with cask loading have experience with the system and be
- 4 fully trained, vetted and adequately supervised.
- 5 Okay. So those are our recommendations from
- 6 our strategic vision and we will be adding to those as
- 7 time goes on because new facts are emerging as we go on.
- 8 Okay?
- 9 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, Linda. Do you want me
- 10 to introduce Philippe?
- MS. SEELEY: Yeah, please.
- 12 MR. ANDERS: Okay. Our next speaker is
- 13 Philippe Soenen and Philippe is going to discuss the
- 14 cask RFP process that Linda just mentioned.
- So, Philippe, go ahead and I think we need to
- 16 see some slides.
- 17 Zeek, do you have some slides for us? Next
- 18 slide. Next slide. Next slide. We apparently had
- 19 recommendations that Linda summarized. Next slide.
- Okay. Philippe, it's all yours.
- 21 MR. SOENEN: Good evening. Like Chuck and
- 22 Linda mentioned, my name is Philippe Soenen. I'm the
- 23 decommissioning environmental and licensing manager. So
- 24 I just want to provide the panel and the public an
- 25 update on our request for proposal.

Can you go to the next slide? This slide has 1 2 been presented in the past, but I wanted to cover it 3 again for information for everyone. So some of the key 4 aspects on this request for proposal, we received inputs 5 from the panel through their strategic vision documents. So as Linda walked through those, we've provided 6 references back to specific items that we've 7 incorporated and consider as part of the creations of 8 the request for proposal for a modified or a new design 9 10 dry cask system. So some of the aspects that we were looking at are consistent with the proposed settlement 11 agreement for our nuclear decommissioning trust 12 13 proceedings is that we have a dry cask storage system 14 that can be -- offload all of our fuel from wet to dry 15 storage within four years of each unit's shutdown. Also, the aspects that the request for proposal contain 16 17 are for a robust design meeting the Diablo Canyon 18 site-specific requirements in hazards, so including the seismic -- a marine environment that we are in and also 19 20 considering the burn-up and loading requirements for our site-specific fuel that we've had throughout operations, 21 also including the minimizing of dose to workers in the 22 23 public, and one point, we are going through processes that will require licensing and also regulatory 24 25 approvals. So getting acceptance, going through these,

- going through evaluations and there will be regulatory
 approvals required for the implementation of this new
- 3 system. Next slide, please.
- 4 So one of the other aspects that Linda
- 5 mentioned is sort of the long-term monitoring. So part
- of this new design or modified design that we would
- 7 implement, we would take into consideration the
- 8 long-term monitoring and what we're trying to display
- 9 through this graph here is through spent fuel heat and
- 10 dose, they both decrease in the same manner. So over
- 11 time, they reach sort of a rapid decline so they have
- 12 exponential decay to them. So what we're providing here
- is a reference for the specifics on the durations of the
- 14 offloads. So we have -- our system now, our current
- 15 system is up to ten years for an offload capability
- 16 that's shown on the right there and our proposals, we're
- 17 looking at four years. So you can see the temperatures
- 18 are low, between 4 and 10, but when you consider the
- 19 loading that you put into a single canister of -- which
- 20 our current system has 32 assemblies in the canister,
- 21 you look at the heat accumulation that's associated with
- 22 that. So there is a significant difference between our
- 23 current system and what we're asking for in this request
- 24 for proposal. So that's just for awareness going
- 25 through this process.

Also, for what we have communicated to the 1 2 Engagement Panel in the past is that PG&E is including 3 in our next filing for funding for decommissioning is to 4 have a real-time monitoring system for radiation and we 5 envision that to be something for the entire dry cask storage and not system-specific. So we have a current 6 system and we know we're looking at implementing a new 7 system. So we want to make sure that it goes in for a 8 9 system that can monitor anything, unexpected dose 10 increases, for the entire ISFSI site. Next slide, 11 please. So this is the way we've presented our time 12 13 line for request for proposal in the past. This is just 14 for reference and indication of where we are with the 15 red indicator there. Actually, we've now -- because of where we are in the process, we've actually modified 16 17 this to make more sense. So if we go to the next slide, 18 I'll walk through the actual status on our new 19 presentation. There you go. 20 So I want to point out where we are with the request for proposal, the whole process. So we gathered 21 22 up our public inputs for roughly two years. We use this 23 strategic vision document for the Engagement Panel. 24 had the workshops indicated there with the brown 25 indicator for the CPUC spent fuel workshops and we also

had the Engagement Panel workshops. We had a risk 1 2 assessment performed by UCLA for the offload options 3 consideration and also the California Energy Commission, 4 the CEC, we've been collaborating with them and they had 5 opportunities to look at the RFP, provide comments and we resolved any comments from them before the RFP went 6 So then in the yellow boxes here, as we've --7 we've submitted that in 2020. We are going through the 8 evaluation process and we're continuing to work with the 9 10 CEC collaborating on the evaluations. The CEC has been involved along the way and Dr. Cochran will talk to that 11 a little bit later. 12 13 So once we have a recommendation to our senior 14 leadership, we'll get the approval for issuing a contract to the winning bidder and we're targeting that 15 to be executed contract sometime first quarter of next 16 17 year is what we're targeting right now, and then shortly 18 after that, we would start on the design and licensing process, all of the requirements for our site-specific 19 20 needs and that will then be submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for their review and approval and 21 that's looking at in the 2023 time period. 22 23 indicated here in green is that because it's a Nuclear 24 Regulatory Commissioning licensing activity, there is a

public process that can be -- process with that, so

- 1 public involvement with the licensing action just with
- 2 any other activity we have with the Nuclear Regulatory
- 3 Commission and then we're targeting a review and
- 4 approval for a license to implement a new design or a
- 5 modified design in the 2025 period by the time that our
- 6 unit two would be out of -- shut down for the last time.
- 7 That's the presentation I have for the RFP.
- 8 Quick, but we have a lot of speakers. So I want to make
- 9 sure we have access to those individuals who are not
- 10 readily available at all times.
- 11 Chuck, I'll hand it back to you.
- MR. ANDERS: Okay. Dr. Cochran, do you have
- any comments with regard to this collaborative process
- 14 that PG&E has gone through with you? And please
- introduce yourself, also, for the panel and the public.
- 16 I think you need to unmute your mic.
- DR. COCHRAN: Sorry. Double mute. Thank you,
- 18 Chuck.
- 19 My name is Justin Cochran. I'm the senior
- 20 nuclear advisor to the California Energy Commission, I
- 21 work for Chara Hokesholt, I also service the agency's
- 22 emergency coordinator. I'm going to give some brief
- 23 overview of our engagement on this process, but first of
- 24 all, I want to say good evening to everyone and I also
- 25 want to highlight we really value and appreciate all of

your engagement on these important issues. 1 I think it 2 is essential for the local community to engage on these 3 critical factors and our agency supports and advocates 4 for the public engagement on these critical issues. 5 As I indicated earlier, I'm here tonight to provide a brief update on the Energy Commission's 6 engagement in the spent fuel system request for proposal 7 process. I will not get into details or specifics of 8 9 the RFP process. It's still ongoing and we are still 10 under a non-disclosure agreement. Any of the technical questions I will just defer to Philippe. 11 Throughout the RFP process, Energy Commission 12 13 staff have engaged via in-person meetings and conference 14 call with the PG&E team. Now, this engagement has 15 consisted of multiple in-depth discussions with PG&E technical staff during the different phases of the RFP 16 17 process. Furthermore, our staff has determined that 18 finding a safe storage solution was a core component of 19 the UCLA study and the RFP discussions. This engagement 20 was essential in drafting our questions and key issues that were deemed important by the Energy Commission and 21 22 various cores. Moreover, the PG&E team was responsive 23 in addressing the various topics raised during these 24 discussions. These needs and continued engagement meet 25 the Energy Commission's expectations of coordination,

- 1 collaboration and consultation requirements outlined in
- 2 the settlement agreement. It is our expectation that
- 3 PG&E will continue to incorporate feedback from the
- 4 local community and stakeholders into their
- 5 decommissioning plan. Thank you for your time and
- 6 consideration. I'm here if you have any questions and I
- 7 return the mic back to you, Chuck.
- 8 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, Dr. Cochran.
- 9 We have scheduled this session to provide the
- 10 opportunity for the panel to ask any questions of the
- 11 presenters after each topic. So do the -- any of the
- 12 panel members have any questions of Philippe or Justin?
- DR. LAM: I just want to say hi to Dr. Cochran.
- 14 Good to see you again.
- DR. COCHRAN: Good to see you, Dr. Lam.
- MR. ANDERS: No questions from the panel
- 17 members on this topic? Okay. If not, we will move on
- 18 to the next agenda item.
- 19 ZEEK: Excuse me, Chuck. I see a couple people
- 20 with their hands up. Scott Lathrop and Lindsay -- or
- 21 Linda.
- 22 MR. ANDERS: I apologize. I didn't see that.
- 23 You guys are following the protocol and I didn't
- 24 recognize it. So Linda first and then Scott.
- 25 MS. SEELEY: I'm interested in -- Justin, I

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don't see you, but, anyway --
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              DR. COCHRAN: I'm right here.
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              MS. SEELEY: Oh, there you are. Okay.
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     did you review the -- did you feel that what PG&E was
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     asking for in terms of the thickness of the canisters,
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     the -- all the attributes of durability, that they had
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     requested those in their proposal to a standard that you
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    would think is the best that could be given, the best
     that could be asked for?
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              DR. COCHRAN: Well, I can't speak to the
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     technical nuances, but I will speak more of a general
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     assessment. When we reviewed the initial proposal
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     question and the topics that PG&E were requesting of
     vendors to address, we thought there were some good
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     components and some components that needed some
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    modifications. We engaged PG&E on these components and
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     they did make those modifications and adjustments, but
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    we know from a technical standpoint there's some
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     limitations as to who is ultimately the regulatory
     authority and what is practical and available to meet
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              Our general assessment is that the canisters
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     did meet the safety requirements highlighted for the
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loads, but we're in a situation where there's the ideal 1 2 and then there's the functional practical and it is our 3 consideration that dry storage systems are a superior option than long-term storage in the cooling pools and 4 5 that all of the systems that were bid on did meet safety requirements that would pass NRC mustard and in some 6 7 instances exceed NRC requirements. Does that address your question? 8 9 MS. SEELEY: Not exactly because I asked if 10 they were -- in your -- if, in your opinion, they were the best that could possibly be purchased and I'm not 11 talking -- because when we talk about money, and I know 12 13 you mentioned practical, but, you know, I've been 14 thinking about this in terms of money, the fact that 15 this is at least a 350-million-dollar project for these canisters and say if it would cost 400 million for the 16 17 canisters if they were really, really, really durable, 18 wouldn't it make sense in the long run -- it's like are 19 you going to buy a cheap tire for your car or the best 20 tire for your car if you're going to go on a trip over the Rockies, you know, and I'm not saying this is the 21 cheap alternative, but wouldn't you want to buy the 22 23 very, very best tire for your car and wouldn't that be 24 the thing that the California Energy Commission would 25 want PG&E to do because we're going to have this nuclear

waste for we don't know how long? 1 2 DR. COCHRAN: We do advocate and prioritize 3 safety protection of the environment and protection of 4 the public. That is our core mission and our goal. Let 5 me just this. The sun is starting to come through my I can't really place an opinion because I'm not 6 7 here to discuss my opinions. I'm here to discuss the information that was reviewed by the agency and met the 8 scientific and technical and regulatory standards. So I 9 10 can't conjecture on an opinion. What I can say is that the proposal process was constrained by a lot of 11 factors, right? We had the time window that we had to 12 13 meet, right? So that limits what cask could come on the 14 market because they had to have already met a certain 15 level of NRC processes to be deployed within the time window we were targeting. So it's not like we can wait 16 17 for an entity to design a whole new system and bring it to market and deploy it in a time window that met the 18 19 requirement. 20 So the limitations were defined by the goals and objectives we were trying to achieve and it is our 21 technical assessment that the proposal process did at 22 23 its core meet the safety requirements and advocate and 24 prioritize safety over other factors. 25 MS. SEELEY: Thank you.

Thank you, Linda. 1 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, 2 I'm going to press us on. We have two other Justin. 3 questions on this topic and we should try to keep those 4 focused. We'd appreciate it. Scott and Patrick. 5 MR. LATHROP: Thanks. This is probably just a general question for Philippe, just for the new panel 6 members and probably the public that's listening in. 7 think it's important to understand that I think with the 8 9 whole issue of new canisters or going out for proposals, 10 the idea of trying to accommodate the shortness of time that we have in the pool and bringing items out hotter, 11 meaning it's requiring a new design on that canister 12 13 that will go into the existing site. So I just thought 14 maybe, Philippe, you can kind of clarify that for the 15 general public that the main reason for doing the proposal or having a new canister is to design something 16 17 that will fit on the existing site. So maybe you can 18 talk to that a little bit. 19 MR. SOENEN: Yeah, Scott. So thank you for 20 pointing that out. For general awareness, we do have the restrictions of that the spent nuclear fuel has to 21 be stored within the current storage facilities. 22 within that area. Also, in comparison, as I mentioned 23 24 slightly or tangentially on our current system, we 25 required cooling time before it can be transferred from

- 1 wet to dry storage. Our current system is ten years
- 2 approximately. So we're asking for something that
- 3 accelerates or shortens that cooling time, wet cooling
- 4 time, down to no greater than four years. It's a
- 5 significant increase in capability that a new system has
- 6 to have versus what the current one has. So we need to
- 7 have -- maintain the safety margins, a system that can
- 8 handle the heat loads and heat loads are significantly
- 9 higher because of the shorter cooling time.
- 10 MR. LATHROP: That sits on the current site?
- 11 MR. SOENEN: Yes, it sits on the current site.
- 12 MR. LATHROP: Thank you.
- 13 MR. ANDERS: Okay. Thank you, Scott and
- 14 Philippe.
- 15 Patrick, quick question and, Sherri, if you've
- 16 got a quick question, we can go ahead with that, then we
- 17 need to move on.
- 18 MR. LEMIEUX: Yeah. My question is relatively
- 19 guick here. It's about the last deck of these new
- 20 caskets. My understanding is that the current ones
- 21 don't have in situ monitoring of, for example, the
- 22 temperature and pressure inside the casket, and I
- 23 haven't seen the details of the new RFP, but are there
- 24 plans for these new caskets that we're getting to
- 25 provide that kind of real-time monitoring so that

somebody doesn't have to go there with a probe and check 1 2 the temperature of each casket, that we can actually, 3 you know, maybe we could all look at it on the Internet 4 if we wanted to so we're constantly monitoring these 5 caskets? So I'll take a shot at that one. 6 MR. SOENEN: 7 So I can't go into the details of the contents of the request for proposal because this is confidential, but 8 9 what's -- what I did mention as far as the monitoring of 10 heat or radiation, so we will be looking at -- as we 11 mentioned, we are going to be requesting the funding for implementation of a radiation monitoring system and 12 13 that's really where you drive toward the capability of 14 identifying something as unexpected as ongoing is the concern through increase in radiation. The fuel 15 continues to cool. You expect decay of radiation to 16 17 occur throughout the same thing. So any increase in 18 radiation will be indication of something not going as 19 expected. Our current system does not have thermal 20 monitoring because of the way that it's licensed and 21 There are other challenges with having those designed. 22 types of monitoring systems. So we do have monitoring 23 making sure that the vent pads are clear. So every day 24 they are walked down and made sure that the flow paths 25 for the convective cooling is clear, but, yeah, there's

- 1 no active monitoring now, but as we state, we will be
- 2 looking for doing the real-time monitoring and that's
- 3 how we would capture the capability of monitoring both
- 4 old or current system if and when we implement a new
- 5 system.
- 6 MR. ANDERS: Okay. Thank you, Philippe. Thank
- 7 you, Patrick.
- 8 Sherri, you had your hand up? You need to
- 9 unmute your mic, please.
- 10 MS. DANOFF: Thank you. Yes, I have a question
- 11 for Philippe and also Justin.
- 12 Philippe, we're going to have superior storage
- 13 units for future spent fuel storage. Is there any
- 14 consideration of using those also for the existing ones,
- 15 to replace the existing ones?
- 16 MR. SOENEN: So there is no plan to, I would
- 17 say, retroactively go and change out the systems. The
- 18 systems are there, they are safe, they meet all the
- 19 requirements. Essentially, we're looking for capability
- 20 to shorten that life -- excuse me -- decay time or
- 21 cooling time needed to transition. So, no, we aren't
- 22 planning -- they meet the requirements, they will be
- 23 meeting their safety requirements going forward and
- 24 there's risk involved, obviously, with trying to do
- 25 transitions to another system. So that type of a risk

would not be appropriate, safe. We're just having a 1 2 different objective with the new system. 3 MS. DANOFF: Thank you. 4 And then, Justin, are you satisfied with NRC 5 requirements for storage safety? DR. COCHRAN: I'll be honest that has been a 6 7 contentious issue between the NRC and state. The states have historically always had the perspective that the 8 9 NRC requirements could be increased and that the NRC 10 could better take into perspective each state's situation. For example, California has higher 11 requirements with regards to the decommissioning and 12 13 trust fund than the NRC does and many states have passed 14 regulations to require their plant to help defer more money into their decommissioning trust fund than the NRC 15 mandatory minimum. So does that answer your question? 16 17 MS. DANOFF: It does in part. Any -- any 18 concerns about the technical requirements in terms of 19 canisters and casks? 20 DR. COCHRAN: Honestly, the NRC staff on the technical side are pretty good. I've always found their 21 technical staff to be very professional, very 22 23 knowledgeable and prioritize key issues over say more of 24 the political side of the house. So I don't have

significant concerns on the technical aspects of NRC

- 1 processes or reviews.
- 2 And, I mean, I just want to point out a key
- 3 factor of, you know, if you ever read the Fukushima
- 4 report and you look at the section about what happened
- 5 to the cooling pools and what happened to their storage
- 6 facility, there's chapters of the damage that the
- 7 cooling pool absorbed and all the risks and factors that
- 8 came into that, then there's one little section on the
- 9 cask facility where had to remove debris, had to clean
- 10 out some mud, had to wash the canisters, had to inspect
- 11 for damage and that was it.
- 12 So it is our opinion that all of the
- 13 NRC-approved dry storage facilities offer superior
- 14 protection and long-term storage capability than any of
- 15 the cooling pool systems. I'm not saying the cooling
- 16 pool systems are not safe. It's just dry storage is a
- 17 better solution for long-term storage.
- 18 MS. DANOFF: Thank you very much.
- DR. COCHRAN: You're welcome.
- 20 MS. SEELEY: This is Linda and I'd like to make
- 21 one comment, which is that at Fukushima, those dry casks
- 22 that they had that survived the earthquake and tsunami
- 23 were the kind that were made of thick -- not stainless
- 24 steel, but cast iron and those -- those lived through
- 25 that process without leaking and they are still there

- and the kind of spent fuel casks that we have at Diablo 1 2 Canyon are a half-inch-thick stainless steel canister 3 that is put inside a two-foot thick concrete casing. 4 It's an absolutely different design and my personal 5 concern is that there is -- that the new spent fuel system is going to be too much like the old spent fuel 6 system in this highly earthquake-prone environment and 7 that if PG&E has this incredible opportunity at this 8 9 moment right now in history to be able to put in a kind 10 of spent fuel cask, dry cask that would be comparable to the one at -- the ones at Fukushima that survived, that 11 they would be doing right by our community and by 12 13 California and by the whole nation because we could set 14 an example for this country and so that's my biggest 15 concern here tonight with this spent fuel system. 16 That's all. 17 Chuck, you're not -- you're muted. ZEEK: 18 MR. ANDERS: Thank you. Thank you, Linda. 19 Let's go on to the next agenda item with regard 20 to spent fuel and I just was advised by the AGP and meeting administrator that for whatever reason, the chat 21 feature is not working on the meeting right now and so I 22 23 really want to apologize to the public and to the
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chat input from the attendees. I do want to

participants because we were hoping to have real-time

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- 1 recognize -- remind the attendees that there's a public
- 2 comment period at the end. So there will be an
- 3 opportunity at the end to provide public comment at
- 4 around 8:20 tonight and so hopefully you will have the
- 5 opportunity to offer your comments or questions at that
- 6 time. So I think this is a technical glitch that we
- 7 didn't anticipate, but we'll make sure it doesn't happen
- 8 in the future.
- 9 So with that, our next item is the ISFSI,
- 10 license renewal process. And, Philippe, are you going
- 11 to handle this portion, also?
- 12 MR. SOENEN: That's correct.
- 13 MR. ANDERS: All right. Go ahead.
- MR. SOENEN: So on the Diablo Canyon
- 15 independent spent fuel storage installation, ISFSI most
- 16 likely referred to it, the licensing activities are
- 17 ongoing for that.
- 18 So next slide. Some overview items, we have a
- 19 site-specific Part 72 license for our ISFSI that was
- 20 issued in March of 2004. The initial licensing period
- 21 was for 20 years. So it will expire in March of 2024.
- 22 The license includes the Holtec HI-STORM 100 system. We
- 23 have a site-specific anchored system that makes it
- 24 unique for our site and elicits some other items there
- 25 that are under license specific to us. So we've

completed seven loading campaigns and loaded 58 1 2 canisters and casks up at the ISFSI, 32 fuel assemblies 3 per canister. So the total fuel assembly is listed on 4 the slide there. 5 Next slide. So part of the regulation for renewing a license under Part 72 for site-specific is 6 the regulation was modified to allow 40 years of license 7 period. So when you go for a license renewal, we're 8 9 going to be asking for a 40-year extension to that and a 10 site-specific license is required to be submitted two years prior to its expiration. So we are required to 11 submit that by March of 2022 and we are on track for 12 13 making sure to do that. We have had a public meeting 14 with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission presubmittal 15 meeting that was held in January of this year and we discussed the general layout of our application that 16 17 we're planning and also our preapplication inspection activities it will be going through. 18 19 Next slide. So on the license activities, 20 there are also permitting activities associated with So for our ISFSI, they were fully permitted and 21 ISFSIs. 22 mitigated in perpetuity with both the state and local 23 agencies. So the California Coastal Commission and the San Luis Obispo County. Because of the location of our 24

ISFSI, it is in the coastal zone. So the Coastal Zone

Management Act is applicable to this and I'll cover on 1 2 the next slide. We'll go there. Next slide, please. 3 So part of that is we have consulted with the 4 California Coastal Commission, and similar to what we 5 did with Humboldt, we are planning to submit a letter for the Coastal -- or certification for the Coastal Zone 6 Management Act and the Coastal Commission stated that 7 that would be fine. Same process that was done for 8 9 Humboldt Bay and a copy of the letter received back from 10 the Coastal Commission stating that the Coastal Zone Management Act for Humboldt was satisfied. 11 12 planning to do the same for Diablo Canyon. Next slide. 13 So part of the process where we are, in purple, 14 these are Nuclear Regulatory Commission activities that 15 occurred. So the Nuclear Regulatory Commission developed guidance documents for ISFSI license renewal. 16 17 During that process of the development, those guidance 18 documents, there were opportunities for public comments. Those comments were received, evaluated and resolved. 19 20 Then in the middle portion here, the yellow activities for PG&E, we received input from the panel on license 21 renewal and what to consider for aging management of our 22 23 canisters and casks. So that's been taken into consideration as we're developing our license renewal 24 25 application. We had the preapplication meeting, which

- 1 was public, and there was opportunity for public
- 2 comments, and then as you can see, we have the red arrow
- 3 there. We are preparing to do our preapplication
- 4 inspections at the ISFSI for license renewal and I'll go
- 5 into more detail on that and then we'll be updating
- 6 license renewal application with the results of those --
- 7 with those inspection results and then we'll be
- 8 submitting prior to March of 2022. We are targeting
- 9 fourth quarter of this year for that application going
- 10 in. Then it goes into the Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- 11 for review and, again, it's the license activities. So
- 12 there is opportunity for public comment and
- 13 participation in that and then we are expecting the
- 14 review process to take two to three years for the
- 15 application with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, then
- 16 as I mentioned, in blue top there in dark blue, there is
- 17 a Coastal Commission portion for this Coastal Zone
- 18 Management Act and that will be in parallel with the NRC
- 19 review. Next slide.
- 20 So an overview of license renewal application
- 21 for the ISFSI. So we do evaluate every component of the
- 22 system, we determine which aging effects are applicable
- 23 for the material and environment that that material sees
- 24 and then we follow the Regulatory Commission's guidance
- 25 documents for recommendation of the aging management

program, then those programs are recommended for 1 2 frequency and scope to make sure that we're identifying 3 any degradation aging related prior to any loss of 4 intended function. I want to be clear with some of 5 these inspections, what they are set up per the guidance documents to be looking for the leading components. 6 we don't want to inspect everything for these aging 7 management programs, but we are looking at the leading 8 9 components, so the items that are most susceptible to 10 identify that aging degradation, then we would place any items that don't meet acceptance criteria within our 11 corrective action program for evaluation and correction 12 13 as part of the process for license renewal and then we 14 also take into consideration the environmental effects 15 of the four years additional of operations. Next slide. So these preapplication inspections, the intent 16 17 of those is they are a recommendation by the Nuclear 18 Regulatory Commission. The purpose is to demonstrate that we don't have anything unique as far as material 19 20 and environment combination at our site and that our guidance documents are binding and applicable to the 21 22 site at Diablo Canyon that provides the confidence that 23 the proposal for aging management programs is adequate 24 for identifying aging-related degradation prior to loss 25 of intended functions.

Part of our process, too, we have established 1 2 a -- an advisory board with independent nuclear experts 3 to make sure that we're -- they can challenge us for our 4 vendor assumptions, making sure we have a robust and 5 accurate license renewal application going in. We also have invited independent nuclear experts. We've 6 notified the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the resident 7 inspectors and also the region of the activities that 8 we're going to be performing for these inspections, 9 10 invited them to come in and observe, along with the California Energy Commission and the Diablo Canyon 11 Independent Safety Committee to observe these 12 13 inspections that we have ongoing. 14 I'd like to take this opportunity to invite the 15 Engagement Panel members to observe these inspections, as well. There's inspections going on in June and in 16 17 September. So I'm inviting the panel for those 18 activities. Next slide, please. 19 So part of the preapplication inspection, we 20 look at the scope considerations and we look specifically at the material types. We do have three 21 22 different types of materials, stainless steels that our 23 canisters are built out of. We've implemented design 24 changes for more scratch, corrosion, cracking-resistant 25 materials. So we are going to be looking at all three

material types that are in service currently. 1 Looking 2 at heat loads, the lower the heat loads, the more 3 susceptible it is to scratch, corrosion, cracking. 4 that is a parameter we're looking at. In the amount of 5 time that the canisters and casks have been out on the pad, so more opportunity for aging-related degradation. 6 Burn-up, we don't believe -- that's just an aspect to 7 make sure we've bounded everything, that there's nothing 8 9 shown different between high burn-up versus moderate 10 burn-up fuel being stored there and take into consideration any manufacturing defects or deviations 11 that have been repaired or -- repaired before they were 12 13 implemented, making sure there's nothing as far as 14 that's out there that would have an impact to the susceptibility for the canister and we will be looking 15 at the two canisters that were previously inspected 16 through the EPRI activities. So for trending 17 information, we'll look at those two that were 18 19 previously looked at, and we'll go to the next slide. 20 So I won't go into details here. This slide will be available for individuals, but we've selected 21 22 eight canisters and overpacks that we'll be looking at 23 through these inspections, and in the table here, it's 24 showing the wide range of heat loads that we considered, 25 the years that they've been out in service, and then the

- 1 material types. As I mentioned, there's three different
- 2 certificates of materials that are being considered from
- 3 304, 304-L and 316, increasing in scratch, corrosion and
- 4 cracking resistance to those activities. And that's
- 5 just for awareness and I believe that's -- that's what I
- 6 have for the license renewal aspect.
- 7 MR. ANDERS: Great. Thank you, Philippe. We
- 8 have one question, one hand up. So let's take one
- 9 question and then move on, and if you have any
- 10 additional questions, we can address those at the end of
- 11 this segment so we have adequate time for the next
- 12 topic. Kara, go ahead.
- 13 MS. WOODRUFF: Thank you. Thanks, Philippe. I
- 14 had a couple questions about your presentation. You
- 15 mentioned that when PG&E received their permits to build
- 16 the ISFSI, that those permits issued by the Coastal
- 17 Commission and SLO County were deemed to be in
- 18 perpetuity, not only that, but the mitigation that went
- 19 along with that. I'm just wondering, is that also the
- 20 view of SLO County and the Coastal Commission or is that
- 21 just PG&E's view?
- MR. SOENEN: You're asking my view for the
- 23 county?
- 24 MS. WOODRUFF: Well, you had said that the
- 25 permit conditions were in perpetuity and I didn't know

- 1 if that was something that everybody had agreed to, all
- 2 three parties, or if that's just PG&E's interpretation
- 3 of the permits.
- 4 MR. SOENEN: The permits stay specifically in
- 5 perpetuity. Tom can chime in, too, if I misspoke there.
- 6 MR. JONES: It's that clear.
- 7 MS. WOODRUFF: When they entered into those
- 8 permits, was there an assumption at that time that the
- 9 casks would only be there X number of years when we had
- 10 the different expectation of where they could be sent
- 11 beyond Diablo Canyon, like to a consolidated storage
- 12 facility for long-term or did we not know then either?
- 13 MR. JONES: I'll take that question. This is
- 14 Tom Jones. At the time, this is in the early 2000s when
- 15 we started planning for this in the late 1990s, which
- 16 even predates my employment with the company, we -- the
- 17 interim storage wasn't even an option or discussed in
- 18 the United States. At the time, the law of the land is
- 19 that there shall be a national repository. So while
- 20 it's mitigated in perpetuity and there's finite
- 21 licensing periods, our ultimate goal is still to put the
- 22 fuel where it belongs in a national repository for
- 23 long-term and permanent storage.
- 24 MS. WOODRUFF: So at that time when they
- 25 entered the permits, was there an expectation that the

- 1 waste would end up in the Yucca Mountain?
- I guess what I'm trying to get at is when they
- 3 said the licenses were issued in perpetuity, did they
- 4 realize at that time how long these casks would end up
- 5 being stored on site?
- 6 MR. JONES: Yes. And the reason is it was
- 7 already over a decade late for the National Policy Act
- 8 and the reason we were developing the ISFSI entirely was
- 9 because there was no repository on the horizon.
- 10 Remember, this is an interim storage facility. So there
- 11 was also ample discussion about what the federal
- 12 government deliver on its promise and follow the law or
- 13 not, but in the meantime, we have the stewardship and
- 14 the responsibility to safely manage the fuel. That's
- 15 why we constructed the dry cask storage facility.
- 16 MS. WOODRUFF: Okay. Thank you. And then I
- 17 guess the next question is, for the last couple years,
- 18 we had assumed that the greater than Class C waste would
- 19 also be put at the ISFSI and it looks like there's been
- 20 a change in plans there and now there's a separate
- 21 facility being anticipated to store that waste, which is
- 22 also highly toxic. Can you comment on what the reason
- 23 behind that change was?
- 24 MR. SOENEN: Yes. So part of it is for our
- 25 current license and the permitting for the ISFSI is

- 1 specifically for spent fuel. Also, we have low level
- 2 RAD waste facilities currently back further for our
- 3 steam generator replacements -- excuse me -- our old
- 4 steam generators and our reactor heads are stored there.
- 5 So we're building a greater than Class C waste facility
- 6 in that same area where we have the other low level RAD
- 7 waste up in that area, and then for decommissioning,
- 8 that allows for a reduction in the owner-controlled area
- 9 to be more limiting in that area.
- 10 MS. WOODRUFF: So I guess I'm still kind of
- 11 confused. So what made you decide to not put the
- 12 greater than Class C waste at the ISFSI? Because I
- 13 realize there was a space consideration, that you're
- 14 aware of then, but something changed. So what was the
- 15 change, do you think?
- 16 MR. SOENEN: Part is for allowing the
- 17 acceleration in or reduction in offloads. You want to
- 18 have as much space available for your fuel on the
- 19 current ISFSI site. So that is more limiting. When we
- 20 went into 2018, we were looking for a seven-year cooling
- 21 time, and with the proposed settlement agreement, we
- 22 went into a four-year. So it did have a significant
- 23 impact on storage space.
- 24 MS. WOODRUFF: Okay. Thanks. And then you
- 25 also mentioned that panel members might be invited to

- 1 attend the inspections either in June or the fall and I
- 2 think I'd be interested in attending. I think a lot of
- 3 us would be. So thank you.
- 4 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, Kara.
- 5 Bill, quick answer and answer.
- 6 MR. ALMAS: Actually, Kara asked. It was
- 7 regarding the greater than Class C. I don't see -- I
- 8 probably missed it in my reading, but I don't see it in
- 9 the project description and to the county for the EIR.
- 10 It's probably there, but I didn't -- I didn't catch it
- 11 the first time through, and then I'm unclear on
- 12 permitting through NRC for that particular item. So
- 13 Kara has asked that question and so I quess I'm --
- 14 there's more to be said about that, but I'm satisfied
- 15 for now.
- 16 MR. ANDERS: Great. Thank you very much, and
- 17 thank you, Philippe, for your presentation.
- 18 Our next and last topic on spent nuclear fuel
- 19 update is the interim storage activities and we're very
- 20 fortunate to have Rodney McCullum with the Nuclear
- 21 Energy Institute here to give us an update on the status
- 22 of interim storage activities in the U.S. So, Rodney,
- 23 please go ahead.
- MR. MCCULLUM: Thank you, Chuck. Can everybody
- 25 hear me and see me out there?

MR. ANDERS: 1 Yep. 2 MR. MCCULLUM: Okay. Good. I realize my time 3 is already gone. I have a number of slides here. I 4 will pass them on to you for your information. I will 5 be able to entertain questions or also any follow-up you'd like to do at any time in your deliberations. I'm 6 very honored to be in front of this panel. I really 7 respect what you put on that plaque about future 8 9 generations. I work for the Nuclear Energy Institute. 10 We are the trade association of the nuclear energy 11 industry. PG&E is a member company. I'm a nuclear engineer for 35 years' experience, last 22 working on 12 13 spent fuel for the Nuclear Energy Institute. What I'm 14 here to talk about are opportunities to move the fuel 15 off the Diablo Canyon site to consolidated interim storage in advance of a permanent repository. As you're 16 17 all aware, the permanent repository program installed 18 and it may take a while to get there, but I would not 19 give up hope for near-term movement. And, again, I'm 20 not going to go through all of these slides, but I think it is important to know that the secretary of energy has 21 committed to the development of a consent-based interim 22 23 storage facility and I think that's particularly important in light of this administration's commitment 24 25 to decarbonization which includes support for nuclear

- 1 energy. The administration just released a funding
- 2 announcement for advanced technology, used fuel for
- 3 nuclear energy. That's quite remarkable for a
- 4 democratic administration to be in that space. So I
- 5 think against that backdrop, this administration will
- 6 really move on the interim storage things that have in
- 7 play the whole time.
- 8 Going back to the Obama administration, there
- 9 was a Blue Ribbon Commission that looked at this. They
- 10 recommended a consent-based interim storage facility.
- 11 If you're not familiar with the Blue Ribbon Commission
- 12 recommendation, it will be the playbook for at least the
- 13 next three and a half years. What is consent-based?
- 14 Well, it's not one size fits all. It's something we're
- 15 currently defining at a couple facilities. So I believe
- 16 there are near-term opportunities to move the fuel off
- 17 site, which is why the transportability of these systems
- 18 is so important. They talk about adaptive and phased
- 19 managements. This is something the scientific community
- 20 is focused on. You make decisions as you go along and
- 21 you change things as you go along. So we go to interim
- 22 storage while we work our way through the adaptive-based
- 23 process of getting to a repository.
- Why consolidated interim storage? It's the
- 25 most efficient means of managing the inventory. We've

- 1 talked about aging management. Philippe just talked
- 2 about that. A lot of infrastructure's going into this
- 3 first at Diablo. If you centralize all of the
- 4 infrastructure common location, a location in a site
- 5 where the degradation mechanisms are less likely to
- 6 occur and where you can have all the security in one
- 7 place. Tremendous efficiency. You're creating economic
- 8 opportunity in your community by getting the fuel out of
- 9 there, you're creating economic opportunity in the
- 10 receiving facility by bringing in highly sophisticated
- 11 interim storage facility to play with a lot of
- 12 technology, a lot of infrastructure, a lot of
- investment, a lot of jobs. These systems have been
- 14 licensed for 40 years. The NRC has and it's continued
- 15 storage rule-making. They said they're good for at
- 16 least 100. So this gives us plenty of time to work our
- 17 way through the long, delayed repository conundrum.
- 18 As you can see, we're currently storing this at
- 19 73 sites. We've loaded over 3,000 of these systems. I
- 20 heard talk about the best available systems. Well, this
- 21 is a highly competitive industry. There's four supplier
- 22 companies vying for that RFP, or maybe not that one, but
- 23 vying for the market and they have innovated with a lot
- of technology over the 30 or so years we've been doing
- 25 this because, you know, it's the competition that's

- 1 driven the innovation. So if you're looking for the
- 2 best available, there's plenty to choose from out there.
- 3 I will say that, you know, you should be looking at more
- 4 parameters than the thickness of the casks at Fukushima.
- 5 They were designed to exactly the same standards as
- 6 every one of these systems you see on this map here.
- 7 Yes, you know, stainless steel half-inch or five-eighths
- 8 inch thick stainless, that's a lot for stainless steel.
- 9 Think about your refrigerator, think about your
- 10 DeLorean. I'd much rather have that much stainless
- 11 steel particularly inside all that concrete particularly
- 12 with the structures. I'll have a slide on the defense
- in depth in a minute here. You're just getting
- 14 different engineering challenges if you go thicker,
- 15 transportability, inspectability, structural challenges.
- 16 So you're always meeting the same standards. The reason
- 17 we've gravitated to these stainless steel inside
- 18 concrete Silo systems is because they are the most
- 19 effective way to protect. It's been a competitive
- 20 marketplace that's gotten us there.
- We talked about aging management already.
- 22 Tremendous infrastructure here. You see we've got
- 23 robotic inspection technology. Really, the inspection
- 24 and the repair plan that was approved by the California
- 25 Coastal Commission down in San Onofre is the state of

- 1 the art. It's the gold standard for this. When you see
- 2 a cask here that's in the north site on Dominion in
- 3 Virginia and that one is taking data, real-time data on
- 4 the fuel inside. That one is being used as a surrogate
- 5 for the entire industry so we can refine our models so
- 6 that we can have precise understanding what's going
- 7 inside these casks. This is the second experiment we've
- 8 done to look at this.
- 9 Again, looking at the decommission sites, all
- 10 of these dots on the map are going to be in the same
- 11 boat as Diablo. Do we want to develop this aging
- 12 management infrastructure, the security infrastructure,
- 13 the repair infrastructure, do we want to develop that at
- 14 all these sites or do we want to develop it in a few
- 15 consolidated sites? The industry very strongly believes
- 16 that you consolidate sites. We have two of them
- 17 underway. One, the Holtec Eddy-Lea Alliance project in
- 18 Southeast New Mexico, the other, the interim storage
- 19 project non-existing low level waste site in Andrews,
- 20 Texas. Both projects have license applications under
- 21 NRC review with decisions expected this year. Interim
- 22 storage partners may be within months. Holtec Eddy-Lea
- 23 Energy Alliance, they have had additional guestions for
- 24 the NRC. They could still come in this year, but both
- 25 near term. They're both part of integrated decommission

- 1 business models, meaning these companies are also
- 2 purchasing decommission sites with intent to move the
- 3 fuel because they get reimbursed by DOE because the
- 4 government's acceptance because they have the
- 5 decommission trust funds. These companies are heavily
- 6 incentivized to move the fuel off the decommission sites
- 7 they own. So while Diablo may not be one of the sites
- 8 that gets transitioned to these sorts of companies, the
- 9 business incentive to develop these sites is strong.
- 10 They both have work to do to earn consent in these
- 11 communities. Again, I gave you some background in
- 12 consents in places to look for more so you can develop
- 13 your own informed opinion whether you think this will
- 14 work. They both had legislative efforts in the state
- 15 legislatures to negatively impact them. Both bills
- 16 stalled in committee. They've got some work to do
- 17 before their next legislative sessions. That will be an
- 18 interesting thing to see. They get their license this
- 19 year. Do they have some mode of consent before they get
- 20 to the next legislative session? You'll know that.
- 21 There was a site license in Utah. It was blocked by the
- 22 Department of Interior in a political action spurred by
- 23 state opposition and, frankly, the business cases you
- 24 have for these facilities in terms of the integrated
- 25 models didn't exist at that time in Utah. Could that

- facility be back in play? I simply don't know, but I'll
- 2 simply say that is out there and DOE could pursue
- 3 additional options. You might find out more about that
- 4 tomorrow. The Department of Energy should release its
- 5 budget tomorrow and the secretary of energy did say in
- 6 that confirmation hearing that there would be
- 7 forthcomings and DPLs on what she intends to do with
- 8 consolidated interim storage. I would encourage this
- 9 panel to follow that closely, as well as these two
- 10 private projects.
- 11 Transportation, that's again when you're
- 12 choosing the system, the transportability is the key
- 13 consideration. There's a strong record here. People
- 14 tend to think because we don't have that ultimate
- 15 destination, we haven't been moving it and, therefore,
- 16 moving it is something new and maybe scary. Nothing can
- 17 be further from the truth. Here's the types of
- 18 conveyances we use and here's some information on the
- 19 strong record we have, both in the United States and
- 20 overseas because countries that reprocess and a number
- 21 of countries already have consolidated interim storage.
- 22 So this stuff is on the roads and on the rails
- 23 routinely. As far as hazardous cargo goes, it's some of
- 24 the best understood and best managed out there. A lot
- 25 of defense in depth in these systems. You can talk

- 1 about the number of inches or less than an inch
- 2 stainless steel or you can look at the whole system and,
- 3 again, that's a lot of stainless steel and there's a
- 4 number of things. I won't belabor this, but I'd be
- 5 happy to discuss it if the panel wants to further. You
- 6 can also google the Holtec missile test and you'll see
- 7 that a missile was fired into one of these. You'll
- 8 notice not the concrete, just the cask and there was no
- 9 loss of integrity after a 600-mile-an-hour
- 10 missile.
- 11 What are we waiting for? We're doing interim
- 12 storage because we don't have a repository program in
- 13 the United States currently. Other countries have made
- 14 progress on this adaptive phased approach. Finland is
- 15 licensed and under construction, France is going into a
- 16 pilot phase with collaboration from the host region,
- 17 Switzerland and Canada are narrowing sites and Sweden is
- 18 slowly working its way through the licensing process.
- 19 They've all been consent-based and you can see a number
- 20 of them have consolidated interim storage while they're
- 21 waiting.
- In conclusion, I think that this issue is going
- 23 to be an important part of how we decarbonize the U.S.
- 24 economy. I don't think this administration will move
- 25 forward with nuclear without action on this issue and I

- 1 do believe they will absolutely move forward with
- 2 nuclear. They've already put their money where their
- 3 mouth is there.
- 4 So I think this is a good near-term solution
- 5 and we could start to see options here. We saw
- 6 Philippe's time frame for loading the cask. It could
- 7 very well be. I'm being a little optimistic, but you
- 8 look at his time frame and you look at the time frame
- 9 consolidated storage is on and they may not be here for
- 10 that long of a time. You know, at least that's my goal.
- 11 That's what NEI is working towards and a lot of us are
- 12 working towards. I would hope to engage with you again
- in the future and report further progress on the interim
- 14 storage.
- 15 So with that, I'll open myself up to questions.
- 16 I hope I haven't gotten us too far behind schedule.
- 17 MR. JONES: That's okay, Rod. Appreciate that.
- 18 This is Tom Jones. Chuck just got dropped off. So
- 19 we're going to rejoin him. I'm going to be an interim
- 20 facilitator, and after this topic, we'll head to our
- 21 break. So we do have a couple moments for questions
- 22 from the panel and I'll ask AGP to let us know whose
- 23 hands up and we'll go from there. Questions for Rodney.
- 24 ZEEK: So you want to know whose hands are up
- 25 in the panel?

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MR. JONES: That would be great.
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              MR. JONES: Bill, you have the floor.
             MR. ALMAS: Okay. This is a question for
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     Rodney. It all gets down to risk, right? So -- or not
     all, but most of it is. Is the Regulatory Commission or
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     some regulatory body -- will there be a risk assessment
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    performed that looks at the comparative risk of storing
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     I mean, there's an extra leg that takes place to go to
     the interim storage facility. The interim storage
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     facility has a lot of attraction; however, it's all in
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     the -- it's all the risk. I mean, you have to just run
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     through those numbers, and from what you're saying,
     transport is so minimal that that risk assessment will
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     come out favorable, but can you address that, Rodney?
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              MR. MCCULLUM: Yeah. And that has been
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     addressed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in a
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     number of ways. In the continued storage rulemaking,
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     there was environmental impact statement that looked at
     the scenarios of consolidated interim storage, 100-year
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     identified those risks and found it acceptable that NRC
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    has done a number of specific transportation risk
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- 1 this panel that indexes all of those, a number of
- 2 sophisticated analyses, and as you said, the
- 3 transportation risk is small, but most importantly,
- 4 there are environmental impact statements on both of the
- 5 consolidated interim storage facilities. Those compare
- 6 the no action alternative, which would be leaving it a
- 7 year site and those other sites I showed to moving it to
- 8 the consolidated interim storage. They show the risks
- 9 and the costs of moving it to the consolidated interim
- 10 storage to be less than those of the no action
- 11 alternative. They recommend that the consolidated
- 12 interim storage or in draft they do. If that's the way
- 13 it comes out in final, they will get a license, but the
- 14 NRC is going three ways, in the continued storage
- 15 rulemaking, the specific transportation risk studies,
- 16 which there are a number of those, and in the
- 17 site-specific environmental impact statements for the
- 18 two consolidated interim storage, as well as for the PFS
- 19 facility that was licensed.
- 20 So there's a lot of information out there. I'd
- 21 encourage this panel to, you know, take their own look
- 22 at it, take a deep dive if you want to because there's
- 23 plenty of information to get to your question.
- 24 MR. ANDERS: This is Chuck Anders. I am back.
- 25 I don't know what happened. I got knocked off. We

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have -- and thank you, Tom, for stepping in.
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              We have Scott, Linda and Kara, but before we
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     get to those questions, I'm wondering -- we've asked
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     Dr. Lam to be available for questions, also, and I'm
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    wondering, Dr. Lam, if you have any comments or
     observations with regard to interim storage before we
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    move on with the questions. We do have a very limited
     amount of time for this segment. We are over time, but
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     this is an important topic. So go ahead, Dr. Lam.
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              DR. LAM: Yes, indeed.
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     presented to you an exceptionally insightful and
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     informative presentation where the current status is.
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    happen to be the fellow judge on the NRC bench that
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     adjudicates existing Diablo Canyon independent storage
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     facility. I wrote the consensus technical opinion for
     approval on the Diablo Canyon independent storage and I
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     also happen to sit on the licensing board that
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     adjudicates the private fuel storage way back 10, 15
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     years ago for eight long years. Okay? So what you had
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    heard is exactly on the proponent's viewpoint.
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agency co-NRC staff will be extensively litigated and 1 2 then there will be a period of admissible contentions to 3 be examined and litigated. Everything is formal. a formal adjudicated process. So I think what you had 4 5 heard is a very, very detailed proponents I would say of technical well in the form positions. They are very 6 technical in form, but as I say, since I know a little 7 bit about the licensing process, I would say let us wait 8 9 and see if the five-year schedule as expected by NEI is 10 realizable and my reaction is it's probably a little bit on the optimistic side, right, because in the state of 11 12 Utah, Governor Huntsman made a statement that -- let me 13 quote him. Governor Huntsman of the state of Utah was a 14 strenuous and capable opponent to the spent fuel 15 storage. So he made a political statement saying only over his dead body would he allow a centralized spent 16 17 fuel storage on the Indian reservation owned by the 18 Goshute Tribe called Skull Valley and the licensing 19 board voted two to one for approval, and as you well 20 said, Mr. McCullum, a license was granted, but the facility was not built, but there was a long story why 21 it wasn't built. 22 23 MR. MCCULLUM: Yeah. Those are all very fair point and I'll admit I'm giving an optimistic scenario, 24 25 but I just think the energy aboard on this one can give

- 1 impetus to these scenarios and I will point out that
- 2 litigation is well underway and almost complete. I
- 3 believe there's only one late-filed contention appeal
- 4 still alive in the ISP process. So those processes are
- 5 moving a little bit faster.
- 6 MR. LAM: Time has changed. It's been a good
- 7 20 years. As you indicated, a lot of advances has been
- 8 made.
- 9 MR. MCCULLUM: Yeah. NRC has done a very good
- 10 job with these two and is doing a good job. We look
- 11 forward to the conclusion of these processes.
- MR. ANDERS: Thank you, very much, Dr. Lam and
- 13 Rodney.
- We are over our allotted time for this segment.
- 15 So I'm going to ask, unless somebody has a burning
- 16 question they have to ask, that we move on.
- I just realized that, Rodney, it's quite late
- 18 on the East Coast right now. So you're staying up quite
- 19 late.
- 20 MR. MCCULLUM: I've got my energy drink here.
- 21 So I'm ready for it.
- 22 MS. WOODRUFF: I have a burning question and
- 23 now Rodney is leaving because I know this is something
- 24 people ask a lot about.
- In theory, consolidated interim storage seems

like a great idea, particularly for Diablo Canyon waste 1 2 because we're right next to the coastline and we're on 3 top of earthquake fault. So I think generally there's a 4 consensus that getting it off site is a really good 5 idea, but the argument that I'm hearing against it is that the sites that have been selected in New Mexico and 6 Texas are very unfair from an environmental justice 7 perspective and that they're being placed in communities 8 9 that are disadvantaged lower income, have less political 10 power to stop such a facility from being built. 11 So I was wondering if you could specifically address whether those claims of environmental justice 12 13 are accurate or not and really make the case that the 14 environmental justice isn't a concern because that's 15 what I keep hearing as a reason why consolidated storage is a bad idea, at least the way it's currently being 16 17 contemplated. 18 NEI is a very strong believer in MR. MCCULLUM: 19 environmental justice and we would not want to see the 20 sites developed in environmentally unjust ways and where you get there is how those organizations become part of 21 that community, how that community interacts with them. 22 23 If you're simply providing economic opportunity and take 24 something dangerous, well, yeah, that's environmental 25 injustice, but if you're giving the communities and the

- 1 states opportunities to oversee the facilities, to be
- 2 involved as partners, and that's what will have to be
- 3 negotiated between now and the next session, is those
- 4 two state legislatures. They will not be politically
- 5 powerless. This will be decided in the state
- 6 legislatures in Texas and New Mexico and we look forward
- 7 to a solution that fully comports with environmental
- 8 justice principles. That's our stand at NEI, and
- 9 whether or not they can get there, that's -- time will
- 10 tell.
- 11 MR. LAM: And the issue is a little bit more
- 12 new ones, you know. The devil is -- it's in the
- 13 details. We did the private fuel storage eight long
- 14 years of litigation. The tribal leader insisted that
- 15 this is environmental justice because if you go down to
- 16 the Goshute tribal land, they are really in a very
- 17 difficult economic situation. So they had taken the
- 18 view, as Mr. McCullum has said, the technology is safe,
- 19 the tremendous economic benefits. So the tribal leader
- 20 was a proponent of the facility to be in store in the
- 21 tribal sovereign nations land, but the state of the Utah
- 22 was adamant that this was within the state's territorial
- 23 boundary. So they would not permit and allow a central
- 24 national storage facility within the state boundary. So
- 25 how would you weigh and balance the two sides' different

viewpoints? Ultimately, one would need to make a 1 2 determination as to if you store a huge number of spent 3 fuel with tremendous inventory, are you able and willing 4 to safeguard that material for a long, long time? I 5 mean, that is a societal question that everybody would be struggling with. It's not as simple as, well, you 6 7 know, we have to make every tribal member a millionaire or we are now having a tremendous amount of radioactive 8 material, some of them at half life as long as 250,000 9 10 years. How would you weigh and balance that process? 11 You know, to address one of your earlier questions about seismic safety, I wrote a consensus 12 13 technical opinion to approve the current Diablo Canyon 14 storage because on first principle, the casks are relatively safe during a seismic event. On first 15 principle, first I make the licensee, which is PG&E, to 16 17 demonstrate during an earthquake the cask will not fall 18 If I am wrong and if they are wrong, I make them to demonstrate once it falls over, it will not crack 19 20 Thirdly, let's say everybody's wrong there, I make them to demonstrate the third level, one level the 21 22 off-site boundary would not exceed the NRC licensing 23 limit and then there's a fourth level of safety margins 24 that I insist on before I approve the facility is 25 demonstrate to my satisfaction the need for the earth

- 1 opens up, the cask is buried, then it will not thermally
- 2 become unstable and releases radioactive material.
- 3 After this four-level safety demonstration, then I
- 4 approve the Diablo Canyon dry cask independent safety
- 5 storage facility license for 20 years, but, therefore,
- 6 therefore, that in my mind would answer one particular
- 7 safety issue that's paramount in everybody's mind 20
- 8 years ago within the San Luis Obispo communities.
- 9 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, Dr. Lam and
- 10 Mr. McCullum.
- 11 Linda, do you have any closing comments on this
- 12 topic? And for anyone that has any remaining questions,
- 13 we'll follow up with those questions and get them back
- 14 to the panel. Go ahead, Linda.
- 15 MS. SEELEY: Okay. I'm a little bit confused
- 16 here.
- 17 MR. ANDERS: We're way over time on this
- 18 segment. So it's time to close this topic out so we
- 19 don't shortcut the others and we promised the public
- 20 that we would conclude at a reasonable time. So if you
- 21 have any closing comments on this topic and we'll take
- 22 our break and go on to the next topic.
- 23 MS. SEELEY: I do. First of all, I would
- 24 like -- I, unfortunately, never got the opportunity to
- 25 introduce Dr. Lam, who is the chair of our -- of the

- 1 Diablo Canyon Independent Safety Committee and he --
- 2 their next meeting is June 23rd and 24th in Avila Beach,
- 3 I'm sure, and so I would encourage the panel members to
- 4 attend that meeting and we'll get the information out to
- 5 the panel members about how to attend that. This
- 6 meeting illustrates to me how important it is to -- that
- 7 we have a follow-up workshop because we haven't even
- 8 asked -- we have 11 questions for Dr. Lam and we did not
- 9 ask one of him of the prepared questions that we have
- 10 this evening and I feel very sad about that because
- 11 they're terrific questions.
- 12 So -- and, Dr. Lam, I hope that you would come
- 13 to our workshop and answer the questions. These
- 14 questions aren't going to last forever. So I hope we
- 15 can have that workshop in the very near future and I
- 16 want to thank everybody else for coming to help us
- 17 understand this incredibly complex problem that we're
- 18 facing and I'm so appreciative, Chuck, that we had this
- 19 little bit of time that we had tonight. So I'll sign
- 20 off from there.
- 21 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, Linda and thank you to
- 22 all our presenters on this topic.
- 23 Let's take a five-minute break. It is
- 24 5:37[sic] right now. So let's get back together at
- 25 7:42. So we'll reconvene at 7:42.

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              MR. ANDERS: Welcome back, everyone. I want to
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     remind the meeting attendees that while we don't have
     the chat feature tonight, you do have the opportunity to
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     part of the public record for the panel.
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     that is the coastal development permit and the CEQA
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     permit for the decommissioning process and Trevor Keith,
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    who is director of the planning and building department
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     officio panel member and Trevor -- I've asked Trevor to
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     introduce this topic.
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- 1 he's not talking.
- 2 MR. ANDERS: Okay. Well, let's -- let's be
- 3 flexible here and Trevor is hopefully going to work out
- 4 his issues and the first item on this agenda topic is an
- 5 overview of the PG&E coastal development permit
- 6 application package and Tom Jones is going to present
- 7 that information. So why don't we go ahead with that
- 8 presentation and then come back. Hopefully Trevor will
- 9 be -- oh, are you back, Trevor?
- 10 MR. KEITH: Yes. Can you hear me now, Chuck?
- MR. ANDERS: Yes, we can. Great. Go ahead.
- 12 MR. KEITH: All right. Sorry about that.
- 13 Thanks so much for having us back, panel members. Nice
- 14 to meet the new folks on the panel. Before I begin, I
- 15 just want to give a thanks from the county. I think
- 16 Mr. Guy Savage is still on as assistant CIO. I just
- 17 want to say thanks for all your work with the
- 18 decommissioning on behalf of the county in working with
- 19 PG&E and the rest of the staff here at the county. We
- 20 will miss you as you go into retirement next month. I
- 21 just want to say thank you so much.
- 22 MR. SAVAGE: Thanks, Trevor. I appreciate it.
- MR. KEITH: Yeah. Thanks, Guy. We're going to
- 24 miss you, man.
- 25 So I'll transition now. So introducing Tom

- 1 Jones from PG&E. So as Chuck said, PG&E has submitted
- 2 their application. So we appreciate coming in at this
- 3 point to kind of talk about the process since they've
- 4 submitted the application, kind of from PG&E's side,
- 5 working through kind of the content and then Susan
- 6 Strachan from SLO County team, the project lead, she
- 7 will kind of go through our process as the lead agency.
- 8 So with that, Tom, I think if we can get the
- 9 next slide and have you jump in.
- 10 MR. JONES: Thanks. And, Zeek, we can go to
- 11 the next slide, as well.
- 12 So we talked about this project and the
- 13 component to it. There's three main drivers. There's
- 14 licensing through the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
- 15 there's permitting through the County of San Luis Obispo
- 16 and California Coastal Commission and then there's also
- 17 the funding from the Public Utilities Commission. What
- 18 this map shows here is the different jurisdictions of
- 19 the site.
- 20 So the red outline in the boundary is the
- 21 project site with additional locations of potentially in
- 22 Pismo Beach and Santa Maria and that red outline is our
- 23 750-acre, roughly, Part 50 license with the Nuclear
- 24 Regulatory Commission. So that striping you see in that
- 25 image, that's the exclusive jurisdiction for the Nuclear

- 1 Regulatory Commission for the health and safety of the
- 2 public related to radiological items.
- 3 The yellow line that bifurcates it in the upper
- 4 third of that polygon, that's the coastal zone. So
- 5 everything you see to the north and east or to the upper
- 6 right or northwest -- east -- excuse me. The -- that's
- 7 the exclusive jurisdiction of the County of San Luis
- 8 Obispo.
- 9 The green area is the area that is overseen
- 10 first by the County of San Luis Obispo through their
- 11 local coastal program and then is subject to appeal to
- 12 the California Coastal Commission.
- And then, lastly, there's a little area in the
- 14 marina. You can see there's some striping over the
- 15 water. That area is called original jurisdiction and
- 16 anything from that meeting high tideline out is only
- 17 subject to the approval of the California Coastal
- 18 Commission. The county had a meeting at Diablo Canyon,
- 19 along with the California Coastal Commission and
- 20 California State Lands Commission agreed to enter an MOU
- 21 where they developed the request for proposal for the
- 22 consultant together and had comment and that they'll
- 23 work together through the development of the
- 24 environmental impact report process so that that
- 25 document will support the different jurisdictional needs

- when we go through approval. We can go to the next 1 2 slide, please. 3 So here's a simplified chart we've shared with 4 the public and our Engagement Panel for these swim 5 lanes, these multiple concurrent regulatory paths that we're pursuing to have all of our discretionary 6 approvals in hand by 2024 and this is for the coastal 7 8 development permit process and the county's process both 9 in and out of the coastal zone. So we've had a couple 10 years of application development on this left third of the slide and our public participation was through the 11 workshops that we've conducted, different stakeholder 12 13 engagement and in working with the Engagement Panel for 14 all of that extensive public comment that you helped 15 generate over a thousand unique public comments, then we've prepared the coastal development permit what I 16 17 call the application suite. There's also some applications for that county unique jurisdiction and an 18 overall development plan. All three were submitted 19 20 concurrently to the county and their functioning is the lead CEQA agency. They have the pin to develop this 21 environmental document and review in coordination with 22 23 the other agencies. 24 And so we have that little red arrow there
- 25 after that second yellow box. So as an applicant, we've

- 1 taken our first major step or second major step, right.
- 2 We've submitted to the agency application for review.
- 3 We have received a notice of incomplete or hold letters
- 4 the county calls it and this 3,000-page application.
- 5 We've got some questions from the county that we'll need
- 6 to resolve and we're also providing some supplemental
- 7 information between now and in early summer like
- 8 expansion on our traffic analysis.
- 9 So once the -- once we satisfy the county, and
- 10 that's our burden as the applicant, right, you have to
- 11 give a thorough and complete application, the agency has
- 12 to concur, then it goes into this process and I'm going
- 13 to go light on this because I know Susan will talk about
- 14 it, but next will be a public scoping meeting and after
- 15 that the county takes it and works with their consultant
- 16 and the other agencies to develop this document and then
- 17 there will be multiple public processes along the way
- 18 indicated on this chart and this chart's available on
- 19 our website and also there's a YouTube video if you just
- 20 type in Diablo Canyon coastal permit. There's a
- 21 couple-minute video that takes you through this process.
- One nuance here, because we have these
- 23 overlapping jurisdictions, is the Coastal Commission
- 24 when working together with the county and statelands
- 25 said we want PG&E to submit that application for

- 1 original jurisdiction once the draft environmental
- 2 impact report is out. So we won't, as an applicant,
- 3 have line of sight until that's in public document about
- 4 what's in it, but their needs will be addressed in that
- 5 document, as well. So this schedule here assumes this
- 6 line at the top is the original jurisdiction path, and
- 7 as an applicant, we just assume will be appealed to
- 8 Coastal Commission, and if that occurs, those processes
- 9 will merge at the final stage of approval or review for
- 10 the Coastal Commission and it could be a rejection as
- 11 well, right? And so sometimes, you know, it's our,
- 12 again, burden as an applicant to have a thorough, robust
- 13 application and work with the agencies to address any
- 14 deficiencies they might deem that need to be addressed
- 15 so they can make a deliberation, further
- 16 decision-makers. So we'll go to the next slide, pick up
- 17 the pace here a little bit.
- 18 So we talked about this info hold letter or
- 19 request for additional information from the county.
- 20 This is where we are today. We'll be submitting on May
- 21 27th. I guess it's tomorrow at the end of the day. A
- 22 lot of the questions, but not all of them. So we have
- 23 41 that are in management review. That's with me and
- 24 other team members. 42 percent, I mentioned the traffic
- 25 study still with subject matter experts that PG&E

- 1 doesn't have the staff or we don't have traffic
- 2 engineers. So it's not something utility does. We
- 3 consult out for that work. 10 percent are under
- 4 technical review for the rest of the team and we haven't
- 5 started on seven percent, but that's our backlog curve
- 6 and we'll be working that down as quickly as we can and
- 7 we want to be sure we provide thorough answers to the
- 8 county's questions. Next slide.
- 9 We've seen this slide before and I'm just going
- 10 to go through. What the application does embody are a
- 11 lot of the input from the Engagement Panel and so this
- 12 slide denotes key components of the application and
- 13 where it links to your strategic vision and the input
- 14 that you gained on behalf of our community and your own
- 15 unique product. Of note, especially with the recent
- 16 announcements about wind energy and the potential for
- 17 additional generation in the community, as item two, we
- 18 are retaining both switch charts for a couple of
- 19 different reasons.
- One, once Diablo Canyon stops making power, we
- 21 become a very large energy customer, an enormous energy
- 22 customer. We'll be the largest energy customer in the
- 23 county, single energy customer in the county.
- The second is our 500,000 volt system. We call
- 25 it 500KV. It interconnects from Diablo Canyon northeast

- to Fresno and due east to Bakersfield and those are interconnected. So as long as we have that triangle interconnected, we can lose one leg of that for
- 4 maintenance or other reasons and still support these
- 5 three areas. So that's essential nervous system, if you
- 6 will, of California and our largest transmission lying
- 7 capacity that we have. And then, lastly, we'll be
- 8 taking energy in on the 230KV line, 230,000 volts. So
- 9 we'll retain that system, as well, and it's still used
- 10 and useful for our customers, in addition to Diablo
- 11 Canyon.
- 12 The other one, item three, we want to retain
- 13 the breakwaters, our marina. We want to find a
- 14 successor entity for that, and I know the panel's very
- 15 familiar with this, but those new to the discussion,
- 16 there is more volume and material in the breakwater are
- 17 jetties than there is in the entire nuclear facility.
- 18 So by repurposing that, one of our first moves to reduce
- 19 impacts, costs to our customers and retain something now
- 20 as functioning as habitat is to retain that breakwater
- 21 structure. Recent analyses and field work has shown
- 22 that the black abalone have taken home up into that
- 23 breakwater and so we have federally endangered species
- 24 living inside the crevices of that structure. Next
- 25 slide, please.

Additional things, transportation, that's going 1 2 to be one of the key drivers and then also reduction of 3 radioactivity at the site. This project, while there's 4 interesting tantalizing things about repurposing and 5 future generation and the transmission, at its core, it's a radiological remediation project and that's our 6 essential mission. We're going to fold in other things 7 because it's the right thing to do, but the core mission 8 is to satisfy the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and 9 10 other agencies that we've fully remediated the site and we're looking for clean leased criteria, unrestricted 11 use at the site. Next slide, please. 12 13 Again, the panel was right on -- early on this 14 and correct in conservation of the breakwaters. 15 talked about that already and the cultural resources. We want to have a light footprint when we do this work 16 17 and not just environmental impacts, but there is rich cultural resources in this area that need to be 18 19 protected as part of the project. Next slide. 20 That's where I'll pause and I'll hand it over to Ms. Strachan for the county. 21 MR. ANDERS: Trevor, this is an opportunity for 22 23 you to introduce your county team and discuss the county 24 staffing for this whole process. 25 MR. KEITH: Yeah. Thank you, Chuck.

So Trevor Keith again. So our staffing right 1 2 now, Susan Strachan is our Diablo Canyon decommissioning 3 manager in the planning and building department and 4 we're in the process of hiring two more staff to help 5 her in the, kind of, planning and building side and then we have, kind of, our internal county team that includes 6 public works and a few other departments that will be --7 as we kind of process through this permit application 8 9 will be along our side, as well, as the county team 10 make-up. So with that, if we can get the PowerPoint back 11 12 up and I will turn it over to Susan to run through the 13 county processing side where we are today and where 14 we're going to go. 15 MS. STRACHAN: Thank you, Trevor. I just first want to say thank you and tell you how happy I am to be 16 17 I think I'm literally San Luis Obispo's newest resident. Moving truck arrives on Monday. So we just 18 19 got here, we're thrilled to be here. I am thrilled to 20 do this job. 21 Just for two seconds, my background is in both 22 local government and in managing the permitting of 23 utility scale energy project and I love working on 24 projects in the coastal zone. So it doesn't get better 25 than this for me from a job standpoint.

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- 1 trigger public participation, and then, lastly, it
- 2 culminates in public hearing with the decision-maker and
- 3 Planning Commission for certification of the EIR and a
- 4 decision on the project. Next slide, please.
- 5 So this is just a list of the -- not a complete
- 6 list, but a list of agencies, et cetera, who receive the
- 7 application. On the left column, a lot of it is state
- 8 agencies. We have U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the
- 9 bottom, other -- which is a federal agency. Other
- 10 federal agencies included Army Corps of Engineers and
- 11 Bureau of Land Management. On the right-hand column,
- 12 Avila Valley Advisory Committee, tribes, numerous county
- 13 departments, community services, districts, affected
- 14 cities, school districts, Santa Barbara County, Santa
- 15 Maria, and I'll explain in a minute why those two
- 16 entities were included, Air Pollution Control District
- 17 and the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments. Next
- 18 slide, please.
- 19 So the current application status, as I said,
- 20 an informational letter was sent to PG&E on April 28th.
- 21 Some of the main items that will be -- that were asked
- 22 for will be included and they were things that PG&E
- 23 acknowledged in their application was they were going to
- 24 provide transportation details on truck, truck rail and
- 25 barge transportation. The application speaks of a Santa

Maria rail facility and there are two sites that are 1 2 being evaluated, one in unincorporated Santa Barbara 3 County and then one of the City of Santa Maria. That is 4 why those two entities receive the information -- excuse 5 I apologize -- the application referral is that to give them a heads-up that there is information that will 6 be forthcoming that affect their jurisdictions. 7 Also, they will be providing information on 8 9 waste types and volumes, water use information, waste 10 chart -- wastewater discharge information. So those are just some of the items that were included in that 11 information hold letter. Again, the responses in the 12 13 application supplement will be provided on June 30th and 14 will again begin to get another application for 15 completeness review at that time. Next slide, please. So now we move on to what happens after the 16 17 application is deemed complete. Once it's deemed 18 complete, then the CEQA process begins. So -- and for this project, we'll be preparing an environmental impact 19 20 report. San Luis Obispo County will be the lead agency, meaning that we have that responsibility for preparing 21 22 that document. We have an environmental consultant 23 whose contract will go to the board in late June or 24 early July. A big component of this project is 25 coordination with responsible agencies. So these are

- 1 agencies, and Tom mentioned several, California Coastal
- 2 Commission, State Lands Commission, who have permanent
- 3 jurisdiction over the project. Additional agency -- or
- 4 jurisdictions would be Santa Maria, but if that's where
- 5 that rail facilities is, there's Santa Barbara County.
- 6 There's also an off-site facility in Pismo Beach. So
- 7 they would all be responsible agencies since they have
- 8 some permitting authority over the project.
- 9 And then I want to point out that one of the
- 10 absolute major tenants of California Environmental
- 11 Quality Act is public participation and so that's where
- 12 that activity is a focal point of the CEQA process and
- 13 I'll get into that in a minute.
- 14 And I also want to add that during the CEQA
- 15 process, we're in this information back and forth with
- 16 PG&E right now for application completeness; however,
- 17 there still -- there could be occasion even during the
- 18 development of the EIR that the environmental consultant
- 19 may need additional information. So there will be --
- 20 you know, that would also be a time where we would
- 21 involve PG&E to provide additional information. Next
- 22 slide.
- 23 So this is an overview of the EIR process
- 24 focusing on the major components of it and also touch on
- 25 the public involvement for these components. So, again,

application's complete, we start the EIR process. 1 First 2 activity, issuing a notice of preparation. This is a 3 notice that goes out to everyone, agencies, saying we're 4 preparing an EIR, what do you need to have us cover in 5 that document. So we've had a lot of discussion already with 6 the Coastal Commission and the State Lands Commission 7 for things that they need, but this could be for other 8 9 agencies the things that they want us to address. We'll 10 also be holding public scoping meetings. So, again, key point for public involvement. This is an opportunity 11 for the public to get involved and to talk about what 12 13 they would like to see in the environmental document. 14 So then the draft EIR is prepared. Once that 15 comes out, the notice of availability is issued and then there's a public review period again that happens. 16 17 again, another opportunity for public involvement. The review period is a minimum of 45 days, but this is an 18 opportunity for the public to go through the document 19 20 and make comments on documents, things they may not agree with, things they think should be corrected. 21 That 22 is that opportunity to do that. 23 Then after the draft EIR comes out, comments 24 are received. By the close of that comment period, the

final EIR is prepared. The final EIR is basically

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- composed of responses to the comments on the draft EIR 1 2 and revisions to the draft EIR. Those two pieces 3 together comprise the final EIR. Once the final EIR is 4 out, then that's where that public hearing process happens. It's for certification of the document. 5 decision-making body, Planning Commission in this case, 6 adopts findings or a statement of consideration if 7 that's required. Again, another opportunity for public 8 involvement. This is a public hearing. So the public 9 10 can weigh in on that decision and their opinion on the decision on the project. If the project is approved, 11 the Planning Commission also adopts a mitigation 12 13 monitoring reporting program. Once that county process 14 is done, if the county approves the project, then it goes on to the responsible agencies for them to make 15 their permitting decisions on the project. Next slide. 16 17 So just some information opportunities for 18 public participation. We do on the county planning and building website have information on Diablo 19 20 decommissioning. That's where there's links to access the application. There's also a place to sign up on the 21 22 email list.
- 23 So, for example, at the time when we're going 24 to schedule the scoping meetings, we will send a blast 25 out to that email list for a notification of when those

- 1 meetings will be and where they will be, and, again, in
- 2 terms of EIR process opportunities, it's the scoping
- 3 meetings, draft EIR comment period and then at that
- 4 point where the EIR goes before the Planning Commission
- 5 for certification and project decision. Next slide,
- 6 please.
- 7 So I want to just touch a little bit on the
- 8 content of EIR. So from an EIR standpoint and going
- 9 along with information from PG&E, there's two phases for
- 10 the decommissioning. Phase one, 2024 to 2034 where the
- 11 focus is the removal of plant components, and then when
- 12 you get into phase two, 2035 to 2042, that is when it's
- 13 finishing and doing site remediation and restoration.
- 14 So that will be analyzed as a project DIR, basically
- 15 meaning that it's an EIR prepared for the development
- 16 project. Although, in this case, development is the
- 17 removal of the plant.
- 18 Now, phase three is where we're going to touch
- 19 on future sites and for this we will evaluate up to nine
- 20 alternative scenarios and they will be analyzed on a
- 21 programmatic basis. So with a program EIR, it's a
- 22 series of actions that characterize one large project
- 23 and it's that program is evaluated in the EIR. It's
- 24 referred to as a first tier document. So in the case of
- 25 a reuse option, you evaluate the reuse alternatives and

- 1 then later activities could include an actual
- 2 application for a permit to do something on the site
- 3 after the plant has been decommissioned and removed.
- 4 Next slide, please.
- 5 And then some more details on the content of
- 6 the EIR. These are some main areas that are included.
- 7 It has a project description, environmental setting and
- 8 analysis, and I'll get into in a minute the
- 9 environmental estuaries that are analyzed, discussion on
- 10 environmental impacts, mitigation measures to minimize
- 11 significant impacts, alternatives and cumulative
- 12 impacts. So you're looking at the project combined with
- 13 other projects in the area and cumulatively could there
- 14 be any impacts. Next slide.
- 15 So these are the environmental estuaries that
- 16 will be evaluated in the EIR. Something that's a little
- 17 bit different in this EIR, if you look in the left
- 18 column at the bottom where it's hazardous and
- 19 radiological materials, obviously most EIRs don't
- 20 include a discussion on radiological materials. This
- 21 one would. And then over on the right column,
- 22 recreation is in the EIR topic, but we will be including
- 23 public access since that's a focal coastal plan, coastal
- 24 act policy. Next slide, please.
- Other considerations that will be included in

- 1 the EIR and these come directly from the Coastal
- 2 Commission and the State Lands Commission. So these are
- 3 all items that are important to them and required to be
- 4 included in the EIR for their permitting purposes. So,
- 5 again, this is where that early coordination with those
- 6 agencies comes into play. Next slide.
- 7 And cannot have a discussion on CEQA without
- 8 talking about CEQA mitigation. So mitigation can take
- 9 different forms. This slide just defines what a
- 10 mitigation measure can be. It can consist of avoiding
- 11 the impact all together, minimizing the impact or
- 12 limiting its magnitude, could be restoration,
- 13 rehabilitation, illuminating it over time or providing
- 14 substitute resources.
- So, for example, a project that could impact a
- 16 wetland could, you know, buy credits and mitigation bank
- 17 for wetlands is one it's commonly used for to replace
- 18 substitute resources, and then I always have to point
- 19 out with mitigation, it has to have an essential nexus
- 20 to the impact and roughly proportional to the impact.
- 21 Next slide, please.
- 22 And so I do not have a specific schedule for
- 23 decommissioning. Once the application is complete, one
- 24 of the first things that will be done is to develop that
- 25 site-specific schedule. What I did hear was just put

- 1 together a generic schedule. The EIR can be done within
- 2 a year. It can also take longer than a year. So some
- 3 of the things that -- well, let me walk through this and
- 4 I'll talk about some of the things that can change the
- 5 schedule.
- 6 So, again, month one, application received
- 7 after deemed complete, then you get into the scoping,
- 8 but the EIR preparation can begin even before the
- 9 scoping because things like the environmental setting
- 10 can start to be prepared. So that work can begin
- 11 immediately. Draft EIR is issued, then you have your
- 12 comment period for 45 days, and then after the comment
- 13 period, it's the time required to prepare the final EIR.
- 14 So in terms of what can extend this schedule,
- 15 before I came here, I worked for Yolo County and we did
- 16 a program EIR on the county's cannabis land use
- 17 ordinance. We received over 900 individual comments on
- 18 that EIR. It took a long time to respond to 900
- 19 comments. So that's an example of where a schedule can
- 20 get extended.
- 21 Another one is where it can get extended if
- 22 there's changes to the project description. If the
- 23 consulting firm is far along in its analysis for the
- 24 project description changes, they have to go back and
- 25 make modifications to the work they've already done. I

- 1 always have this example of one EIR that we worked on
- 2 that the -- it was for a client. They changed their
- 3 project name right at the 11th hour, and it may seem
- 4 like a minor change, but when that project name is
- 5 throughout a voluminous document, it takes a while to
- 6 make all of those corrections. So little things like
- 7 that can serve as a reason to delay the time period of
- 8 the EIR. Next slide, please.
- 9 So that concludes my presentation, but I'm more
- 10 than open for any questions.
- 11 MR. JONES: I had one while the panel gears up,
- 12 which is just on the phase three, we've always talked
- 13 about it as a two phase, and that for the repurposing,
- 14 PG&E is not an applicant for a repurposing project.
- 15 That will be successor entity. I just wanted to bring a
- 16 little clarity to that.
- 17 MS. STRACHAN: Thank you, Tom. That's a good
- 18 point.
- 19 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, Susan.
- 20 Any questions of Susan or Tom? Panel members,
- 21 raise your hands if you have any questions. Okay.
- 22 We've got Kara and then Dena.
- MS. WOODRUFF: Thank you, Susan. So it was
- 24 really more of a comment more than a question. The
- 25 application, I just want to say I encourage the public

- 1 to try to take a look at it. It is a huge document.
- 2 It's, I think, ten inches tall, very extensive and I
- 3 think overall really well-done and I thought it was
- 4 really particularly helpful to read Section 2 because it
- 5 gives you a great overview of all the issues surrounding
- 6 decommissioning. So if you want to get a great succinct
- 7 refresher on what's happening here, I really recommend
- 8 that people take a moment and check that out.
- 9 And in reading through the application myself,
- 10 I thought, overall, it was very informative and very
- 11 thorough, but I thought there were two sections in
- 12 particular that PG&E presented to the county that I
- 13 thought were really insufficient. The first section was
- 14 on the recreation and public access. As you recall from
- 15 Susan's list, this is one of the environmental issues
- 16 that is being considered by this process, and in that
- 17 section, there was no reflection of all the work that
- 18 has been done by the Engagement Panel. So I know
- 19 earlier Tom had described the many ways that the
- 20 application reflected the strategic vision prepared by
- 21 the Engagement Panel, but that didn't happen in this
- 22 section.
- 23 So, for example, we have had multiple meetings
- 24 and workshops talking about the future of the Diablo
- 25 Canyon lands, which are the 12,000 acres that surround

the plant, and we received hundreds of comments from 1 2 people saying that they wanted to see those lands 3 conserved, they wanted to see them protected in 4 perpetuity and ensure that there's some kind of public 5 access, including a coastal trail, and, yet, none of those comments from the strategic vision were really in 6 the application itself. There's also no mention of the 7 dream initiative, which the County of San Luis Obispo 8 9 voters approved by 75 percent back in 2000 and that 10 called for the county and PG&E to conserve the Diablo Canyon lands when the plant closed and, again, that 11 wasn't included in PG&E's application. 12 13 And there's also a whole history of 14 conservation attempts on Wild Cherry Canyon, which is 15 2,500 acres of the 12,000 acres of Diablo Canyon lands. Again, that wasn't in the application. It should have 16 17 been because a lot of other issues regarding land use 18 were included in the application, but weren't nearly as 19 relevant as all the extensive history of public access 20 and conservation attempts on this land. So I really am going to ask the county to take a look at that section 21 in particular and really augment it because there's so 22 23 much history there that just wasn't incorporated. 24 The second issue that I thought was really 25 inadequate as a layperson regards traffic. We know that

- TRANSCRIPT, on 05/26/2021 the decommissioning of Diablo is going to be an enormous 1 2 task to take apart all the structures and all the 3 facilities, put them on trucks or barges and get them 4 off site to their ultimate disposal, and when I looked 5 at that traffic section, I thought it was really confusing. I didn't understand much of what the report 6 said, and at the end, the kind of conclusion is that 7 there wouldn't be much of an impact to the communities 8 of Avila Beach from all these trucks being transported 9 10 away from the site and I just -- my common sense tells me that can't be the case. 11 So I'm really hoping that the county can take 12 13 some time and work with PG&E really augmenting that 14 traffic section so it's understandable to a layperson 15 reading it and that the conclusions just seem to reflect what we all feel is common sense when you're taking tens 16 17 of thousands of trucks and driving them past Avila, a 18 town that's already challenged by traffic. 19 And then the last thing I wanted to mention only because Susan brought it up is under CEQA when you 20 have a permit to do a project, there is mitigation and 21 there are limits to what kind of mitigation you require, 22
 - 23 but on the PG&E site, there is so much history regarding
 - 24 land conservation and mitigation. The Pecho Coast
 - 25 Trail, the Buchon Trail, the 1,200-acre deed restriction

- 1 at Point San Luis, those are all protected as by way of
- 2 mitigation that PG&E provided for permits that were much
- 3 less significant than the permits needed here for the
- 4 this much larger project and so I'm going to really hope
- 5 and ask the county to think about this mitigation issue,
- 6 think about the history we have with the Diablo Canyon
- 7 lands with mitigation and really look at this project,
- 8 the biggest decommissioning -- the biggest EIR project
- 9 the county has ever faced and to really consider
- 10 seriously what mitigation is precedential here on the
- 11 land and really what the community has been asking for
- 12 for two decades now.
- 13 So that's it. Other than that, I really do
- 14 think it was a very quite useful document and I just
- 15 want to encourage the public to take a look at it, and
- 16 if nothing else, Section 2, which is the project
- 17 description. That's all. Thanks.
- 18 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, Kara.
- 19 I just want to remind everyone that the
- 20 application is on the county planning and building
- 21 website and there's a link to the application on the
- 22 Engagement Panel website, the DiabloCanyonPanel.org.
- 23 Under the resources tab, it's the second one down,
- 24 Diablo Canyon decommissioning land use application, and
- 25 that will take anyone right to the application on the

county's site. 1 2 So thank you, Kara, for your comments. 3 Dena, you had your hand up. Do you have a 4 question or comment? 5 MS. BELLMAN: I have a question and actually Kara touched on some of what I was going to inquire 6 about, but this is actually for Trevor Keith. 7 8 In the past when you've talked about or 9 described mitigation, you've been really specific about 10 what the county wants to see or the limits to which lesion will be allowed or considered and I don't know if 11 12 you can just refresh that -- that comment or the phrase 13 that you used to detail it, I think that would be really 14 helpful. 15 MR. KEITH: Sure. Yeah. Thanks. So we look at as through the environmental process when we get into 16 17 kind of the impact sections, when we're looking at 18 mitigation to offset the impacts, it's really kind of 19 there's the nexus and that's kind of the impact and then 20 the mitigation needs to be directly to the impact. you've got to have the nexus between the mitigation and 21 22 the impact to show that you're going to reduce the 23 impact, and then I think it's also kind of what they call the rough portionality. So based on an impact, you 24 25 can't ask for something much greater than you would need

- 1 to actually, you know, reduce that impact. So those are
- 2 kind of the confines that we look at and so, you know,
- 3 as the areas in the impact section, you know, as we
- 4 review the information with a consultant when the
- 5 application's deemed complete, you know, and start
- 6 drawing up the mitigation to reduce any impacts that
- 7 kind of bubble out, those are kind of the confines that
- 8 we look in.
- 9 MS. BELLMAN: Thank you.
- 10 MR. KEITH: Yeah. You bet.
- 11 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, Dena.
- I don't see any other questions. Trevor, do
- 13 you have any closing comments with regard to the coastal
- 14 development permit process?
- 15 MR. KEITH: I just want to say, you know,
- 16 again, thanks to the panel for having us back. We're
- 17 happy to come at each milestone to update you guys and,
- 18 yeah, I just would encourage folks to take a look at the
- 19 application and get on the list so you stay in touch.
- 20 Yeah. And thank you again to the panel and Chuck. I
- 21 think that's all that I have.
- 22 MR. ANDERS: Great. Thank you. Our next
- 23 agenda item is the PG&E update. Before we begin that
- 24 item, I would ask any of the meeting attendees from the
- 25 public to raise your hand now if you would like to make

- 1 public comment. The public comment period is after the
- 2 next agenda item. So let us know how many people would
- 3 like to make public comments. So if you would like to
- 4 say something to the panel and also be part of the
- 5 public record for this meeting, please raise your hand
- 6 now so we have an idea how many people would like to
- 7 speak.
- 8 So next item, PG&E update. Tom, Maureen, who
- 9 is going to do this one?
- 10 MS. ZAWALICK: Thank you, Chuck. I'm going to
- 11 kick it off. It's Maureen. Can you hear me okay,
- 12 Chuck?
- MR. ANDERS: Yes, we can. Thank you.
- 14 MS. ZAWALICK: All right. And then I'll turn
- it over to Tom and I know that we're -- next is the very
- 16 important public comments. So I'll be succinct and then
- 17 turn it over to Tom.
- 18 First and foremost, good evening, everyone.
- 19 It's great to be here. I want to start off with
- 20 welcoming our new members of the panel. It's great to
- 21 have you as part of this panel and also thank Lauren and
- 22 Alex for their service, their contribution to this
- 23 excellent panel. I'm so excited and very appreciative
- 24 of this panel. I think it's the best in the U.S. and
- 25 it's a very effective and collaborative, you know, panel

- 1 that provides important and significant input into a lot
- 2 of these topics we've been discussing tonight and other
- 3 meetings and venues.
- 4 You know, especially, I want to just tap into
- 5 the input that the panel has provided on the
- 6 decommissioning project in used fuel in areas such as
- 7 the request for proposal we talked about tonight on the
- 8 new spent fuel system and that impacts the timing of our
- 9 offload that has been invaluable and also the input on
- 10 personal development and permit. Kara, I appreciate
- 11 your comments and all that and in this forum that we can
- 12 embrace that feedback and make adjustments where we need
- 13 to, but that was a very comprehensive effort and we
- 14 factored in all the input and so forth from the
- 15 Engagement Panel.
- The project itself, the decommissioning
- 17 project, is just going outstanding. Our preplanning
- 18 efforts to ensure a safe and smooth transition to
- 19 decommissioning and avoiding SAFSTOR is, you know, ahead
- 20 of schedule in many areas, ahead of schedule in all of
- 21 them. It's under budget and the team has been working
- 22 and is very committed to diligently making sure we meet
- 23 that objective of that smooth transition from operations
- 24 to decommissioning.
- 25 And then I'll turn it over to Tom in a second,

- 1 but I do want to make a public safety announcement here
- 2 on an unrelated topic, but from a PG&E perspective. You
- 3 know, we're facing another very hot, dry year, and with
- 4 fire season coming here, already the temperatures we've
- 5 seen in the Central Coast so far this week. So please
- 6 check out the public safety power shut-off website at
- 7 PG&E. It has tips on how to get notified and updating
- 8 your email and phone number and then also there's great
- 9 resources on the PG&E wildfire safety site on securing
- 10 your home and the perimeter and making sure you're ready
- 11 for fire season in these very dry, hot conditions. So
- 12 just wanted to put that plug in too because we're
- 13 always -- safety's our top propriety and wanted to add
- 14 that to everyone that's listening in tonight.
- So with that, Tom, I'm going to turn it over to
- 16 you. There's a couple topics I know you wanted to touch
- 17 upon that we haven't tonight and then we can get to the
- 18 public comment section.
- 19 MR. ANDERS: Tom, before you start, I'd just
- 20 like to remind everyone that please turn your mic on
- 21 mute if you're not speaking. We do have some background
- 22 noise. That would be appreciated. Go ahead, Tom.
- 23 MR. JONES: Thanks, Chuck. And I'll confess I
- 24 think that was me getting ready for my big time on stage
- 25 here.

I'll give you a couple quick updates for the 1 2 public and one of them is on our funding decision, our 3 pending funding decision from Public Utilities 4 Commission. We have this five-letter acronym, the 5 NDCTP, the Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding, and as the name suggests, every three years, 6 we submit a budget for what we think it takes to 7 remediate the site and then the CPUC adjudicates that 8 9 with public intervenors. It's a very formal rigorous 10 process and then there's a decision made about funds 11 that should be allocated for the project or not. So we submitted what I would say is a nearly all parties 12 13 summary -- settlement to that that reduced our initial 14 request by almost a billion dollars, a little over 900 15 million, and with these diverse parties that are agreeing, we thought we'd give the Utilities Commission 16 17 something that was quickly actionable. We don't have an 18 action yet. They've extended three times. So ours is still slated for decision by September and I'll just 19 20 remind the panel and the public that the Utility 21 Commission issues what's called a proposed decision at 22 least 30 days in advance of that decision. So while 23 they talk about a mid-September decision time frame, 24 that means we should see something at the latest by 25 mid-August. I know we've talked about that before, but

- 1 you might recall when we didn't see that in February,
- 2 then a year after, the commission extended from March to
- 3 September. So August is when we really get good
- 4 clarity. Hopefully sooner. They don't have to go to
- 5 September, but if we don't hear something by mid-August,
- 6 then we could be in for a potentially realignment of
- 7 that schedule.
- 8 That did just happen last week to Southern
- 9 California Edison's pending decision. Theirs was a
- 10 little bit in front of us and theirs was extended for
- 11 the third time now out till late October. So, again,
- 12 over a year from when we would have estimated to have a
- 13 decision, but hopefully that settlement that PG&E and
- 14 the other parties came to is adopted by the Utilities
- 15 Commission.
- 16 Secondly, that can impact when we submit the
- 17 2021 NDCTP. So we're planning as though the settlement
- 18 is adopted because it's broad and it's diverse and I
- 19 think it took into account a lot of despaired interest
- 20 to better align the project. However, if that
- 21 decision -- let's say it comes out in late September and
- 22 it's a radical departure from what the parties to the
- 23 proceeding expect, we might have to adjust our
- 24 application to do that. Our team is starting to write
- 25 testimony now and line things up from your strategic

- vision, from other input we've received from
- 2 contractors, what's going on in the coastal permit and
- 3 we have to align those things.
- 4 It's just the lay explanation is really simple.
- 5 Budget informs how much work you're going to do and the
- 6 work you're going to do is captured either in the NRC
- 7 licensing space or in the CEQA process for that
- 8 permitting and analysis. So those things are
- 9 inextricably linked. So we really hope that that is
- 10 adopted soon and that's how those things connect.
- 11 Dollars do impact the work that impacts the regulatory
- 12 requirements at the county, the Coastal Commission and
- 13 before the NRC.
- 14 And, lastly, we have a continued update on this
- 15 1,200-acre deed restriction and other things that are to
- 16 be recorded, including a lighthouse road easement, and
- 17 that is before the Coastal Commission now at the staff
- 18 level for adoption. They gave us some feedback at the
- 19 end of the year, a couple years ago actually, and we
- 20 revised and met all their criteria. The Port Harbor
- 21 District, which is independent and they have rights to
- 22 that Lighthouse Road, they have adopted the revision and
- 23 they've adopted -- they adopted it previously. The
- 24 Coastal asked for a change and so that independent
- 25 elected body is approved. We approved, all the

- 1 signatures are complete. Coastal has to concur that the
- 2 executed documents and they saw the drafts, we're not
- 3 surprising them, are in alignment with their expectation
- 4 and then they will be recorded into county.
- 5 The reason the road has to be recorded before
- 6 the conservation easement is that they're reflected in
- 7 one another. The conservation easement has a carve-out
- 8 for the road alignment and references that other
- 9 easement by incorporation. So we have to have the roads
- 10 recorded first. We're going to do them the same day.
- 11 We'll literally handwrite in the number from the county
- 12 assessor's office in the subordinate document.
- So that's where those processes are in process
- 14 now and everything in our control are on time or a
- 15 little early and on or under budget. So we try to
- 16 navigate those swim lanes as best we can and happy to
- 17 answer any questions that the panel might have.
- 18 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, Maureen and Tom.
- 19 Does the panel members have any questions? I
- 20 don't see any hands going up. So let's go on to the
- 21 next topic. We are running a little late. So we had a
- 22 break scheduled right now, but we're nearing the end of
- 23 the meeting time. So I suggest we forego the break and
- 24 go directly into public comment, unless I hear an
- 25 objection. All right. Let's do that.

So right now we have four hands up from the 1 2 public and let's have two-minute comments from the 3 public if that makes sense to the panel members and our 4 first participant or member from the public comment is 5 Kalene Walker, followed by L. Swanson. I would like to ask that the participants that want to make public 6 7 comment to state your name, please spell your name for the benefit of our court reporter and the transcript and 8 9 also indicate where your residence is located. 10 So, Zeek, can we set that up? I'm sorry, Chuck. Would you like me 11 ZEEK: 12 to -- are you at the public comment? 13 MR. ANDERS: Yes, please. Our first speaker 14 would be -- oh, somebody disappeared, took their hand down, would be L. Swanson and Neil Havlik. 15 16 Zeek: Okay. 17 MR. ANDERS: And Kalene put her hand back up. 18 I apologize for -- L. Swanson and Neil Havlik. 19 MS. SWANSON: This is L. Swanson. Do you hear 20 me? 21 MR. ANDERS: Yes, we do. 22 MS. SWANSON: Okay. Sorry I'm hiding. I 23 didn't mean to do that, but that's a nice rose. So I go 24 by my middle name. So Jane Swanson. Am I okay? Am I 25 being heard?

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              MR. ANDERS:
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             MR. JONES: We can hear you, Jane.
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              MS. SWANSON: Okay. So I'm Jane Swanson.
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     live in San Luis Obispo. I hope that is all I'm
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     supposed to say about myself. So I'll keep it brief.
              First of all, I really want to compliment and
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     thank very much the members of the Engagement Panel.
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     This is volunteer work and the number of hours they put
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     in are beyond my comprehension. I've attended almost
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     all of the meetings over the years. I'm very impressed
    with them. So I want to thank the current, past and
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     future members of the panel.
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              Secondly, I really want to second the
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     suggestion of Linda Seeley that a workshop be held that
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     includes Dr. Lam because we didn't get a chance to hear
     as much from him as he has to offer. Not just Dr. Lam,
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    but also, you know, I would want PG&E and the county to
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    be present at that meeting. So that would be very
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     valuable. I very much appreciated the workshops held in
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     February of 2019 on the spent fuel storage. That was
     very hopefully, also.
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              And then a question, which might be answered at
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     some other time, of Rod McCollum of the Nuclear Energy
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     Institute. He was very optimistic and advocating of
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     consolidated interim storage, but I am aware that that
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- TRANSCRIPT, on 05/26/2021 project violates federal law because federal law states 1 2 that interim storage may not happen until and unless 3 there is a permanent repository. So I'm quite mystified 4 why there's this brouhaha about consolidated interim 5 storage because I don't see any permanent repository on the horizon. So I just want to make sure everybody 6 listening to this meeting is aware of the fact that 7 consolidated interim storage in New Mexico and Texas is 8 not a legal proposition. So I don't understand why 9 10 that's even being put out there. So I'll let it go at that and let other people have their turn. Thank you. 11 Thank you, Jane. Our next speaker 12 MR. ANDERS: 13 is Neil Havlik, followed by Neil Pulido and Kalene 14 Walker. 15 MR. HAVLIK: Thank you, Mr. Anders. spelled N-E-I-L, H-A-V, like in Victor, L-I-K, and I am 16 17 speaking to you tonight in my capacity as president of the Board of Directors of the Coastal San Luis Resource 18 Conservation District. We are one of nearly 100 such 19 20 agencies throughout the State of California. Our 21 district covers the area of San Luis Obispo County from Highway 41 in the north to the Santa Barbara County line 22 23 on the south and from the coastline of the Pacific Ocean
 - 25 course, includes the Diablo Canyon 12,000 acres.

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inland to the Los Padres National Forest, which, of

- 1 offer engineering and natural resource advisory and
- 2 management services to our interested publics. This
- 3 includes civil engineering, not nuclear engineering,
- 4 which we've been hearing about tonight, but civil
- 5 engineering such as dealing with roads, water and
- 6 stormwater conveyance, and water impoundments,
- 7 including, but not limited to, stock water impoundments
- 8 and containment structures. We also provide natural
- 9 resource management and agricultural resource
- 10 management. These include things such as water quality,
- 11 water conservation, erosion control and soil
- 12 conservation, but very importantly, resource
- 13 conservation districts are one of the natural conduits
- 14 for the use of public money on private lands where those
- 15 public monies have a public benefit and water quality
- 16 and erosion control come immediately to mind and are
- 17 common in the nexi. Is that the right word? Are common
- 18 nexuses for the use of those funds. We just want to
- 19 apprise the panel of this information and the services
- 20 that our organization can provide. We do have
- 21 engineering expertise and natural resource expertise
- 22 available to us and these can be applied to, really, any
- 23 suitable portion of the Diablo Canyon lands, including
- 24 the power plant site itself and the surrounding lands,
- 25 and we would be delighted to be a participant in that.

- So I just ask that you keep us in mind as you move 1 2 forward and we will be and will continue to be 3 participants in this process as it moves forward. Thank 4 you. Thank you, Neil. That's great. 5 MS. WOODRUFF: MR. ANDER: Thank you, Neil. 6 Our next speaker is Neil Pulido, followed by 7 Kalene Walker. 8 9 Thank you very much. I just have MR. PULIDO: 10 a couple questions and thank you so much for letting me participate. They're basic questions. Maybe you can 11 help direct where they should be addressed, but I hear 12 13 250,000 years as far as a half life for the radiation 14 and I'm hearing 80 years for the casks. I guess my question is is that what provisions are being made for 15 future contractors years and years down the road if they 16 17 go bankrupt? And I'm speaking from the reference of oil 18 facilities and oil wells where they're abandoned and 19 bankrupt oil companies just walk away. I'd like to know 20 is that something that's going to be addressed? And the second question I have is the current 21
- location, I understand additional casks are going to be 22 23 put at that same pad, if you will, but what is the sea 24 level of that and what studies have been done as far as 25 a potential tsunami? I know there's been earthquake

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              MR. ANDERS: Thank you, Neil.
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              Our next speaker is Kalene Walker.
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              MS. WALKER: Hello. Can you hear me?
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              MR. ANDERS: Yes, we can, Kalene.
              MS. WALKER: Great.
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     I'm down in -- near San Onofre. I wish I had done the
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     research or had the time and known about canister
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     aware of the issue when the canister of the whole system
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              I'm curious why you have a four-year -- why
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     very serious important option as far as your canister
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              Donna Gilmore of San Onofre Safety came and
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    was when some industry representatives presented to you
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     and I think she outlined some fundamental differences
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     Only two types of containers. There's thin wall
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- 1 canisters and thick wall casks. The thin wall canisters
- 2 is what the industry is using and what the NRC is
- 3 allowing. They're extremely substandard. They vent
- 4 air. They cannot be stored in a building. The thick
- 5 wall casks can be stored in a building away from all of
- 6 the environmental hazards. It can be a harding
- 7 building. They are much more protected. It's like not
- 8 having a containment dome on a power plant. These
- 9 things are sitting out in the open. There's all sorts
- 10 of other things. These canisters, the NRC knows they
- 11 are prone to corrosion and cracking. There's no way to
- 12 inspect for corrosion cracking. Mr. McCollum from the
- 13 NEI stated that the San Onofre had the gold standard of
- 14 inspection repair because the Coastal Commission
- 15 approved our supposed inspection repair plan to
- 16 rationalize that the fuel was maintained in the
- 17 transportable condition, but the --
- 18 ZEEK: The two-minute time has passed.
- 19 MS. WALKER: Okay. Simply, the inspection is
- 20 only a visual assessment. I would highly recommend you
- 21 look up SanOnofreSafety.org and just do some research.
- 22 This is like the -- in perpetuity is the operative word,
- 23 and regardless of what happens with decommissioning,
- 24 this fuel and how it's stored, and there's the need for
- 25 repackaging, has not been factored in. I could go on

- 1 and on. Thank you so much.
- 2 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, Kalene.
- 3 Any other members of the public that want to
- 4 make any comments? Yes, Debbie Kinsinger.
- 5 MS. KINSINGER: Hi. My name is Debbie
- 6 Kinsinger. I'm a CEQA consultant from the San Diego
- 7 area, most of my experience with forest service, fish
- 8 and wildlife service and things like that.
- 9 I have a lot of questions about the interim
- 10 consolidated storage idea. First of all, the one that's
- 11 already been brought up about that there's no long-term
- 12 site, and as far as I understood, that this wasn't an
- 13 option until we had that that somebody else explained
- 14 better.
- 15 So, second, when -- I think it was Rodney was
- 16 explaining about the safety of the casks and about their
- 17 transportability, and just from what I've been learning
- 18 in San Diego with the casks that we have here, they're
- 19 too long to be put on -- on a rail car and they're also
- 20 too heavy for a rail to support. So when he talked
- 21 about, you know, transporting these all the time, we've
- 22 been doing it for years, to my knowledge, nothing like
- 23 the type of casks that are going to be storing these
- 24 fuels has ever been transported. And he talked about
- 25 being able to demonstrate that they could be repackaged.

- 1 To my knowledge, we don't know that they can be
- 2 repackaged. We have an example of a cask that -- and
- 3 how it could be used, but it's an example that doesn't
- 4 have fuel in it and so many questions that when -- I've
- 5 heard a couple of times people talk about this whole
- 6 idea about interim storage and how we are going to move
- 7 this material off site and I think that there's been
- 8 some misrepresentation about what is possible to do
- 9 based on what has been done. That's not consistent to
- 10 what we're going to try and do.
- 11 So what has been done is low level
- 12 transportation of low level, not high burn-up type of
- 13 fuels, and in containers that are not heavy casks.
- 14 Somebody said -- I thought there was something like
- 15 72,000 pounds per cask and I'm not sure that that's
- 16 accurate. That's just something I remember off the top
- of my head, but anyway, there's so many questions and
- 18 when I listen to Rodney speak, it sounds so great, wow,
- 19 here's a great solution, but just what I have learned
- 20 about this in the past is, one, that interim
- 21 consolidated storage is not feasible and, two -- or it's
- 22 not legal, and, two, that a lot of the things he said
- 23 we've been doing and that it's -- that we're able to do
- 24 is not -- we're not able to do those things with the
- 25 type of casks that we have and the type of fuel that

- 1 they are enclosing. So --
- 2 ZEEK: Excuse me. Your two-minute time is up.
- 3 MS. KINSINGER: Thank you. I'm looking forward
- 4 to scoping meetings where we can bring this up and
- 5 hopefully make better choices.
- 6 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, Debbie. Janine Rands
- 7 has also raised her hand and would like to speak.
- 8 Janine?
- 9 MS. RANDS: Good evening. This is Janine
- 10 Rands, J-A-N-I-N-E, R-A-N-D-S. I live in San Luis
- 11 Obispo. We frequently drive out to Avila and my concern
- 12 is the whole driving and transportation.
- 13 MR. ANDERS: Janine, we're not hearing you, I
- 14 don't think. I don't about others, but I can't.
- 15 MS. RANDS: Let me go into a different room.
- 16 I'll have to go into a different room.
- 17 MR. ANDERS: That's better. Thank you.
- 18 MS. RANDS: This is Janine Rands from San Luis
- 19 Obispo and I'm concerned -- I'm making a call about the
- 20 transportation of anything related to the -- anything
- 21 toxic or anything related to withdrawal from the Diablo
- 22 plant, that it's a two-lane highway and it's also a huge
- 23 recreational site and that there are at least five blind
- 24 corners for even cars and bicycle riders. How are we
- 25 going to mitigate safety for all of the above and then

- 1 we add in trucks.
- 2 The other thing that I'm really concerned about
- 3 is the whole social justice issue of where these
- 4 materials might be transported, that the litigation for
- 5 keeping people that are -- the marginalized communities
- 6 where these materials are destined for, it's not just
- 7 and I hope the community and the communities where this
- 8 stuff is going, what get to be consulted. So thanks a
- 9 lot for this conversation.
- 10 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, Janine.
- 11 That's all the hands I have up right now from
- 12 the public attendees.
- 13 So panel members, any final discussion on --
- 14 ZEEK: Excuse me, Chuck. There is one more in
- 15 the queue.
- 16 MR. ANDERS: Oh, okay. Marty Brown. Sorry,
- 17 Marty.
- 18 ZEEK: Looks like we just lost him.
- 19 MR. ANDERS: Okay. It does look that way.
- 20 So let's go ahead, Panel, and any final
- 21 comments or discussion before we adjourn?
- MR. LATHROP: It looks like Marty Brown is
- 23 back.
- 24 ZEEK: Let's try it.
- MR. ANDERS: Marty, go ahead with your comment.

- 1 Two minutes. Marty, looks like you have your microphone
- 2 muted. Can you unmute your microphone, please?
- 3 ZEEK: It appears Marty's having technical
- 4 issues.
- 5 MR. JONES: Chuck, I think it's time to move to
- 6 the panel. We do want to hear from the panel for future
- 7 topics.
- 8 MR. ANDERS: Okay. Let's go ahead with
- 9 discussion. Any thoughts? Any final comments?
- 10 MS. SEELEY: I have something. This is Linda.
- 11 First of all, I want to thank all of the people who made
- 12 public comment and I can't wait till we can meet in
- 13 public again so the people can be present. Maybe next
- 14 time, I hope.
- The other thing is that I just want to make one
- 16 clarification. Both -- this is for the information of
- 17 the panel. Both the governor of Texas and the governor
- 18 of New Mexico have written very strong letters in
- 19 opposition to consolidated interim storage and those
- 20 letters are important. I think that Rodney deemphasized
- 21 any opposition and emphasized how easy it will be and
- 22 the environmental justice issues are extremely important
- 23 for us to take into consideration. So let's not --
- 24 let's go ahead and have another -- have a good workshop.
- 25 And my other comment that I wanted to make is

- 1 that Dr. Lam was not really able to answer any questions
- 2 tonight. So it was quite disappointing to me and I
- 3 don't know how to -- we just tried to pack too much into
- 4 one meeting. That's all.
- 5 So, anyway, I just -- I'm very glad we had this
- 6 meeting. I think it was a good opening to all of the
- 7 incredibly important questions that we have about the
- 8 nuclear waste and, of course, the land use issues, but
- 9 if we don't take care of the nuclear waste, the land use
- 10 issues will be totally irrelevant because we won't have
- 11 any land to use. So that's all. Thank you very much.
- 12 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, Linda. Kara and then
- 13 David and then Dena.
- 14 MS. WOODRUFF: Well, I agree with Linda. I
- 15 just want to say thanks to everyone for participating
- 16 tonight and for your patience. I really can't wait
- 17 until we do this in person again.
- 18 I just wanted to make a quick announcement,
- 19 too. Just in the last couple days, a major announcement
- 20 was made by the Biden administration and Governor Newsom
- 21 and that is that it looks like the Central Coast and
- 22 specifically the waters offshore Morro Bay may be the
- 23 site of a future offshore wind turbine facility, which
- 24 would have the potential to bring in three gigawatts of
- 25 power and that's pretty significant. That would make up

for the power that is lost when Diablo closes, as well 1 2 as the power that was at one time created or generated 3 by the Morro Bay Power Plant. It's a really interesting 4 and very exciting opportunity. It is the opportunity 5 for us to move towards green clean renewable energy and so I think it's an exciting issue and I hope the panel 6 will be spending some time in the future talking about 7 offshore wind energy. Very intriguing. 8 9 And then, finally, I just wanted to mention 10 PG&E had made a very brief update about the 1,200-acre deed restriction near Point San Luis. I would like to 11 mention that the reason that restriction on the land 12 13 that will prevent development there is in place is that 14 in 2009, PG&E replaced its steam generator, and in so 15 doing, they received a permit to do that and the mitigation required was to restrict these 1,200 acres. 16 17 That was 12 years ago and right now I guess the project is in the hands of the Coastal Commission, and with a 18 short amount of time, they should be able to finalize it 19 20 and get that deed restriction on the books so that land is forever protected, but I think 12 years is long 21 enough for us to wait on a permit condition, and if the 22 23 Coastal Commission is listening, I'm really asking you 24 to expedite this and get this done once and for all and 25 just put in place a permanent protection of that land,

- 1 which should have happened 12 years ago.
- 2 Again, thanks everyone for participating. See
- 3 you next time.
- 4 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, Kara. David and then
- 5 Dena.
- 6 MR. BALDWIN: Clearly, this is a discussion
- 7 that needs more time. Linda, I think, laid it out
- 8 pretty nice that maybe we had too big of an agenda on a
- 9 night like this. So I don't know if that should be in a
- 10 form of a workshop or how we do that, but I would
- 11 certainly be in favor of that. I, too, would have liked
- 12 to hear or at least have some time to ask questions or
- 13 heard questions bounced off Dr. Lam. I had several
- 14 questions myself, but I didn't ask them because I was
- 15 trying to be -- you know, keep the thing moving along.
- 16 I know we seemed -- our periods for discussion seemed to
- 17 be way too short tonight. We always run up against
- 18 deadlines when we have these discussions, but tonight
- 19 seemed more difficult than most. So I hope we can take
- 20 that on, and, clearly, these are issues that are
- 21 really -- have a lot of deep importance to the
- 22 community, as they should.
- 23 The other thing I wanted to mention is it's not
- 24 really the aim of this board, but I've been getting more
- 25 and more comment from folks about all kinds of things

- 1 along the lines of, well, Diablo is going to continue to
- 2 operate and Diablo is going to be sold to someone else
- 3 who will operate it, you know, certain metrics are not
- 4 being met by the state and the grid and those are going
- 5 to cause Diablo to continue to operate for some years
- 6 after '24, '25 and, of course, you know, sometimes I'm
- 7 asked, you know, is that what you guys are discussing
- 8 over there at the Engagement Panel and, of course, I
- 9 tell them, no, that's not been our discussion, that's
- 10 not been anything I've heard, but it sure seems like
- 11 this large amount of kind of chatter. Maybe some of my
- 12 fellow panelists are hearing the same thing, I don't
- 13 know, but I think we should address that or PG&E should
- 14 maybe and we should have --
- MS. DANOFF: A good topic.
- 16 MR. BALDWIN: -- some way to reply to those
- 17 comments in a way that's across the board for this panel
- 18 so that we have a similar understanding.
- 19 MR. JONES: David, I think we made numerous and
- 20 what I would characterize as definitive statements that
- 21 the current license life is the operational period for
- 22 the Diablo Canyon. We've done so at every public venue
- 23 and there's been numerous media coverage. I do think
- 24 there's still hope from some in the community that
- 25 that's not the case, but that is the case in the future

- 1 for the Diablo Canyon. So with that finite date for
- 2 operations, our goal is to transition into
- 3 decommissioning and I'll remind the panel and those
- 4 participating that not only did the Public Utilities
- 5 Commission weigh in on that as the retirement strategy
- 6 through the joint proposal, but with Senate Bill 1090,
- 7 the California legislature also codified that that was
- 8 the retirement plan and Governor Brown signed that into
- 9 law.
- 10 So it doesn't get much more clear than that,
- 11 but the message isn't received by some that would like
- 12 to see it run longer, but that's where we're at.
- MR. BALDWIN: Thanks, Tom.
- 14 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, David.
- 15 MS. ROSALES: Yeah, and I think it's a valid
- 16 point, David, in terms of retraining and programs that
- 17 Diablo Canyon has in terms of getting employees into
- 18 other careers. So I think there's a lot of value in
- 19 that. I think we move forward in that.
- MR. ANDERS: Thank you.
- 21 Dena, looks like you're the last person
- 22 standing, so to speak. So final comments.
- 23 MS. BELLMAN: I think I have a little different
- 24 perspective, Linda. I think for me, while I know you
- 25 were really excited about getting these questions

answered, I think the different perspectives on the 1 2 topic was a really good set-up for a workshop or some 3 type of more in-depth conversation. I know especially 4 at this time of night, sometimes it's difficult to 5 absorb a lot of that technical information. So I was really grateful to have the variety of speakers on the 6 7 topics. So I'm really looking forward to the future when we are able to have a better -- you know, more 8 9 in-depth conversation and I feel like this really set us 10 up for that. So I'm very grateful for that opportunity. And I think I just want to say thank you to 11 12 everyone and welcome again to our new panel members and 13 you're off with a bang. This was a big one and I really 14 do hope that we get to meet in person in the future even 15 if it's just the panel because I think there's a lot of conversation that can't always happen over Zoom. 16 So 17 thank you everyone and thank you for everyone who is listening in and who has asked questions. We really 18 19 appreciate it. Thanks. 20 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, Dena. 21 And speaking of upcoming panel meetings, I just 22 want to go over the scheduled panel meetings for this 23 year, but first I want to remind everyone that on June 24 23rd and 24th, we have the Diablo Canyon Independent 25 Safety Committee meeting, and based on what Dr. Lam

- 1 indicated, that meeting may be an in-person meeting
- 2 usually held at Avila Beach. So June 23, 24, Diablo
- 3 Canyon Independent Safety Committee meeting.
- 4 The next scheduled Diablo Canyon
- 5 Decommissioning Engagement Panel meeting is August 25th
- 6 where we will talk about facility repurposing and Diablo
- 7 Canyon lands update. You may choose to hold a workshop
- 8 before or after that on spent fuel management.
- 9 And then we also have kind of an unscheduled
- 10 meeting and that would be -- and this could happen
- 11 sooner or it could happen later, but it's -- the panel
- 12 has agreed to hold a public panel meeting within ten
- days of the CPUC's announcement on their preliminary
- 14 ruling on the 2018 NDCTP. So as soon as the CPUC makes
- that preliminary ruling, the panel will hold a public
- 16 meeting within, essentially, two weeks, announcements
- 17 that will provide the opportunities to discuss what the
- 18 ruling is and the implications of that ruling and
- 19 provide the opportunity for the public to make comments
- 20 back to CPUC before they make their final ruling.
- 21 So those are the upcoming meetings and I would
- 22 just like to also thank everyone for attending and a
- 23 reminder that recording of this meeting will be posted
- 24 on the Engagement Panel website and a transcript will
- 25 also be available in approximately ten days to two weeks

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              So with that, I don't hear any further
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     comments. Let's consider this meeting adjourned and
     everyone have a good what's left of this evening. Thank
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     you all for attending and I guess we don't have to say
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     travel safely, but good night, everyone.
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