

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

August 17, 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTION FOR SPENT FUEL SOLUTIONS NOW
COALITION.

WHEREAS, San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) is a retired commercial nuclear power plant located in San Diego County that has all of its spent nuclear fuel packaged in stainless steel canisters designed for both storage and transportation; and

WHEREAS, despite legal and contractual requirements, there is currently no existing federal repository, interim storage facility, or program in place to address the nation's current and growing inventory of spent nuclear fuel now stranded at sites such as SONGS in 34 states across the country: and

WHEREAS, under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (Public Law 97-425) the federal government was required to assume title, liability, and transportation responsibility beginning in 1998, but has failed to do so. Nearly \$41 billion has been paid through utility fees into the Nuclear Fund managed by the Department of Energy: and

WHEREAS, the lack of national policy and statutory authority prevents removal of the spent nuclear fuel from being removed from SONGS, impeding the decommissioning of the plant, restoration of site, and return of the land to the Navy; and

WHEREAS, starting in 2025 California will hold the largest amount of stranded spent fuel in the nation and the lack of effective timeline and metrics for spent nuclear fuel has led to stranded spent nuclear fuel throughout the United States; and that Congress should consider federal legislation requiring a plan for removal of spent nuclear fuel from the SONGS site on San Onofre State Beach; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego County legislative platform has long called for "Support[ing] legislation that would remove and relocate, outside of the San Diego region, the spent nuclear fuel stored at the decommissioned San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station"; and

WHEREAS, at its September 15, 2015 meeting, the Board of Supervisors Minute Order No. 13 directed "the Chief Administrative Officer to draft a letter for the Chairman's signature to the United States Secretary of Energy urging the prompt removal and relocation of the spent nuclear fuel currently stored at the decommissioned San Onofre Generating Station and provide copies to San Diego County's federal legislative representatives, the Governor of California, the state legislative delegation, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the California Energy Commission and all other appropriate agencies or entities. In addition, today's action will direct the Chief Administrative Officer to add to the County's legislative program support for legislation that would remove and relocate outside of the San Diego region..."; and

WHEREAS, a new coalition, *Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now* provides an opportunity for stakeholders, including local governments, business and labor leaders, Native American leaders, environmental groups, and community members, to join forces and make offsite spent fuel storage and/or disposal a priority.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the San Diego County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the county's participation in the Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now coalition and appointment of Supervisor Desmond to serve as a member of the Executive Board.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL
By: Mark Day, Senior Deputy