

CITY OF DANA POINT
AGENDA REPORT

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DATE: JANUARY 18, 2022

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: COUNCIL MEMBER MICHAEL VILLAR

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT ACTION FOR SPENT FUEL NOW COALITION

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt Resolution 22-01-18-XX supporting Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now and directing the City Manager to transmit the resolution to co-chairs Orange County Supervisor Lisa Bartlett and San Diego County Supervisor Jim Desmond.

BACKGROUND:

The San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) started the decommissioning process in 2013. The Spent nuclear fuel must be removed from the site to complete the decommissioning process. Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now will serve as the coalition recommended by the Strategic Plan to relocate the SONGS spent nuclear fuel and bring together stake holders to advocate for federal action. Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now is co-chaired by Orange County Supervisor Lisa Bartlett and San Diego County Supervisor Jim Desmond.

SUMMARY:

Staff recommends that Council adopt a resolution (Action Document A) supporting the Support Action for Spent Fuel Now coalition. The coalition would facilitate a wide network of stakeholders to make offsite fuel storage and/or disposal a priority at the federal level.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

Strategic Goal 1: Livable Community and World Class Place by maintaining and ensuring public safety.

ACTION DOCUMENTS:

A. [Resolution 22-01-88-XX.....2](#)

ACTION DOCUMENT A**RESOLUTION NO. 22-01-18-XX****A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE ACTION FOR SPENT FUEL NOW COALITION**

WHEREAS, the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) is a retired commercial nuclear power plant in close proximity to the City of Dana Point; and

WHEREAS, since 2013 SONGS has been in the decommissioning process and as of August 2020, all spent fuel has been packaged in stainless steel canisters designed for both storage and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has failed to meet its obligations to assume the title, liability and transport of the spent fuel at SONGS as it has been required to do so since 1998 under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (Public Law 97-425) and by contract; and

WHEREAS, nearly \$41 billion (including interest income) has been paid into the Nuclear Waste Fund by utility customers nationwide, including almost \$1 billion from SONGS customers including Dana Point residents; and

WHEREAS, the lack of national policy prevents removal of spent fuel from SONGS, impeding the decommissioning of the plant, restoration of the site and return of the land to the U.S. Navy; and

WHEREAS, the “Strategic Plan for the Relocation of SONGS Spent Nuclear Fuel to an Offsite Storage Facility or a Repository” was developed by a team of independent national experts and recommends formation of a coalition of stakeholders to advocate for federal action to facilitate a licensed facility that can accept the spent fuel; and

WHEREAS, off-site interim and long-term storage options are important to enhance the health, safety and security of residents, businesses, and visitors in the city of Dana Point; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, The City Council of the City of Dana Point does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Dana Point supports the Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now coalition and its efforts to relocate spent fuel to a federally licensed facility.

Section 2. The City Manager is directed to transmit this Resolution to the Co-Chairs of the Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now coalition.

Section 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Dana Point, State of California this 18th day of January 2022:

ATTEST:

Shayna Sharke, City Clerk

Joseph L. Muller, Mayor

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss
CITY OF DANA POINT)

I, Shayna Sharke, City Clerk of the City of Dana Point, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 22-01-18-XX adopted by the City Council of the City of Dana Point, California, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 18th day of January 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

(SEAL)

Shayna Sharke, City Clerk