

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-131**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CHARTERED CITY OF  
VISTA, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF SPENT FUEL SOLUTIONS AND  
AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTION FOR SPENT FUEL  
SOLUTIONS NOW COALITION**

**The City Council of the City of Vista does resolve as follows:**

**1. Findings.** The City Council hereby finds and declares the following:

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

B. Despite legal and contractual requirements, there is currently no existing federal repository or interim storage facility 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

C. 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 for the disposal of spent nuclear fuel; and

D. The lack of a federal disposal facility 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

E. 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 new or amended federal legislation for removal of spent nuclear fuel from reactor sites including the SONGS site on San Onofre State Beach; and

F. A new coalition, Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now with founding members of the County of Orange, County of San Diego, County of Riverside, Southern California Edison (SCE), San Diego Gas & Electric and the City of Riverside 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.

**2. Action.**

A. The City Council hereby supports Spent Fuel Solution and the City's participation in the Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now Coalition.

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**3. Adoption.** PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Vista held on June 27, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Franklin, Green, Contreras, Melendez, O'Donnell

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
WALTER CHUNG, CITY ATTORNEY

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JOHN B. FRANKLIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
KATHY VALDEZ, CITY CLERK

By: 