

Resolution in Support of Solutions for the Permanent Relocation of Spent Fuel for SONGS

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1. The *Action Plan*, which lays out near-term measures SCE and the SONGS co-owners will take to advance off-site relocation of the spent fuel and to be prepared to move the fuel should an opportunity arise.
2. The *Strategic Plan*, which identifies and analyzes a range of alternatives for spent fuel removal while making clear the challenges and needed actions for those alternatives to be realized.
3. The *Conceptual Transportation Plan*, which focuses on specific steps and strategic considerations in planning for and executing the shipment of spent fuel from SONGS to an off-site location, assumed to be in the Southwestern United States.

To further build momentum toward commercially reasonable off-site storage and to urge the federal government to meet its legal obligations, SCE and the counties of Orange and San Diego formed *Spent Fuel Solutions*, a stakeholder coalition. *Spent Fuel Solutions* is a group of over 250 local governments, elected officials, utilities, environmental groups, labor leaders, Native American leaders, business organizations and other community members who support the relocation of spent nuclear fuel to a federally licensed facility away from our coastline. Founding members include the County of Orange, County of San Diego, SCE, San Diego Gas & Electric and the City of Riverside.

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution supporting solutions for the permanent relocation of spent nuclear fuel for the SONGS and extending the City's support for the *Spent Fuel Solutions* coalition (Attachment 1).

This item aligns with the City's Updated Legislative Platform adopted by the City Council on February 21, 2023, which includes efforts to support coastal protection, specifically the safe removal, transport, and interim and/or long-term storage of nuclear waste from SONGS (Attachment 2). The recommended Resolution will reaffirm the City's commitment to a safe, long-term spent fuel storage solution.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The recommended action has no financial impact on the budget.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution in Support of Solutions for the Permanent Relocation of Spent Fuel for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (Pgs. 3-4)
2. City of Laguna Beach Updated State and Federal Legislative Platform (Pgs. 5-12)

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF SOLUTIONS FOR THE PERMANENT RELOCATION OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL FOR THE SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION

WHEREAS, since 2013, SONGS has been in the decommissioning process, and as of August 2020, all spent nuclear fuel is packaged in stainless steel canisters designed for both storage and transportation; 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 despite nearly \$46 billion having been paid through utility fees into the Nuclear Fund managed by the Department of Energy; and

WHEREAS, offsite interim and long-term storage options are important to enhance the health, safety, and security of residents, businesses, and visitors in the City of Laguna Beach; and

WHEREAS, a new coalition, *Spent Fuel Solutions*, provides an opportunity for stakeholders, including local governments, businesses, environmental groups, and community

members to join forces and make off-site spent fuel storage and/or disposal a priority;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH DOES RESOLVE that the City of Laguna Beach hereby supports the *Spent Fuel Solutions* coalition and its efforts to relocate spent fuel for SONGS to a federally licensed off-site facility.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of August, 2023.

Bob Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ann Marie McKay, City Clerk

I, Ann Marie McKay, City Clerk of the City of Laguna Beach, certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 23.XXX was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of said City held on August 22, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

City Clerk, City of Laguna Beach, California

IV. PROMOTE SOCIAL JUSTICE, EQUITY, AND INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Strive for the furtherance of social justice, equity, and inclusive economic development to promote fairness and empowerment for all people and communities. Support legislation and funding that expands opportunity and access to education, employment, housing, and clean air and water, and increases cultural competency to enhance civil liberties and equal opportunity. Aim to eliminate prejudice and disparities based on sex, gender identification, ethnicity, race, nationality, age, religious or spiritual beliefs, sexual orientation, legal status, language, veteran or socioeconomic status, or physical ability.

POLICY STATEMENTS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

Oppose:

1. State or federal efforts to “borrow” local revenues and encourage the state to find other methods of balancing its budget.
2. Legislation that would eliminate or reduce the City’s franchise fee revenues.

Support:

3. The use of incentives to encourage local government action, rather than the imposition of state, federal, or regional mandates upon local governments, as well as federal mandates on the state.
4. Measures that preserve maximum local control over any legislation that would increase taxes in order to support statewide infrastructure.
5. Efforts to grant greater flexibility to local governments in creating new revenue sources for infrastructure projects.
6. Efforts to reimburse the City for providing services to nonresidents associated with beach access such as marine safety, police, fire, or other emergency services, beach waste disposal, and maintenance of restroom facilities.
7. The reimbursement of local governments for COVID-19 related expenses, including the need for essential public safety service overtime, personal protective equipment, and small business relief.