



**To:** cr\_board\_clerk Clerk Recorder/ClerkRec/COSLO@Wings,  
**Cc:** Dan Buckshi/Admin/COSLO@Wings,  
**Bcc:**  
**Subject:** Fw: Seismic Study Evidence for the Record  
**From:** Kristi Gutierrez/Admin/COSLO - Friday 10/26/2012 11:22 AM

----- Forwarded by Dan Buckshi/Admin/COSLO on 10/26/2012 11:05 AM -----

**From:** "Dr. C. Hite" <aaaptly@gmail.com>  
**To:** dbuckshi@co.slo.ca.us  
**Date:** 10/26/2012 10:37 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Seismic Study Evidence for the Record

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October 25, 2012

Mr. Buckshi,

Thank you for forwarding information for the County website. I understand it is a lot of work to put all the correspondence into PDF files and write the code to post them on behalf of the peoples of Central Coast. I am not seeing this correspondence, which was sent prior to the the Counties deadline and is clearly marked; "Seismic Study Evidence for the Record." I believe it is important that ALL stakeholders are represented, whether they knew about the County deadline or not. I also think it is important to include that there is an Administrative Citizen Complaint on this matter that included does 1 - 20. Please see to it that there is NO censor my correspondence. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. C. Hite, Los Osos  
World Community Workshop  
[aaaptly@gmail.com](mailto:aaaptly@gmail.com)

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P.O. Box 223, Morro Bay, CA 93443

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On Thu, Oct 18, 2012 at 10:12 AM, Dr. C. Hite <[aaaptly@gmail.com](mailto:aaaptly@gmail.com)> wrote:  
October 18, 2012

Mr. Buckshi,

Have the Coastal and Chumash stakeholders been contacted concerning the Friday Oct. 19th deadline to submit information for the staff report on Seismic Study?

These are NOT just stakeholders, equal to everyone else, but the indigenous people of the Central Coast are known and recognized as their own *Nation* . Please consider the information in this website link.

<http://slocoastjournal.com/docs/archives/2012/sept/pages/chumash.html>

Please consider that as of Thursday, October 18th, the County link on Seismic Study fails to notify the public of the Oct. 19th deadline for information. Without the opportunity to provide information; the public will NOT be adequately represented in the Board review and staff report. This is a clear limitation on our community participation.

I am filing two Administrative Citizen Complainants on behalf of myself and Does 1 - 20. The Complaints will again be in writing and I expect the County to follow their own Policy and Procedures for the Administrative Office by contacting me "shortly" to "help resolve."

1) I am dissatisfied with how my Administrative Citizen Complainant(s) have been handled and have inadequate remedy through the County of San Luis Obispo.

If I have inadequate remedy and ability to participate in local governmental processes, then the "protect class"

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for whom I advocate, has inadequate participation and remedy.

2) I am dissatisfied with the representation of the people of San Luis Obispo and the obstacles to our participation and representation in the matter of the ongoing PG&E Seismic Study.

Web Links Enclosed:

<http://slocoastjournal.com/docs/archives/2012/sept/pages/chumash.html>

Web Results

- **[Slo Coast Journal - Northern Chumash Tribal Council](#)**

Sep 17, 2012 ... The Northern **Chumash Tribal Council** (NCTC). by **Fred Collins**. Statement of Concerns Against PG&E's Seismic Offshore Testing Along the ...

[slocoastjournal.com/docs/chumash.html](http://slocoastjournal.com/docs/chumash.html)

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[http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/admin/Seismic\\_Study\\_Information.htm](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/admin/Seismic_Study_Information.htm)

## **San Luis Obispo County, California** **Central Coastal California Seismic Imaging Project** **(CCCSIP)**

The Central Coast California Seismic Imaging Project (CCSIP) is a comprehensive technical study being undertaken by PG&E to further refine the understanding of seismic hazards affecting Diablo Canyon

Nuclear Power Plant DCP. The proposed project is scheduled for the Coastal Commission's review in mid November 2012. For project status, background information, Board of Supervisors agenda items and Independent Peer Review Panel (IPRP) reports please refer to the links below.

## Board Reports

[February 23, 2010](#)

[March 9, 2010 D-1](#)

[March 9, 2010 D-2](#)

[August 7, 2012](#)

[September 13, 2011](#)

## Helpful Links

[Coastal Commission Seismic Survey](#)

[California State Lands Commission Final Environmental Impact Report](#)

[California Energy Commission Report, An Assessment of California's NuclearPower Plants: AB 1632 Committee Report](#)

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# Information & Links from PG&E

[PG&E Seismic Information](#)

[Shoreline Fault Zone Report](#)

[PG&E Responds: At Diablo Canyon Power Plant, Seismic Safety Comes First](#)

[San Luis Obispo County: PG&E Taking Extensive Measures to Protect Marine Life in Seismic Testing](#)

[San Luis Obispo County: State Lands Commission Approves Seismic Testing](#)

## Independent Peer Review Panel (IPRP)

[IPRP Report 1](#)

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**Dan Buckshi** to: cr\_board\_clerk Clerk Recorder  
Cc: Kristi Gutierrez

10/26/2012 10:30 AM

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From: Julie Tacker <julietacker@charter.net>  
To: Cassidy.Teufel@coastal.ca.gov, dbuckshi@co.slo.ca.us, smorrow@losososcsd.org  
Date: 10/26/2012 10:15 AM  
Subject: PG&E Seismic Testing

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Please attach to the staff report on the PG&E Seismic Testing Project.

Julie Tacker



Valentina's\_story.pdf

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**Photo credit to Michael Fishbach**

**Valentina** is like most Humpback Whales; she enjoys warm, low latitude tropical waters in the winter where she will breed and later give birth. In spring, summer and autumn she enjoys cooler, high latitude polar waters where she feeds. She and her family of Humpback Whales make mammoth journeys, nearly 3,000 miles, every year between their feeding and breeding sites. Humpbacks are capable of travelling at 5 mph but, during such a long journey, they average only 1 mph, resting and socializing along the way.

The Central Coast of California is a part-time home to the Central Coast Humpback Whale, which feeds in the nutrient-rich waters of Central California from May through October, before traveling south to Mainland Mexico. The Humpbacks are natural acrobats and tend to breach, or jump out of the water, more often than other whale species. They particularly enjoy showing off their tail as they dive down deep into the ocean in search of sardines, anchovies or krill. The show-stopping humpbacks can also often be seen slapping their flippers, spouting, sounding, tail-lobbing, lunge feeding, and spy-hopping.

This was the scene as Valentina's pregnant mother breached and flapped her flippers as she and her family put on a show for a Coastal Commission July 2007 dinner cruise on the yacht Papagallo II.



**Photo credit to minicooper93402**

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Many past and present state, county and other elected officials and California Coastal Commissioners can be seen in this photograph. They include Sara Wan, Mary Schallenberger, Bonnie Neely, Steve Blank, Pat Kruer, Ben Hueso, Katcho Achadjian, Jerry Lenthall, Adam Hill, Bruce Gibson, Janice Peters, Betty Winholtz, Julie Tacker. They, and CCC staff and members of the public from San Luis Obispo County are gathered at the end of the journey that bonded them, having had experienced the most amazing show of nature imaginable.



**Photo credit to Neil Ferrell Bay News**

That is until a few years later, on Valentine's Day in 2011 Michael Fishbach, co-founder of The Great Whale Conservancy, encountered "Valentina" entangled in fishing net. She could not move and was fighting for survival. Please go to The Great Whale Conservancy's website and view the most heartwarming video of your day. After Michael and his family saved Valentina; the young humpback whale gave them a Valentine show to remember.

<http://greatwhaleconservancy.org/videos-0>



**Photo credit to Michael Fishbach**

This past August onlookers in Avila Bay's Port San Luis Harbor were dazzled recently by Valentina and her family "lunge feeding" on a bait ball near the pier. Humpbacks, pods of sea lions, and hundreds of sea birds delighted spectators and gave photographers the photo op of a lifetime during the week-long event.



**Photo Credit to Bill Bouton**

The humpback whale is a species of baleen whale. One of the larger rorqual species, adults range in length from 39–52 ft and weigh approximately 79,000 lbs. The humpback's distinctive body shape, with unusually long pectoral fins and a knobby head is an acrobatic animal, often breaching and slapping the water. Males produce a complex song, which lasts for 10 to 20 minutes and is repeated for hours at a time. The purpose of the song is not yet clear, although it appears to have a role in mating.

Apparently, strong northwest winds had caused an upwelling nutrient-rich cold waters from the sea bottom that had fueled blooms of phytoplankton that led to an explosion of krill, and that, in turn, led to vast numbers of sardines congregating and forming a huge bait ball near the Avila pier.

Humpback whales are filter feeders which suck in sea water to capture thousands of fish and krill in a single gulp. Humpback whales are generally curious about objects in their environments. Some individuals, referred to as "friendlies", approach whale-watching boats closely, often staying under or near the boat for many minutes. Because humpbacks are often easily approachable, curious, easily identifiable as individuals, and display many behaviors, they have become the mainstay of whale-watching tourism in many locations around the world. Nature's display was an instant economic boom for the County.



**Photo Credit to Maryann Avila**

Then, as the world was watching nature's display in Port San Luis, PG&E sent the Pacific Star and began low energy seismic testing. The bay went quiet. Then Valentina and her family, dolphins, sea lions, and even sea birds moved on.

Valentina's migratory return is set to begin just after this year's 250 decibel seismic testing of "Box 4" ends. Next year she'll be passing through on her way to the Sea of Cortez as tests begin again for Box 1 and 2. If she, her young son, or her mother isn't directly affected by the every 15 second, 24 hour-a-day, 7 day-a-week blasts into the sea; their porpoise, turtle, seal, sea lion and sea otter friends will be.

For **Valentina** and her family, we must **Stop the Diablo Canyon Seismic Testing**. To learn how join the **Stop the Diablo Canyon Seismic Testing** Facebook page.

**\*Based on a true story. Authored by activist Julie Tacker.**



correspondence received re : Oct 30 meeting  
**Fran Zohns** to: cr\_board\_clerk Clerk Recorder

10/26/2012 10:43 AM



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Fran Zohns  
Board of Supervisors  
San Luis Obispo County  
(805)781-5450

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P.O. Box 533  
Cambria, CA 93428  
(805) 927-2202

NCAC@NorthCoastAdvisoryCouncil.org

October 24, 2012

Attn: All Supervisors  
County of San Luis Obispo  
1055 Monterey Street, Rm 430  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

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Board of Supervisors  
San Luis Obispo County

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

**RE: P.G.&E.'s Proposed Seismic Testing  
In the Ocean off the Central Coast**

On Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at its regular monthly meeting the North Coast Advisory Council held a lengthy discussion on the above-referenced topic which included comments from members of the public who were present. The Council then unanimously passed a motion stating: The proposed seismic testing project is unacceptable to the members of the North Coast Advisory Council and until more definite information is acquired, we stand in opposition to the project.

We respectfully request that you take our Council's position on this proposed project into account during your deliberations and decision-making process. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sigrid Castañeda  
Corresponding Secretary

*The NCAC strives to develop a unified, cooperative effort among individuals, organizations and public jurisdictions interested in furthering sound community development, with resulting in a positive quality of life in the North Coast Area.*

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**Seismic Testing Petitions**

**Amber Wilson** to: cr\_board\_clerk Clerk Recorder

10/26/2012 10:51 AM

*Amber Wilson*

Secretary/Board of Supervisors  
San Luis Obispo County  
805.781.4335  
abwilson@co.slo.ca.us



- October 26 Seismic Petition Emails.pdf

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**From:** [Cynthia Stebbins](#)  
**Reply To:** [no-reply@change.org](mailto:no-reply@change.org)  
**To:** [boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us)  
**Subject:** Halt the Central Coastal California Seismic Imaging Project  
**Date:** 10/26/2012 10:21 AM

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Cynthia Stebbins gave the following reason for signing this petition:

"Marine mammals have already been subjected to too much harmful stress of this nature!"

18522 other people have also signed the following message:

Greetings,

I just signed the following petition addressed to: NOAA Fisheries, California Coastal Commission, California Department of Fish and Game, National Science Foundation, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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**From:** [dave shumake](#)  
**Reply To:** [no-reply@change.org](mailto:no-reply@change.org)  
**To:** [boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us)  
**Subject:** Halt the Central Coastal California Seismic Imaging Project  
**Date:** 10/25/2012 10:15 PM

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dave shumake gave the following reason for signing this petition:

"Our oceans are important. Let's not put our sea life at risk."

18518 other people have also signed the following message:

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**From:** [Helge Nielsen](#)  
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**To:** [boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us)  
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Helge Nielsen gave the following reason for signing this petition:

"There's enough information, on any level, that we do not need anymore "research" in order to feel homeland safe. With the climate change being challenged by idiots we need to step up our commitment to safeguard our environment and our oceans. Seismic the politicians brains instead. Research how it feels? "

18515 other people have also signed the following message:

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Ashtyn Campbell gave the following reason for signing this petition:

"It is our duty to protect wildlife. "

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**Subject:** Fw: Contact Us (response #2200)  
**From:** Board of Supervisors/BOS/COSLO - Friday 10/26/2012 01:14 PM  
**Sent by:** Amber Wilson/BOS/COSLO

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**From:** "Internet Webmaster" <webmaster@co.slo.ca.us>  
**To:** "BoardOfSupps@co.slo.ca.us" <BoardOfSupps@co.slo.ca.us>  
**Date:** 10/26/2012 01:08 PM  
**Subject:** Contact Us (response #2200)

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**Survey Information**

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Submission Time/Date:	10/26/2012 1:08:06 PM

**Survey Response**

Name:	jackie marcus
Telephone Number:	
Email address:	<a href="mailto:jackiemarcus@justice.com">jackiemarcus@justice.com</a>
	<p>Dear Supervisors, Please read my Letter to the Editor. Thank You. NO to Seismic Testing, NO to Fukushima-Diablo Nuclear Power Plant By Jacqueline Marcus PG&amp;E's perilous seismic testing of high-energy air gun blasts will harm endangered whales, dolphins, migrating fish, sea otters and a diversity of sea-life off the central coast waters. PG&amp;E is requesting the hazardous testing for one reason and one reason only: to renew their operational license for another twenty years. It has nothing whatsoever to do with public safety. With global warming on the rise, we can expect more terrifying catastrophes such as Fukushima's 2011 three nuclear meltdowns. This emergency crisis began with a 9.0 earthquake followed by an unpredictable tsunami. We understand now, after Fukushima, that a 9.0 earthquake can occur at the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, which was designed to sustain an 8.0 maximum earthquake disaster at best, but there is no scientific certainty that this aging plant can sustain even an 8.0 earthquake, but less one of greater magnitude. Fact 1: Japan's 2011 Fukushima Daiichi is an ongoing nuclear catastrophe: Three meltdowns with no solution nearly two years later on how to stop the nuclear</p>

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radiation that is so immeasurably hot—mechanical robots melt within seconds of entrance of the demolished containment structures. But because this information is censored in the mainstream press, most people think it's over, problem solved. To make the point that it's not over, 36 percent of Fukushima children have abnormal thyroid growths likely from radiation exposure, based on the "Fukushima Prefecture Health Management Survey." (1) Fact 2: Fish off Japan's Coast Said to Contain Elevated Levels of Cesium: New research to be published in the journal Science suggests that radioactive particles from last year's nuclear disaster have accumulated on the sea floor and could contaminate sea life for decades. (2) Fact 3: Japan's Fukushima Daiichi plant operators are having trouble storing a perpetual accumulation of radioactive cooling water from the plant's broken reactors: The plant currently holds 200,000 tonnes of highly contaminated waste water, used to cool the broken reactors, but operator, Tokyo Electric Power Company, continues to struggle to find ways to store the toxic substance. TEPCO has said they are running out of room to build more storage tanks and the volume of water will more than triple within three years. "It's a time-pressing issue because the storage of contaminated water has its limits; there is only limited storage space..." (3) These ominous facts, alone, speak volumes. Shut PG&E's Diablo Nuclear Power Plant down before it's too late and replace this potential nuclear bomb with safe, renewable energy instead. Given the latest technology, solar and wind can provide as much energy or more than nuclear, oil and coal combined. Currently, there are plans for Saudi Arabia to be powered entirely by renewable clean energy while fossil fuels and nuclear dictate our U.S. Energy Policy. In the session, Reassessing Renewable Energies, during last week's Global Economic Symposium in Rio de Janeiro, Prince Turki Al Faisal Al Saud of Saudi Arabia said, "I would like to see Saudi Arabia using 100 percent renewable energy within my lifetime." While the oil rich kingdom of Saudi Arabia announces to the world it's embracing the goal of 100 percent green energy, most politicians in America are afraid to make such a bold statement out of fear of losing shocking sums of money that the fossil fuel industry and wealthy individuals "donate" to sway elections and manipulate legislation, a force strangling our attempt to wean ourselves from nuclear and dirty energy and embrace a clean energy future. (4) Can't happen? Think again: Consider the construction of the Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System

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(ISEGS) — the largest concentrating solar power (CSP) plant in the world — has reached the midway point and remains on schedule to begin delivering what's due to be a net 370 MW of clean, renewable electricity to consumers in California come September, 2013. (5) Yes it can. Sources: 1.

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