



Fw: Comments for Oct 15th Supervisor meeting

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Dear Supervisors,

I will be unable to attend next week's meeting, but I would like submit my comments in advance for inclusion in the official record (attached).

Thank you for scheduling this important meeting on SLO's future.

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Last Spring your board asked a difficult question: “What would SLO do if Diablo Canyon was suddenly closed?” You reflected on this possibility before anyone was aware that four nuclear power facilities would prematurely close this year.

The state is currently reviewing costs of the premature closing of San Onofre. The decision to prematurely shutdown resulted in the elimination of 1600 jobs, and losses within the local community. Yet San Onofre was not the only plant to close last year. In 2013, four communities lost a major employer. At the Crystal River site, here are thoughts of your counterpart, Citrus County Commission chairman Joe Meeks:

[T]he closing of this plant is an opportunity for us to redefine our identity, and focus on priorities that will ensure we are a sustainable, thriving community for generations to come....The nuclear plant does not define us, and its closing will not devastate us. We are a community made up of more than 140,000 people, thousands of businesses, hundreds of charitable groups and thousands of individuals who refuse to give up on making our county a better place to call home.

The choices foisted upon Citrus County were sudden and unanticipated. Today San Luis Obispo has embarked on a road to lessen the possible economic loss of its largest private employer. The Diablo Nuclear plant might safely operate until the end of its license (2025). However, four other reactors closed because these aging units were no longer cost-effective to maintain.

The Alliance understands the challenges of losing Diablo. We know Diablo Canyon provides \$25 million in property taxes annually and almost \$1 billion into the California economy, according to the joint Cal Poly study. We know Diablo’s benefits; our question is “What are the economic risks?”

Thank you for beginning this study, I wish I could have delivered my appreciation in person.

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