

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF _____, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S POSITION ON THE STORAGE OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL AT THE SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION

WHEREAS, the City of _____ is located approximately ___ miles from the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station in a densely populated are of _____ County, California; and

WHEREAS, the City of _____' Emergency Operations Plan and Local Hazard Mitigation Plan identify nuclear accidents at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station as a potential public safety hazard to our city; and

WHEREAS, the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission is the regulatory agency for the decommissioning of nuclear facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of _____ is located within the 50-mile ingestion pathway mandated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, yet is not included in the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station nuclear release incident evacuation planning and practice drills; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Southern California Edison announced its decision to permanently decommission the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station; and

WHEREAS, operators for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station decommissioning indicate that there will eventually be over 1,600 metric tons of spent nuclear fuel stored at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station site until a federal repository is available to accept the spent nuclear fuel; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress assigned the Department of Energy with the task of creating an underground repository for nuclear waste as a result of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, which has yet to be completed; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding assurances of safety, spent nuclear fuel leaks have occurred at nuclear facilities, which create concern that accidental leaks of spent nuclear fuel are possible with resulting harm and imperilment to public safety; and

WHEREAS, spent nuclear fuel may also be the target of acts of terrorism or other intentional acts meant to cause harm and imperil public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF _____, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS;

SECTION 1. The City of _____ supports the identification of a long-term safer storage site located away from populated areas as soon as possible.

SECTION 2. The City of _____ asserts that while spent nuclear fuel is stored at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, it must be stored in a manner and location that is as safe as possible and with a system that prevents radiation releases into the environment. This requires, but is not limited to, a system that can be inspected (inside and outside the containers), maintained, not subject to critical degradation (such as corrosion and cracking), can be safely transported, provides a continuous early warning monitoring system that prevents radiation releases, and an on-site plan to replace containers as needed for safe storage and transport of spent nuclear fuel. Spent fuel pools should not be destroyed until the spent nuclear fuel is removed from the site. Continuous radiation monitoring should be implemented with public on-line access.

SECTION 3. The City of _____ asserts that no permits or licenses should be granted or renewed for nuclear waste storage until these conditions are met.

SECTION 4. The City of _____ asserts that the proper storage and disposition of spent nuclear fuel must be a consideration in the decommissioning process and the decommission plan must not be considered complete until these issues are resolved and no decommissioning funds approved until these conditions are met. Since there is no date certain that the spent nuclear fuel will be removed, no date should be assumed.

SECTION 5. The City of _____ supports federal legislation that would increase state and local government participation, authority and funding in the decommissioning of nuclear power plants and the storage and transport of nuclear waste.

SECTION 6. The Deputy City Clerk is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, California Public Utilities Commission, California Energy Commission, California Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee, Southern California Edison, Governor of California, U.S. California Senators, and Congressional representatives, accompanied by a letter from the Mayor urging them to join immediately in efforts set forth in this resolution.

SECTION 7. On behalf of the City of _____, the Mayor is hereby authorized to cause to be prepared, prepare, and submit correspondence related to the efforts described in this resolution.

SECTION 8. The Deputy City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON _____

_____, Mayor

ATTEST: _____, Deputy City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF _____) ss.
CITY OF _____)