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Community Engagement Panel to Meet Thursday on Nuclear Plant Decommissioning

ROSEMEAD, Calif., May 19, 2014 — The public is invited to attend Thursday's regular meeting of the Community Engagement Panel (CEP) formed to advise the co-owners of the San Onofre nuclear plant on decommissioning the facility. The meeting will be from 6-9 p.m. at The Hills Hotel, 25205 La Paz Road, Laguna Hills.

Southern California Edison (SCE) and the co-owners of the nuclear plant established the CEP to serve as a conduit of information between the owners and the public throughout decommissioning. One of the early regulatory steps in that process is submitting to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission a detailed plan to manage the nuclear plant's used nuclear fuel. The CEP will discuss this plan, called an Irradiated Fuel Management Plan.

Chris Thompson, SCE vice president of Decommissioning, said the plan calls for expanding existing dry fuel storage and placing all of San Onofre's used nuclear fuel in dry storage by 2019 until the Department of Energy takes title to and removes the fuel, as required by federal law.

"We look forward to receiving feedback from the Community Engagement Panel," Thompson said. "In addition to safely managing used fuel, the plan includes an updated cost estimate which shows the existing $3.9 billion decommissioning trust funds are expected to be adequate to pay for all decommissioning costs, including site restoration and license termination. Any trust funds that remain after decommissioning is complete and the used fuel has been removed by the federal government will be returned to customers."

SCE also will update the CEP on other regulatory milestones in the 20-year decommissioning timeline. The meeting will include a one-hour public comment period.

Decommissioning is guided by the principles of safety, stewardship and engagement established by San Onofre's owners to decommission the nuclear plant.

The current owners of San Onofre are SCE, San Diego Gas & Electric and the city of Riverside. The city of Anaheim is a previous owner. Current and previous owners are responsible for decommissioning.

SCE announced June 7 that it would retire San Onofre Units 2 and 3, and begin preparations to decommission the facility. For more information about decommissioning San Onofre and to opt-in for automatic e-mail updates, visit www.songscommunity.com.

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