

## San Onofre Decommissioning Community Engagement Panel

### REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, March 26, 2020 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. via Skype

### Meeting Minutes

#### 1) Community Engagement Panel (CEP) Member Attendance:

- a) Present: Dr. David Victor (CEP Chairman/University of California, San Diego), Dan Stetson (CEP Vice Chairman/Trustee-Executive Director, Nicholas Endowment), Jerome “Jerry” M. Kern (CEP Secretary/Oceanside City Representative), Hon. John Taylor (San Juan Capistrano City Council), Rich Haydon (California State Parks), Martha McNicholas (Vice President, Capistrano Unified School District Board of Trustees), Marni Magda (Sierra Club), Garry Brown (Orange County Coastkeeper), Valentine “Val” Macedo (Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 89), Hon. Paul Wyatt (Dana Point City Council), Hon. Jim Desmond (Supervisor, San Diego County, 5<sup>th</sup> District), Captain Mel Vernon (San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians), Sam Jammal (Camp Pendleton), Jim Leach (South Orange County Economic Coalition), and Gene James, (Alternate for Kathy Ward, San Clemente City Council)
- b) Absent: Donna Boston (Orange County Sheriff’s Department), Hon. Lisa Bartlett (Supervisor, Orange County, 5<sup>th</sup> District), Ted Quinn (American Nuclear Society), and Kathy Ward (San Clemente City Council)
- c) Southern California Edison (SCE) Representatives: Doug Bauder, Chief Nuclear Officer (CNO) and Vice President (VP) of Decommissioning; Ron Pontes, Manager Environmental Decommissioning; Vince Bilovsky, Director Deputy Decommissioning Officer; Jerry Stephenson, Manager, Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) Engineering; and Manuel Camargo, Principal Manager Strategic Planning

#### 2) Virtual meeting via Skype convened by Chairman Victor at 5:35 p.m.

***NOTE: VIDEO OF THIS MEETING, SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS, AND A TRANSCRIPT ARE AVAILABLE ON [SONGScommunity.com](https://www.songscommunity.com). THIS DOCUMENT PROVIDES A SUMMARY***

#### 3) Key Messages

- Fuel transfer operations, moving spent nuclear fuel from wet to dry storage, can safely continue at SONGS with COVID-19 controls in place.
- Southern California Edison is taking the right steps in terms of employee safety by pausing operations to ensure the SONGS-specific pandemic protocol was in place and would be effective. Only work that can proceed under Governor Newsom’s executive order and the new protocol is advancing.
- The Community Engagement Panel is committed to holding the outlier events meeting, currently targeting May 28, with input from community members. This meeting will provide important factual information from experts on a range of topics regarding the safe storage of spent nuclear fuel at SONGS.

#### 4) Five Key Takeaways

1. (Doug Bauder) The Big Picture – Deconstruction of the plant is underway. Main projects are occurring inside the containment domes and just north of the plant where a rail spur is being upgraded. Look for SCE to share more information in the weeks ahead about traffic flow in and around the entrance to San Onofre State Beach.

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2. (Ron Pontes) Environmental –
  - a. The first monthly spent fuel storage area radiation monitoring report has been posted on line. The reports are available on the California Dept. of Public Health – Radiological Health Branch [website](#). The reports show the very, very low level of radiation being emitted on site by the spent fuel storage facilities. Off-site, the levels are indistinguishable from the natural background radiation levels.
  - b. A new [interactive map](#) detailing ocean sampling locations is now available on the SONGS Community website. Along with the sampling locations, the environmental reports are also posted as they are completed and verified. There are 19 sampling locations and five control locations.
  - c. Partially treated wastewater from the sewage treatment plant on site was released on March 25. The 7,000-gallon release presented no impact to the public according to the SD County Dept. of Environmental Health, due to the level of dilution it underwent prior to release (which occurs 1.1 miles off-shore). Plant engineers are continuing to look for a cause for the release.
3. (Vince Bilovsky) Fuel transfer operations at SONGS are moving forward smoothly. As of this meeting, 55 of 73 canisters of spent fuel have been safely stored in the Holtec dry fuel storage system. There was a pause to train the crews on the SONGS-specific pandemic protocol. SCE continues to post [updates](#) on FTO progress on the SONGS Community website.
4. (Doug Bauder) There was some discussion around the likelihood of moving the spent nuclear fuel now stored at SONGS off-site, and how long that process might take, when would it start and where would it go? All good questions. SCE has engaged North Wind, Inc., with support from the SCE Experts Team, to develop a Strategic Plan, and a Conceptual Transportation Plan. Those plans support SCE's efforts to assess the feasibility of relocating the fuel to a commercially reasonable, off-site facility. The plans will be completed by the end of the year.

#### 6) Additional information:

- Read more about the [SONGS response](#) to COVID-19.
- Visit the SONGS [YouTube channel](#) to see where the early deconstruction work is happening.

#### 7) Chairman Victor Facilitated the Public Comment Period

- a) Public Comments were made by the following individuals:
  - i) Roger Johnson: (Local resident) – liquid batch releases
  - ii) Mandy Sackett: (Surfrider Foundation) – water quality and releases
  - iii) Nina Babiarz: (Public Watchdogs) – spent fuel movement during COVID-19 crisis
  - iv) Charles Langley: (Public Watchdogs) – canister camera inspection videos
  - v) Donna Gilmore: (San Onofre Safety) – dry cask storage radiation monitoring
  - vi) Kalene Walker: (Local citizen) - aging management program
  - vii) George Allen: (San Clemente resident) – regulatory requirements and emergency plan

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viii) Paul Blanch (East coast resident) – COVID-19 at Indian Point plant and airborne limits

**8) Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.**