For Your Awareness: OC Register Story on SONGS, CEP

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Subject: FYA: OC Register Story on SONGS, CEP

Hello SONGS Community Engagement Panel,

For awareness, I write to share a story published today in the *Orange County Register* that touches on a range of topics related to SONGS. These include leadership changes at SONGS and the Community Engagement Panel, next week's CEP meeting, decommissioning work, the SOS film, and the offsite disposition of spent nuclear fuel. Dan Stetson and former CEP Chairman David Victor are quoted.

Big changes underway as San Onofre nuclear plant comes down

Column: Higher than expected radiation slows down some work

By **TERI SFORZA** | tsforza@scng.com | Orange County Register
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Inside those iconic twin domes, workers are chopping up the reactor vessels — those thick steel containers that once held nuclear fuel as the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station split atoms to boil water, spin steam generators and create electricity.

Outside, major changes are underway.

Southern California Edison's Doug Bauder, a San Clemente resident who has overseen the teardown of the plant since 2018, will retire at the end of October, and Fred Bailly will take the helm. Bailly was vice president of decommissioning for Westinghouse, overseeing its worldwide commercial decommissioning business. He'll bring an international perspective to the major issue remaining at San Onofre: the safe storage of spent nuclear fuel until the federal government pulls itself together and finds the waste a permanent home.

A changing-of-the-guard is underway at San Onofre's volunteer Community Engagement Panel — meant to give locals a voice in the teardown and answer their

questions — as well. CEP Chair David Victor, professor at UC San Diego's School of Global Policy and Strategy and long the public face of the CEP, has left the panel. He's replaced by Daniel Stetson, a longtime member who heads The Nicholas Endowment, created by Broadcom co-founder Henry Nicholas III and his wife to support the advancement of science, education and the arts.

The CEP's next meeting is a virtual affair, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 26. Bauder and Bailly will both be there, and there will be updates on spent fuel transportation plans and the dismantlement process itself (which we'll preview in just a moment, thank you Nuclear Regulatory Commission). The CEP meeting will be on Microsoft Teams, and details on how to join are at https://bit.ly/3tzW3K3.


Fred Bailly will be taking the helm from Bauder at the end of October. He has 25 years of nuclear experience, most recently as Westinghouse Electric Company's vice president for decommissioning. He also worked for Orano USA. (Photo courtesy Southern California Edison)

Public comment sessions have been known to devolve into personal attacks and misinformation, but a worker used one to reveal a serious issue with a stuck canister that Edison hadn't publicly reported. Meetings have calmed down now that all the spent fuel is entombed in dry storage, but controversy remains about how long the waste will remain on the bluff, the coming dismantlement of spent fuel pools and the eventual release of the filtered water that once cooled the super-hot fuel rods into the ocean.

Greater radiation

A lot has happened since the reactors were powered down in 2012 after a radioactive leak in its new steam generators that were supposed to give it decades more life.



Dry storage of used fuel rods at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station on Thursday, December 16, 2021. (Photo by Jeff Gritchen, Orange County Register/SCNG)

Forty of the plant's 62 buildings are gone.

Some 285 million pounds of low-level waste and debris have been transported off-site.

Some 70 canisters filled with spent fuel rods are encased in the "concrete monolith" dry storage system, awaiting that new federal home. Two more canisters are slated to join them, filled with radioactive material from the reactors' guts.

The NRC's most recent inspection report details how that's going.

"The contractor was actively segmenting the reactor vessel internals in both containments (domes)," the NRC said. "The vessel internals were being segmented, in part, to separate the different classes of wastes for disposal. In Unit 2, the contractor was actively cutting the lower core shroud core plate and lower core support columns….In Unit 3, the contractor was cutting the lower support cylinder, part of the lower support assembly."

That work, however, was behind schedule, because the components located in the lower levels were more radioactive than originally anticipated, the NRC said. That

means the lower components must be cut into smaller pieces for packaging and disposal.



Workers remove a turbine rotor from the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station in 2021. (Photo by Jeff Gritchen, Orange County Register/SCNG)

Workers were preparing to remove the reactor coolant pump motors, pressurizers, steam system piping and steam generator insulation, the NRC report said. They're also constructing temporary ventilation systems, removing trash and debris, and preparing to drain and decontaminate spent fuel pools.

Future work will include construction of a material handling facility — to provide a controlled environment for future loading of radioactive waste into shipping containers — and cleanup of an oily waste sump.

"The inspectors concluded that the contractors were conducting the work in accordance with approved site procedures," the NRC said.

Edison spokeswoman Liese Mosher likened decommissioning to the intricacies of conducting an orchestra. "We're making progress," she said.





Changing Site Conditions. *The SONGS site continues to change as decommissioning progresses. Once surrounded by buildings and warehouses, the area has been cleared for the dismantlement of the Unit 3 Gantry Crane and Turbine Building.*

SOURCE: Southern California Edison

'SOS'

Deep distrust remains among some of Edison's most ardent critics, and the documentary "SOS – THE SAN ONOFRE SYNDROME: Nuclear Power's Legacy" gives it full voice.

Reaching back into San Onofre's troubled past — a workplace environment that had some workers reluctant to report safety concerns to their bosses in 2010, the $671 million steam generator debacle that led to the plant's shutdown in 2013, the "near miss" that left a 50-ton canister filled with nuclear waste resting on a metal guide ring near the top of the 18-foot-deep vault for nearly an hour in 2018 — it follows a squad of activists who paint terrifying portraits of what might happen as nuclear waste remains on the bluff over the blue Pacific.

The specters of Fukushima and Chernobyl are raised on a backdrop of tense music, but the comparison is off. Both nuclear plants were actively splitting atoms when their tragedies occurred; San Onofre hasn't split atoms for more than a decade.

The issue here is the waste. San Onofre's isn't cooling in fuel pools that require power and water to keep things under control, but rather in dry storage, in the "concrete monolith," where it waits in steel canisters inside steel silos inside rebar-reinforced concrete 3 to 4 feet thick all around for a permanent burial place.

Everyone wants the waste removed from San Onofre — an earthquake zone within 50 miles of some 8 million people — as quickly as possible. That, however, is something that Congress must make happen. The feds promised to accept commercial nuclear waste for permanent disposal by 1998; they have accepted exactly none.

Mosher said that Edison has addressed the issues raised in the film and is focused on ensuring the safe storage of the fuel and working for a long-term federal solution.

We caught up with Victor, former chair of the CEP, in Dubai, where he was working on energy transformation and the global economy with the World Economic Forum. As head of the CEP, the was often the target of suspicion and frustration.

"People are upset with the company and the larger situation, and the place they get to vent that concern is at the Community Engagement Panel," said Victor, who mostly kept his cool. "It's a volunteer job that comes with a lot of visibility, and when people are upset, it often gets focused on you. But you can help steer the process. I'd say we mostly did that."



From left to right, Jeff Carey (SCE), Dan Stetson, Gene Stone, David Victor, Darin McClure and Ron Pontes (SCE).(Courtesy of Southern California Edison)

An academic, Victor said he learned more about politics through the CEP than anything he has done. He saw, at a granular level, people's distrust of institutions and how it impacts those institutions. He also gained an enormous amount of respect for local politicians.

"From them, especially early on, I learned how to take incoming fire, how to sit people down and have a conversation and listen," Victor said. "I am really in awe of them. Washington might not be functioning, but we're doing well on the local front."

Victor will continue to engage on the policy side, organizing communities around the country to push for a long-term federal solution to the waste storage problem.

Stetson, the new chair, is glad for that. He spent decades at the Ocean Institute in Dana Point and was hopeful when a call from Edison's president came in nearly a decade ago — to donate more money for the Ocean Institute's adopt-a-class program, he thought.

Instead, he was offered a spot on the CEP. His wife said he was crazy, but he accepted. When he was offered the chair, she said he was crazy again, but he accepted. "I have a problem saying no," he said.

The tenor has calmed down at the CEP meetings now that spent fuel is in dry storage and the risk profile has greatly diminished. But there are still important topics to cover — including next week, when officials from the U.S. Department of Energy update folks on rail cars that will be used (someday) to transport waste to an interim or final resting place.

Stetson hopes to have more in-person meetings, so folks can have more detailed discussions before and after official proceedings.

"One thing I've really tried to do is to introduce elected officials to the situation, make them aware of the need to move forward with legislation and get this problem solved," Stetson said.

Good luck to us all.

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For Your Awareness: Film On SONGS

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Cc: Doug Bauder; Lorraine Quinn Sandstrom; Vincent J Bilovsky; Liese Mosher; James Peterson; Julie Holt; Fred M Bailly; Kelli Gallion-Sholler
Subject: FYA: Film on SONGS

Dear Community Engagement Panel Members,

I write to make you aware that Samuel Lawrence Foundation and Ecological Options Network announced the documentary, *The San Onofre Syndrome*, will premiere on Sunday, Oct. 8 at 7:30 pm at the Awareness Film Fest at LA Live Regal Cinemas in downtown LA. A trailer is available HERE and what appears to be the full movie is available HERE. The film contains false and misleading information, and makes inaccurate comparisons between SONGS and other, very different plants. Some content is more than a decade old, depicting the period prior to the retirement of SONGS in June 2013.
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At SCE, the safety of our workers, the public, and natural environment is our number one priority. Issues raised in the documentary have been thoroughly addressed by the US NRC. Information can be found on their website.

Information about the safety of onsite spent fuel storage can be found on the SONGS website. An important fact is that it takes 5,000 degrees Fahrenheit to melt the fuel pellets, which is approximately the temperature of molten lava. Recall that type of heat cannot occur with spent fuel at SONGS which has been cooling for more than a decade. There are no credible scenarios for SONGS that would result in an off-site release of radiological material.

Sincerely,

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SCE Response to 3Q CEP Question from Kalene Walker re: Radiation Monitoring Instruments

From: NUCCOMM
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 4:23 PM
To: Kale Walker
Subject: Response to CEP question on 8/17/2023

Dear Ms. Walker,

Thank you for your question regarding the type of instruments used to monitor radiation at the spent fuel storage air vents during the 3Q CEP meeting on August 17.

SCE radiation protection technicians have several instruments available to measure radiation from the ISFSI vents.

Instruments used for Beta/Gamma radiation:

- Eberline Ion Chamber R02 series dose rate meter
- Thermo RadEye G dose rate meter
- Victoreen 451P Pressurized Ion Chamber survey meter

Instruments used for Neutron radiation:

- Ludlum 12-4 Neutron survey meter
- Far West Technology Model REM 500 Neutron survey meter

Sincerely,
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Private Spent Fuel Storage Project in Texas

From: Manuel Camargo
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Subject: Private Spent Fuel Storage Project in Texas

Hello CEP Members and Alternates,

For your awareness, a wire story broke last Friday regarding the Interim Storage Partners' private consolidated interim storage facility in Texas. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the U.S. NRC lacked authority to issue permits for private facilities to store spent nuclear fuel. This decision is a departure from two other appellate court decisions—by the DC and 10th Circuits—that previously upheld the NRC's licensing actions.

We will continue to monitor developments in this space, particularly any next steps by the NRC and/or the U.S. Department of Justice.

Reuters coverage: Texas nuclear waste storage permit invalidated by US appeals court | Reuters

Best regards,

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FYA: News Coverage of SONGS CEP

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Subject: FYA: News Coverage of SONGS CEP

Hello SONGS CEP Members and Alternates,

Here for your awareness are two news stories related to the SONGS Community Engagement Panel. The first is a story in the *San Diego Union-Tribune* largely focused on David Victor stepping down from the CEP and the second is a piece in the *Capistrano Dispatch* on the Aug. 17 CEP meeting.

San Diego Union-Tribune:

David Victor steps down as chair of community panel for San Onofre nuclear plant



David Victor, center, and Dan Stetson, right, at a SONGS Community Engagement Panel meeting. (Mark Pettijohn/Southern California Edison)

UC San Diego professor served on Community Engagement Panel for nine years; replaced by Dan Stetson

BY ROB NIKOLEWSKI
AUG. 18, 2023 2:50 PM PT

The organization that convenes meetings with the public to discuss the decommissioning of the now shuttered San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, as well as the storing of 3.55 million pounds of nuclear waste and other issues at the plant, has a new chairperson.

David Victor is stepping down after nine years with the Community Engagement Panel.

"All organizations need to refresh leadership, and I've come and done the things that I hoped to do, which was to help put (the panel) on a solid footing," said Victor, who is a professor and co-director of the Deep Decarbonization Initiative at UC San Diego.

Victor will be replaced by Dan Stetson, who previously served as the panel's vice chair.

Stetson is the executive director of the Nicholas Endowment, an Irvine-based private foundation that funds grants to charitable organizations in performing and visual arts, advancement of science and education, and other partnerships.

Victor Cabral, a member of the San Clemente City Council, will take over as vice chair.

The nuclear plant at San Onofre, known as SONGS for short, has not produced electricity since 2012 after a leak in a steam generator tube led to its closing.

The Community Engagement Panel was created two years later by Southern California Edison, the utility that operates SONGS, to act as a liaison between the plant's co-owners and the public.

Hosting four meetings per year, the panel's members consist of elected officials from communities surrounding SONGS. The panel also includes representatives from labor, tribal and nonprofit interests.

The Community Engagement Panel has no regulatory or enforcement powers and members serve on a voluntary basis. Aside from the elected officials, at-large members are recruited by Edison and the plant's co-owners.

Victor's tenure came during "very, very controversial periods," at the plant, he said, adding, "I think (the panel) has been a particularly useful institution and I'm proud of what we did and what we keep doing."

One of the most notable meetings came in August 2018 when a worker for a subcontractor at SONGS spoke up and described how a canister filled with spent nuclear fuel assemblies almost fell while being lowered into its storage cavity at the north end of the plant.

Edison officials later admitted to a "serious near-miss" but insisted the workers and the public were never in danger if the canister had fallen. The incident led the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to conduct a special inspection, which concluded that plant officials failed "to establish a rigorous process to ensure adequate procedures, training and oversight guidance" and fined Edison $116,000.

Though Victor is stepping down as chair of the Community Engagement Panel, he said he will continue to work on nuclear storage issues. That includes talking about legislation with members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate and chairing a working group consisting of people across the country who live near active and decommissioned commercial power plants such as SONGS.

"We figure that by getting a common message, speaking from the same playbook as it were, and being very focused on how do you get spent fuel out of these sites where it's stranded, that we can maybe make some progress," Victor said.

The 3.55 million pounds of highly radioactive fuel at SONGS have been placed into more than 120 canisters, sitting in the plant's two storage facilities.

The waste will remain there until the federal government finds a place to put it. But the problem is not unique to SONGS.

Under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, the U.S. has a legal responsibility to dispose of the roughly 89,000 metric tons of waste that has accumulated at nuclear power plants in 35 states. A potential permanent facility at Yucca Mountain in Nevada was shelved by the Obama administration in 2010.

The Biden administration has been taking steps to find communities across the country who may be willing to take the waste on an interim basis for a still-to-be-determined number of years.

U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm has made two appearances at SONGS in the past year, the most recent being in June when she touted initial funding of $26 million to get the ball rolling.

Victor said his resignation as Community Engagement Panel chair is "totally unrelated" to a lawsuit filed earlier this year by the Protect Our Communities Foundation.

The local environmental group is suing San Diego County, claiming county officials improperly awarded a no-bid contract to the UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy for a report on decarbonization that Victor co-authored that the litigants say unfairly benefits the interests of investor-owned utilities such as San Diego Gas & Electric.

"When you're in the public eye and you're doing things in the public interest, people are always upset," Victor said. "And sadly, some people do that by going to court."

The suit was filed in San Diego Superior Court.

Capistrano Dispatch:

About 50% of SONGS Buildings Dismantled (So Far) in Decommissioning Process

by Breeana Greenberg

August 20, 2023 5:00AM

in EYE ON SJC, News



San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. Photo: Shawn Raymundo

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Work to dismantle the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) is well underway, with the demolition of the landmark containment domes expected to finish by 2027, power plant officials said this past week.

After a tour of the nuclear plant, the SONGS Community Engagement Panel provided updates on dismantling efforts, spent fuel transportation readiness, inspections and repair methods during its quarterly meeting on Thursday, Aug. 17.
“These are our three decommissioning principles: safety stewardship and engagement, with safety being No. 1,” said Doug Bauder, vice president of decommissioning and chief nuclear officer with Southern California Edison (SCE).

Roughly 50% of the buildings at the decommissioned power plant have now been taken down, Bauder shared, including two turbine buildings and the intake structure. The domes will be the last to be removed, Bauder explained, because the equipment inside must be removed before they can be demolished.

“So those are the landmarks everybody sees but they’ll be kind of the last visual piece to go down,” Bauder said.

SCE Decommissioning Director Vince Bilovsky explained that most of the work going on currently is inside the containment domes.

“This is the work associated with the downsizing of the reactor vessel internals and those are the parts that are inside the reactor core minus waste Class A, B, C and greater than Class C.” Bilovsky said, adding, “That project’s been going on for about two years now and should come to a close by the end of the year.”

Bilovsky added that by the end of the year, “we’re going to start removing the large components—large components being things like steam generators, fresh risers, reactor coolant pumps.”

“We’re also preparing for the demolition of the auxiliary buildings,” Bilovsky continued. “The auxiliary buildings are those buildings between the two containment domes.”

SCE will also be working to finish removing spent fuel racks.

“So, a lot of big milestones coming up before the end of the year,” Bilovsky said. “We’ve shipped about a quarter of a billion pounds of waste, and there’s a little less than a billion pounds so we’re over 25% … and we’re just about finished with the intake structure demolition and backfill.”

Removal of the reactor vessel and large components will continue until 2025 along with the demolition of the buildings between the domes, Bilovsky said.

“Then the big question about when are we going to knock down the containment domes themselves, well, you see that happening mostly in 2026 and finishing in 2027,” Bilovsky said. “Then it’s really just moving a lot of soil around, grading the property, doing the last of the final status surveys.”

During the presentation, SCE Engineering Manager Jerry Stephenson outlined SCE’s spent fuel management defense-in-depth program, which refers to facilities’ “multiple layers” of protection against accidents and efforts to minimize public risk as much as possible.

The defense-in-depth update primarily focused on the readiness of spent fuel and waste canisters for shipping, inspections and canister repair methods.

“We’ve done some great things here at San Onofre, we’re very proud of the things that we’ve done,” Stephenson said. “For example, the design of the canisters requires a half-inch thick wall, we went with five-eighths-thick walls.”

Stephenson noted that the energy company also used grade 316L stainless steel, which offers “tremendous improvement in corrosion resistance.”

“We won industry awards for our inspection that we developed, and we’ve also developed mitigation that’s leading the industry,” Stephenson said. “I could go on and on but those are some key points.”

Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation System Engineer and SONGS Program Manager Randall Granaas explained that all the fuel will be ready to go as soon as there’s a place to send it.

While federal officials pursue efforts to establish temporary and permanent repositories to store the nation's spent nuclear fuel, U.S. power plants, like SONGS, must continue storing their own radioactive waste.
Thursday's presentation also highlighted industry research and development of mitigation and repair methods for canisters, including cold spray, arc welding, inorganic coating, liquid metal and geopolymer. SCE concluded that cold spray was the leading repair method.

SCE's Inspection and Maintenance Program includes a "flaw depth of 0.0625" (1/16 inch) as the threshold for fuel canister repairs."

Responding to a member of the public's question about SCE's emergency planning during decommissioning of SONGS, particularly with Hurricane Hillary projected to land in Southern California on Sunday, Aug. 20, the panel noted that emergency analysis for flooding shows that neither a tsunami nor flooding will breach the wall or Holtec storage module at SONGS.
Another community member asked why SCE had not considered reprocessing the fuel at SONGS rather than looking to store the spent fuel.

"Reprocessing fuel to make new fuel is not performed in the United States at a commercial level," Bilovsky said. "It's a standard process in other parts of the world. An executive order originally signed by Jimmy Carter prohibits reprocessing in the United States."

"The concern then and perhaps still now was proliferation of nuclear weapons, although this requires a lot more enrichment than reprocessing for commercial nuclear fuel," Bilovsky said. "With the political winds blowing more positively on nuclear power, reprocessing could happen in the United States, but would require a legal change to do so."

Community Engagement Panel Chair David Victor noted that the Navy wants their land back, so "interesting as it might be to put a reprocessing plant up here or a reverse osmosis desalination plant or Disneyland of San Clemente here, none of that's going to happen."

"The site will be cleared off, the site will be given back to the Navy, they're going to turn it back to Camp Pendleton, and they're going to integrate it," Victor said.

"Reprocessing could be done at places like interim storage facilities, and that would generate more value and more jobs and make those facilities more attractive, and so will that happen? I don't know, but that seems to be, politically, one of the possible directions of travel," Victor continued.

Thursday's meeting was also Victor's last meeting as chairperson of the CEP, with Stetson taking on the role.

"Our work is not done," Victor said. "We have to continue focusing on defense-in-depth, we have to continue with meetings like the ones that are listed up here, we have to continue working on organizing to change federal law, working with our elected officials and patterns in other places around the country."

SCE offers public walking tours to give members of the community a chance to learn more about the decommissioning process.
"We have found that engaging through tours is a very effective way to share about what's happening here at the station," Bauder said.

The next public walking tour will be held Sept. 16.

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Changes to CEP Leadership Team

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Cc: Doug Bauder; Lorraine Quinn Sandstrom; Cabral, Victor; Daniel T. Stetson; David G. Victor; Martha McNicholas
Subject: Changes to CEP Leadership Team

Good afternoon, CEP Members and Alternates,

Following is a message from SONGS VP and CNO Doug Bauder regarding changes to the leadership of the Community Engagement Panel. We wanted you to be aware of these changes before they are discussed publicly tomorrow during our CEP meeting.

> I write with respect to the SONGS Community Engagement Panel and upcoming changes to the leadership of the all-volunteer, independent panel.
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> **CHAIRMAN: David Victor to Dan Stetson**
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> After nine years as Chairman of the CEP, David Victor will be rolling off the CEP following the August 17 meeting. In this capacity, David has played a vital role in facilitating public dialogue and understanding of the decommissioning process for SONGS, which is currently halfway complete. He also has invested significant time in the policy arena, working to advance off-site solutions for spent nuclear fuel which is stranded at decommissioning plants including SONGS. David convened stakeholders across the country to collaborate on policy principles and will remain engaged in this effort, separate from the CEP.
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> Dan Stetson will transition from Vice Chairman and succeed David as Chairman. Dan too has served in a leadership role on the CEP since its inception in 2014, after SONGS retirement in 2013. He has testified at Congressional hearings on behalf of the CEP and helped host external stakeholders during more than a dozen tours of SONGS and the on-site spent fuel storage facility.
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> **VICE CHAIRMAN: Dan Stetson to Victor Cabral**
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> Succeeding Dan as Vice Chairman is Victor Cabral, a City Council Member in San Clemente. Victor was elected to the Council last fall and serves as the city's representative to the CEP.
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> **SECRETARY: Martha McNicholas**
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> Martha McNicholas—who joined the CEP in 2017, will continue as Secretary of the CEP, rounding out the three-person volunteer leadership team.
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> SCE thanks David for volunteering on the CEP and his tireless commitment to stakeholder engagement. We look forward to his continued focus on spent fuel policy. We thank Dan and Victor for accepting their new roles. and wish the team—including Martha—all the best as we continue the decommissioning work and safe on-site storage of spent fuel.
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> Best regards,
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> Doug

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