

RESOLUTION NO. 11-23

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX
CALLING FOR THE DECOMMISSIONING OF THE
SAN ONOFRE AND DIABLO CANYON NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS**

WHEREAS, the devastating meltdown of Japan's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant is a stark reminder of the inherent danger of nuclear power, and

WHEREAS, the Fukushima disaster was the result of a massive earthquake and tsunami, and

WHEREAS, the location of the Fukushima plant on Japan's coast on an active earthquake fault contributed greatly to the disaster, and

WHEREAS; the California Pacific Coast has two similarly located nuclear power plants, San Onofre and Diablo Canyon, both situated adjacent to multiple earthquake faults, and highly susceptible to inundation by tsunami, and

WHEREAS; neither Diablo Canyon and San Onofre were analyzed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for earthquake or tsunami danger prior to licensing or since, and

WHEREAS; over one million people live within the recommended 30 mile evacuation zone surrounding Diablo Canyon and San Onofre, and

WHEREAS; projections for California's energy supply show that the state will have up to 67% more available energy than it will use between 2011 and 2020, and

WHEREAS; that excess would be up to 56% more energy than Californians will use between 2011 and 2020 if there was no nuclear power generation, and

WHEREAS; California has a high probability of experiencing a major earthquake in the vicinity of Diablo Canyon and San Onofre in the next 30 years, and

WHEREAS, concern over seismic events at nuclear power plants in California is not a new issue as evidenced by the scheduled decommissioning of the Humboldt Bay Nuclear Power Plant after the discovery of previously unknown seismic faults in the area, and

WHEREAS, PG&E issued a statement on October 22, 2008 "...we believe there is no uncertainty regarding the seismic setting and hazard at the Diablo Canyon Site," and, mere weeks later, in November of 2008, the USGS discovered a previously unknown

significant fault potentially running directly underneath Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, and

WHEREAS, given the uncertain seismicity of their respective locations, Diablo Canyon and San Onofre present unique logistical challenges regarding the long-term on-site storage of nuclear waste, and

WHEREAS, Despite claims by the nuclear energy industry to the contrary, nuclear power is neither "carbon neutral" nor "green",

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Council of Fairfax California urgently calls upon the California Public Utilities Commission and the California Legislature to immediately pass any and all rules or laws necessary to begin the decommissioning of the Diablo Canyon and San Onofre Nuclear Power plants so that these dangers to life, safety and the environment can be closed at the earliest possible moment.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on the 4th day of May 2011, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

MAYOR LARRY BRAGMAN

Attest:

Judy Anderson, Town Clerk