



August 29, 2022

Senator John Laird
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Assemblymember Jordan Cunningham
P.O. Box 942849
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Subject: Extending Diablo Canyon Power Plant Operations

Dear Honorable Senator Laird & Honorable Assemblyman Cunningham,

We would like to take this opportunity to share our comments regarding the extension of the operational life of Diablo Canyon Power Plant.

The SLO Chamber of Commerce, through work of our Board of Directors as well as our Legislative Action and Economic Development Committees, is supportive of legislative and regulatory changes such as SB-846 that would give Diablo the opportunity to continue operating as a stopgap measure.

Importantly, we also urge your continued support of the essential conservation and other reuse planning efforts already underway. No matter when the plant closes, our community needs to be equipped to rethink, repurpose and preserve many different parts that we now consider Diablo Canyon. Any lag between closure, decommissioning and repurposing will be an economic and community loss.

Finally, to ensure that California has safe, reliable and distributed power sources for generations to come, we agree that a 'Marshal Plan' is needed to accelerate the pace at which new renewable energy sources and storage are brought online.

We certainly understand that this needs to be a nuanced, fact based discussion, and firmly believe the State should support an extension of the life of the power plant to ensure the reliability of the grid and provide the support needed to ensure that Diablo Canyon will continue to operate safely.

Thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of the Central Coast, we look forward to working with you and your team throughout this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Dantona", is located below the word "Sincerely,".

Jim Dantona
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