

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 3.1
(ID # 17704)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, December 07, 2021

FROM : SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL:

SUBJECT: SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL: County of Riverside Resolution No. 2022-011 to Join Coalition Advocating for Removal of Spent Nuclear Fuel from Coastline [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 2022-011, In Support of Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now, a coalition formed to advocate for the relocation of spent nuclear fuel from the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) to an offsite federally licensed storage or disposal facility.

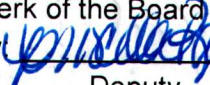
ACTION:


Supervisor Karen Spiegel, Chair 11/30/2021

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Hewitt and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: December 7, 2021
xc: BOS – District 2

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board
By 
Deputy

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Southern California Edison (SCE) retired San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) in 2013 and has since moved the spent fuel into dry storage, where it sits today with nowhere to send it. Under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, the federal government was required by law to take possession and begin disposing of spent nuclear fuel in 1998. However, they have yet to deliver an offsite solution. This must occur in order for SONGS to be fully decommissioned and for the land to be restored and returned to the U.S. Navy to support its national defense mission of training Marines.

On July 29, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 4502, an appropriations bill that includes \$18 million for planning related to transportation, storage and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and directs the Department of Energy (DOE) to continue site preparation activities at “stranded” sites like SONGS. The legislation also designates \$20 million for activities related to consolidated interim storage and directs the DOE to move forward with a consent-based process to identify a site for a federal interim storage facility. Recent statements from DOE Secretary Jennifer Granholm, suggest that the department will soon launch this process, following more than a decade of inaction.

In addition, Congressman Mike Levin (D-CA), who represents the district where SONGS is located, recently announced the formation of a bipartisan Spent Nuclear Fuel Solutions Caucus along with Congressman Rodney Davis (R-IL). The caucus plans to pursue consent-based siting for interim storage facilities and explore other policies and solutions for the nation’s spent nuclear fuel.

Following this important vote, the Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now coalition will continue to build its membership locally and work with key leaders at the state and federal levels to secure offsite solutions for the spent fuel at SONGS and other sites across the country. The coalition’s diverse membership includes local governments, elected officials, utilities, environmental groups, labor leaders, Native American leaders, school districts, business organizations and other community members who support the relocation of spent nuclear fuel.

**ATTACHMENT. Resolution No. 2022-011
A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
In Support of Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now**

County of Riverside
Resolution No. 2022-011

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In Support of Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now

WHEREAS San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) is a retired commercial nuclear power plant located in San Diego County that has all its spent nuclear fuel packaged in stainless steel canisters designed for both storage and transportation; and

WHEREAS, despite legal and contractual requirements, there is currently no existing federal repository, interim storage facility, or program in place to address the nation’s current and growing inventory of spent nuclear fuel now stranded at sites such as SONGS in 34 states across the country; and


WHEREAS, under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (Public Law 97-425) the federal government was required to assume title, liability, and transportation responsibility beginning in 1998, but has failed to do so. Nearly \$41 billion has been paid through utility fees into the Nuclear Fund managed by the Department of Energy; and

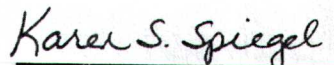
WHEREAS the lack of national policy and statutory authority prevents removal of the spent nuclear fuel from being removed from SONGS, impeding the decommissioning of the plant, restoration of site, and return of the land to the Navy; and


WHEREAS, starting in 2025 California will hold the largest amount of stranded spent fuel in the nation and the lack of effective timeline and metrics for spent nuclear fuel has led to stranded spent nuclear fuel throughout the United States; and that Congress should consider federal legislation requiring a plan for removal of spent nuclear fuel from the SONGS site on San Onofre State Beach; and

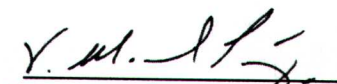
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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors hereby support the county’s participation in the Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now coalition.


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Second District


Chuck Washington, Supervisor
Third District


V. Manuel Perez, Supervisor
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I acknowledge that I am a principal clerk of the printer of The Desert Sun, printed and published weekly in the City of Palm Springs, County of Riverside, State of California. The Desert Sun was adjudicated a Newspaper of general circulation on March 24, 1988 by the Superior Court of the County of Riverside, State of California Case No. 191236.

I certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and correct.. Executed on this 16th of December 2021 in Green Bay, WI, County of Brown.

[Handwritten signature: Jana Kanitz]
DECLARANT

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
ORDINANCE NO. 966

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
REPEALING ORDINANCE NOS. 914 (AS AMENDED THROUGH 914.1), 591 (AS AMENDED THROUGH 591.2), AND 720 (AS AMENDED THROUGH 720.1)

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside ordains as follows:
Section 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Ordinance is to comply with recently enacted legislation, A.B. 1869, which repeals the authority of counties to collect specific court-imposed fees on adult cases for the cost of administering the criminal justice system.
Section 2. Ordinance No. 914 (as amended through 914.1) is repealed in its entirety.
Section 3. Ordinance No. 591 (as amended through 591.2) is repealed in its entirety.
Section 4. Ordinance No. 720 (as amended through 720.1) is repealed in its entirety.
Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.
K. Spiegel, Chair of the Board

I HEREBY CERTIFY that at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of said County, held on December 7, 2021, the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by said Board by the following vote:

AYES: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Hewitt
NAYS: None
RECUSE: None

Kecia R. Harper, Clerk of the Board
By: Zuly Martinez, Board Assistant

Published: 12/15/2022

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