



DATE: January 11, 2022

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Councilmembers Baber and Parent

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now

We would like to invite the City Council to adopt the following resolution on behalf of the City of La Mesa.

**City of La Mesa Resolution 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

WHEREAS, a new coalition, Action for Spent Fuel Solutions with founding members of The County of Orange, County of San Diego, County of Riverside, Southern California Edison (SCE), San Diego Gas & Electric and the City of Riverside. Now provides an opportunity for stakeholders, including local governments, business and labor leaders, Native American leaders, environmental groups, and community members to join forces and make offsite spent fuel storage and/or disposal a priority.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the La Mesa City Council hereby support the city's participation in the Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now coalition.