RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF THE CITY’S PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTION FOR SPENT FUEL SOLUTIONS NOW COALITION

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 or interim storage facility 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 for the disposal of spent nuclear fuel; and

WHEREAS, the lack of a federal disposal facility prevents 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

WHEREAS, Congress should consider new or amended federal legislation for removal of spent nuclear fuel from reactor sites including the SONGS site on San Onofre State Beach; and

WHEREAS, a new coalition, Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now 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 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, the City Council of the City of Oceanside does resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Oceanside supports the Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now Coalition and its efforts to relocate spent fuel to a federally licensed facility.

SECTION 2. The City Manager is directed to transmit this Resolution to the Co-Chairs of the Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now coalition.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California, this ______ day of __________________, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Clerk

City Attorney