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DCPD Decommissioning EIR.pdf;

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Dear Cindy:

With Susan Strachan out of the office for the rest of the month, I am referring the below (including attachments), to you for processing. Please let me know if the county has received this submission.

Sincerely,

Steve Benedict - AVAC Chair

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From: **Avila ValleyAC** <avilavalleyac@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Sep 12, 2023 at 3:06 PM

Subject: Project Number DRC2021-00092 DCPD Decommissioning

To: Susan Strachan <sstrachan@co.slo.ca.us>

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Dear Susan Strachan, SLO County Planner:

Attached please find a comments and recommendations letter approved by AVAC at their meeting on 9/11/2023 (DCPD Decommissioning EIR.pdf).

Regards,

Steve Benedict - AVAC Chair

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Date: September 12, 2023

To: Susan Strachan, sstrachan@co.slo.ca.us Planner - SLO County Department of Planning and Building

Subject: Ref: Project Number DRC2021-00092

Project Name: PG&E Diablo Canyon Power Plant Decommissioning

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your request for comments from the Avila Valley Advisory Council (AVAC) on the DRAFT Environmental Impact Report. Last year AVAC submitted issues, and many have been resolved in the creation of the DRAFT EIR. AVAC has reviewed and identified by EIR section and now submits several issues for your consideration.

AVAC at its meeting on the 11th approved the following recommendations:

Area of Concern – Transportation (4-16)

Truckloads of waste including large-component and specialty heavy-haul loads, which require 20-foot-wide trailers, should not be transported on Avila Beach Drive. This would require Avila Beach Drive to be closed to traffic for approximately 550 round trips. Serious consideration should be given to moving these large waste items via barges to a site that is more conducive for handling this type of material, such as the Port of Long Beach. This would then accommodate the use of rail cars for transportation to the final destination.

Not only will there be numerous truckloads of waste materials being hauled **out** via Avila Beach Drive there will be also multiple truckloads of construction materials being hauled **into** the plant site, such as 142 loads of ready-mix concrete for the cofferdam. Maintaining the quality of our roads is an important consideration. Will the county be assessing PG&E some type of road use fee to offset damage from wear and tear due to this heavy increase in road trips?

AVAC encourages the repurposing of as much material as possible of on-site concrete that can be used as fill for the discharge structure removal as opposed to hauling in gravel from the Port of Long Beach and Santa Catalina Island. This process can also be used in landscape re-habitation and as a base for asphalt or erosion control after the dig out at the current gun range.

Area of Concern – Noise (H)

Loaded PG&E trucks on our roads have an annoyance classification of "Impact". This noise can be annoying to residents even with the transport at off hours. Barging to the greatest extent possible is critical to mitigate these impacts.

Area of Concern – Desalination Plant (4-14)

Potential drought conditions continue to plague the State of California. Several years ago, there was a preliminary plan to install a water line from the desalination plant directly into the existing water infrastructure pipelines in Avila Beach. AVAC believes a strategy for the desalination facility to be retained and turned over to the county to provide water to our residents should be an integral part of the decommissioning proposal and strongly encourages further exploration of this process.

Area of Concern -Biological Resources (4-04)

Disturbance or injury to marine life such as Humpback Whales and Harbor Porpoises along with California Gray Whales, Harbor Seals and Green Sea Turtles resulting from generation of noise and vibration levels above or below the water have a Mitigation Class of "Significant and Unavoidable". Combined with additional proposed projects in this area these impacts should be studied further to provide possible mitigations.

Area of Concern – Archaeology (4-05)

This section contains a mitigation classification of "Significant and Unavoidable" as buildings are being dismantled and removed. AVAC finds this very concerning, especially the possibility of disturbing ancient burial sites and we recommend this section be revisited to determine actual mitigations.

Area of Concern – Wild Fires (17)

Currently as Avila Beach Drive is the only road in or out of Avila Beach, AVAC encourages PG&E and the County to begin a serious study of a secondary road, perhaps through Wild Cherry Canyon, connecting the area to Freeway 101 or Los Osos Valley Rd.

Area of Concern - General

AVAC supports a conservation easement on all 12,000 acres with sustainable public access including a coastal trail, state ownership of Wild Cherry Canyon and the State Coastal Conservancy creating the conservation easement terms and PG&E acting on the easement and the public trails programs through implementation and being recorded in perpetuity.

We appreciate your consideration of our concerns.

Thank you,

Steve Benedict, AVAC Chair

Cc: Dawn Ortiz-Legg, Kelley Abbas, Nicole Ellis, AVAC Members