

## [EXT]comments on draft EIR for Diablo Canyon Plant Decommissioning

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Dear Susan Strachan,

I am writing today to comment on the draft Environmental Impact Report for the Diablo Canyon Plant Decommissioning.

I am supportive of yak tityu tityu yak tilhini Northern Chumash Tribe (ytt Tribe) and I share their concerns for the future of Diablo lands.

Although many items in the [Draft Environmental Impact Report \(DEIR\)](#) and Development Plan/Coastal Development Permit/Conditional Use Permit for the Diablo Canyon Power Plant Decommissioning Project are troubling I want to point out the following:

- In 2020 [“Descendants of Native Rancherias In the Diablo Lands Vicinity: A Northern Chumash Ethnohistorical Study,”](#) was prepared by Dr. John Johnson of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History that provides abundant evidence that ytt is the precolonization descendant Tribe of the Pecho Coast, where the Diablo Canyon Power Plant currently resides. The DEIR fails to include ytt Tribe in section – as the descendent Tribe despite the clear proof in the report prepared by Dr. Johnson that was commissioned by PG&E. This is an omission of important ethnography of Diablo lands.
- This status as descendent Tribe is seemingly ignored throughout the DEIR. This should be remedied by the County of San Luis Obispo.
- The DEIR claims that signage and road blocks will be an adequate barrier in keeping the general public away from sensitive Tribal cultural areas, to prevent looting and damage from trampling. Some of these visitors will pick up these artifacts out of interest, others for intentional resale. We know this because these practices continue to take place throughout San Luis Obispo County and the state.
- However, the DEIR does not prove any success in signage and road blocks in actually keeping the public away and the increased foot traffic and increased awareness of culturally sensitive areas will most certainly result in damaged Tribal cultural resources, including sacred sites, ceremonial sites, cemeteries, and cultural landscapes.
- In the event that new trails are developed on Diablo lands, it is paramount that the process of creating trails includes meaningful engagement and consultation with ytt. It is only with ytt’s Tribal knowledge that these detrimental and serious impacts may be mitigated through the careful planning and plotting of trails, if any are developed, or in thinking through barriers that may actually be effective.
- The Tribe’s knowledge will also assist in the protection of important animal, tree and plant habitat, including offshore habitat for marine plant, mammals and other marine species.
- While it is not a topic in the DEIR, I also want to express my support for the return of Diablo lands to ytt Tribe

Cheers,  
Anne Jansen