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Protests Prevail: Southern California Edison (SCE) Gives Up Efforts to Restart San Onofre Nuclear Plant

The Sierra Club San Onofre Task Force cheers the decision by Southern California Edison to end any plans to restart the troubled San Onofre nuclear plant near San Clemente, California.

Glenn Pascall, chair of the San Onofre Task Force of the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter, says, “The credit for this victory should be widely shared. I believe our campaign activists and supporters correctly sensed that the key point was to prevent a restart based on fast-track approval by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. A full process was not only called for, but could be expected to force Edison's hand - as it has done.”

We can even agree with Ted Craver, Chairman and CEO of Edison International, who states in the company’s press release, “... *the continuing uncertainty about when or if (the San Onofre plant) might return to service was not good for our customers, our investors, or the need to plan for our region’s long-term electricity needs.*”

As we said in our statement “Twelve Reasons to Retire San Onofre”, “*Rear-guard action to keep the plant going neglects development of forward-looking alternatives to meet regional energy demands.*”

Now is the time to consider how to meet future needs with investments in energy conservation and renewable energy sources.

The **San Onofre Task Force** of the **Sierra Club Angeles Chapter** was launched in 2012 to monitor the shutdown of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station due to radiation leaks reported on January 31 of that year. Since then members of the task force have attended and testified at related hearings by the California Public Utilities Commission and the Federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission. More information is available at angeles2.sierraclub.org/san_onofre_task_force.

The **Angeles Chapter** is the local voice of the **Sierra Club**, America's oldest, largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization. Its 40,000 members in Los Angeles and Orange Counties strive to explore, enjoy and protect nature in their communities and the planet. Learn more about the Angeles Chapter at www.angeles.sierraclub.org.

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