

RESOLUTION NO. 21-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE,
CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE SPENT FUEL SOLUTIONS COALITION

WHEREAS, the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) is a retired commercial nuclear power plant in close proximity to the City of San Clemente; and

WHEREAS, since 2013 SONGS has been in the decommissioning process and as of August 2020 all spent nuclear fuel packaged in stainless steel containers designed for both storage and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has failed to meet its obligations to assume title, liability and transport of the spent fuel at SONGS as it was required to do so in 1998 under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (Public Law 97-425) and by contract; and

WHEREAS, more than \$52 billion (including interest income) has been paid into the Nuclear Waste Fund by utility customers nationwide, including more than \$1 billion from SONGS customers including San Clemente residents; and

WHEREAS, the lack of national policy prevents removal of spent fuel from SONGS, impeding the decommissioning of the plant, restoration of the site and return of the land to the U.S. Navy; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. spent fuel management program has made considerable progress over the last four years, with the Department of Energy (DOE) launching a collaborative-based siting process for consolidated storage and Representatives Mike Levin (D-CA) and August Pfluger (R-TX) introducing legislation to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act to facilitate the development of spent fuel storage and disposal solutions; and

WHEREAS, the “Strategic Plan for the Relocation of SONGS Spent Nuclear Fuel to an Offsite Storage Facility or a Repository” was developed by a team of independent national experts and the Plan recommends formation of a coalition of stakeholders to advocate for federal action to facilitate a licensed facility that can accept the spent fuel; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Clemente has continuously encouraged and supported a permanent safe disposal site for spent fuel through such actions including but not limited to directing City staff to provide formal communications to federal, state and local officials regarding removal of spent fuel from SONGS; adopting the Centennial

General Plan Policy S-5.05 Disposal of Radioactive fuel; and Resolution 14-49 declaring the City's position on spent nuclear fuel at SONGS; and

WHEREAS, off-site interim and long-term storage options are important to enhance the health, safety, and security of residents, businesses, and visitors in the City of San Clemente; and

WHEREAS, a coalition, *Spent Fuel Solutions*, provides an opportunity for stakeholders, including educators, 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.

WHEREAS, *Spent Fuel Solutions* has grown to more than 280 members in nine states and works to support both the DOE's collaborative-based siting program and the introduction of legislation to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act that would allow for the removal of spent fuel from SONGS.

NOW, THEREFORE, The City Council of the City of San Clemente does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of San Clemente supports the *Spent Fuel Solutions* 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 Spent Fuel Solutions coalition, Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley and San Diego County Supervisor Jim Desmond, and to the Orange County and San Diego Congressional delegation and U.S. senators.

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