Safe Storage for San Onofre Nuclear Waste

WHEREAS the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) waste rule of August 26, 2014 leaves nuclear waste to be stored at the US reactors sites for 60 to 140 years or indefinitely after the reactor is shut down until the Department of Energy takes the fuel to a final repository and that such site is San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (‘‘SONGS’’) which was shut down two years ago, and

WHEREAS, Camp Pendleton military base has become the Interim Storage location for Southern California Edison’s (SCE) 1632 tons of spent fuel and Nuclear Waste located near known earthquake faults and a tsunami zone that suffers yearly fire and wind storms dangers, and sits in an ocean environment of salt air corrosion surrounded by a dense population of over 8.4 million people within its 50 mile radius.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party strongly urges the Governor and State Legislators to work with the NRC and other agencies as required to create immediately a licensed interim storage facility or geological repository for California’s high level spent fuel and nuclear waste from shut down nuclear reactors in California to a publicly owned inland and environmentally safe location, with a goal to move all spent fuel and nuclear waste by 2019, (and or as soon as is reasonably possible).

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