

The Diablo Canyon Lands and SB 846

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Diablo Canyon Power Plant

Diablo Canyon PP Timeline:

1960s — PG&E announces plan to build nuclear power plant along the Central Coast.

1985/1986 — After considerable public debate, Units 1 and 2 go online, producing about 8.5% of the state's electricity generation.

2016-2018 — PG&E announces plan to close both units when operating licenses expire in 2024/2025; enters "Joint Proposal" with environmental groups and labor unions re: closure terms; CPUC approves Joint Proposal and closure decision; PG&E withdraws its application to the NRC for a license extension. DCDEP formed.

2022 – CA Legislature Passes/Governor Signs SB 846 enabling potential extension of DCPD until 2030.

2023 – PG&E to apply to NRC for license extension and to state for other permit extensions; CNRA releases "Land Conservation and Economic Development Plan."



Critical Decommissioning Issues

1. Economic Impacts
2. Management of Spent Fuel
3. Management of Demolition
4. Future of Diablo Canyon
Lands



4. Future of the 12,000-acre Diablo Canyon Lands



Major Land Units:

1. Wild Cherry Canyon
2. South Ranch (incl. 1200-acre deed restriction)
3. North Ranch
4. Parcel P

Diablo Canyon Lands – a Great Conservation Opportunity



- **High Conservation Values** - Rare coastal bluffs/terraces; coast live oak woodlands; Bishop pine forest; pristine and biodiverse tidepools; rocky shorelines
- **High Cultural/Historic Values** – Chumash occupied lands for 10,000+ years; sacred sites
- **High Scenic/Recreational Values** – Coastal views, Point San Luis Lighthouse, Point Buchon and Pecho Coast trails to extend California Coastal Trail (15 miles!)
- **Large Scale/Unfragmented** – Mostly undeveloped, containing large wild landscapes
- **Threatened** – High developability for estate homes (e.g., WCC proposal for 1500-15,000 units)
- **Opportunity** – With plant closure, unique chance to save this landscape
- **Community Desire** – 2000 DREAM Initiative; DCDEP Public Process, Strategic Vision

Diablo Canyon Lands – Frameworks for Conservation

- **Friends of the Diablo Canyon Lands** (www.diablocanyonlands.org)

“A Conservation Framework for the Diablo Canyon Lands” (2021)

- **SB 846/California Natural Resources Agency** (google “CNRA Report Diablo Canyon”)

“Diablo Canyon Power Plant Land Conservation and Economic Development Plan” (2023)

Value 1 - Conservation Easement Across North Ranch, South Ranch, and Wild Cherry Canyon

Value 2 - Tribal Ownership of North and South Ranch

Value 3 - Managed Public Access Across the Diablo Canyon Lands

Value 4 - Reuse of Parcel P for Research and Economic Activity

Value 5 - State Parks Ownership of Wild Cherry Canyon

Next Steps?



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- Transfer of Wild Cherry Canyon to Public Ownership?
- Preparation of Conservation Easement
- Preacquisition Tasks
(e.g., title, ESS, appraisals)
- Funding (SB 846 - \$160 m)
- Permitting/Mitigation for DCPD Extended Operation
- Get Involved!

Questions?



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