

## **RESOLUTION NO. 15-02**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S POSITION ON THE STORAGE OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL AT THE SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Laguna Woods is located approximately 20 miles from the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station in a densely populated area of Orange County, California; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Laguna Woods' Emergency Operations Plan and Local Hazard Mitigation Plan identify nuclear accidents at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station as a potential public safety hazard to Laguna Woods; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission is the regulatory agency for the decommissioning of nuclear facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Laguna Woods is located within the 50-mile ingestion pathway mandated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, yet is not included in San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station nuclear release incident evacuation planning and practice drills; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, Southern California Edison announced its decision to permanently decommission the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station; and

**WHEREAS**, operators for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station decommissioning indicate that there will eventually be 1,609 metric tons of spent nuclear fuel stored at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station site until a federal repository is available to accept the spent nuclear fuel; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress assigned the Department of Energy with the task of creating an underground repository for nuclear waste as a result of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, which has yet to be completed; and

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding assurances of safety, spent nuclear fuel leaks have occurred at nuclear facilities, which create concern that accidental leaks of spent nuclear fuel are possible with resulting harm and imperilment to public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, spent nuclear fuel may also be the target of acts of terrorism or other intentional acts meant to cause harm and imperil public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** The City of Laguna Woods supports the identification of a long-term storage site located away from populated areas as soon as possible and with all reasonable dispatch and that while spent nuclear fuel is stored at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, it must be stored in a manner that is as safe as possible including, but not limited to, that it is inspectable, transportable, and includes continuous, real-time monitoring information that is made available to the public.

**SECTION 2.** The City of Laguna Woods asserts that the proper storage and disposition of spent nuclear fuel must be a consideration in the decommissioning process and that the decommissioning plan must not be considered complete until those issues are resolved.

**SECTION 3.** The City of Laguna Woods supports United States Senate bills S.1240 and S.2326, as considered during the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, as well as similar legislation that would seek to resolve long-term spent nuclear fuel storage issues and increase state and local government participation in the decommissioning of nuclear power plants.

**SECTION 4.** The Deputy City Clerk is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, California Public Utilities Commission, Southern California Edison, Governor Jerry Brown, Senator Barbara Boxer, Senator Diane Feinstein, and Congresswoman Mimi Walters, accompanied by a letter from the Mayor urging them to join immediately in efforts set forth in this resolution.


**SECTION 5.** On behalf of the City of Laguna Woods, the Mayor is hereby authorized to cause to be prepared, prepare, and submit correspondence related to the efforts described in this resolution.

**SECTION 6.** The Deputy City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2015.

  
CYNTHIA S. CONNERS, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
YOLIE TRIPPY, Deputy City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA       )  
COUNTY OF ORANGE       ) ss.  
CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS    )

I, YOLIE TRIPPY, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Laguna Woods, do  
HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing **Resolution No. 15-02** was duly adopted by  
the City Council of the City of Laguna Woods at a regular meeting thereof, held on  
the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2015, by the following vote:

AYES:       COUNCILMEMBERS: Conners, Hatch, Horne, Moore  
NOES:       COUNCILMEMBERS:  
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Hack  
ABSENT:    COUNCILMEMBERS:

  
YOLIE TRIPPY, Deputy City Clerk