



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

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Agenda Number:

Department Name: County Executive
Office (OES)
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: June 16, 2011
(10:00 AM)
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 90 Minutes
Continued Item: Yes
If Yes, date from: April 12, 2011
(Public Comment)
May 10, 2011
(Departmental)
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Michael D. Harris, Emergency Operations Chief
Director(s) County Executive Office
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SUBJECT: Receive Briefing Nuclear Regulatory Commission on Diablo Nuclear Power Plant.

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions: That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Receive a briefing from Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff regarding the Diablo Nuclear Power Plant; and
- B. Direct County staff as to “next steps” regarding the Diablo Nuclear Power Plant.

Summary Text:

The Board of Supervisors has previously received information from PG&E regarding the Diablo Nuclear Power Plant. As a result of PG&E’s public comment on April 12, 2011, the Board asked PG&E for a briefing on the Diablo facility’s safety features and seismic risks. That briefing was provided to the Board in a public hearing on May 10, 2011.

As part of its deliberations on April 12, 2011, the Board directed the Chair of the Board to request a formal briefing from the NRC regarding the Diablo facility, lessons learned from the Fukushima disaster and the potentials of an event that exceeds the design criteria of the Diablo facility.

Background:

On March 10, 2011, a magnitude 9.0 earthquake occurred approximately 81 miles east of the Japanese coast in the area of Sendai, Japan. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the fault movement created wave heights "... up to 33 ft (10 m) and there were many reports of tsunami waves three stories high in parts of Japan." Besides the human tragedy, questions arose regarding the safety of nuclear facilities in the United States, particularly at those nuclear power facilities located in areas with seismic activity.

As requested by the Board, the Board will receive a briefing from management of the NRC on June 16, 2011. As a result of both the NRC briefing and the May 10, 2011 briefing from PG&E, the Board may elect to direct staff as to additional actions.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: There are no fiscal impacts associated with accepting this staff report.

Special Instructions:

N/A

Attachments:

None

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