

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-1381**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA NIGUEL, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF  
THE ACTION FOR SPENT FUEL SOLUTIONS NOW COALITION**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the federal government has failed to meet obligations to assume title, liability, and responsibility for the transportation of the spent fuel at SONGS, as it was required to do beginning in 1998 under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 and by contract; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly \$41 billion (including interest income) has been paid into the Nuclear Waste Fund by utility customers nationwide, including almost \$1 billion from SONGS customers; and

**WHEREAS**, the lack of a national policy prevents the 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

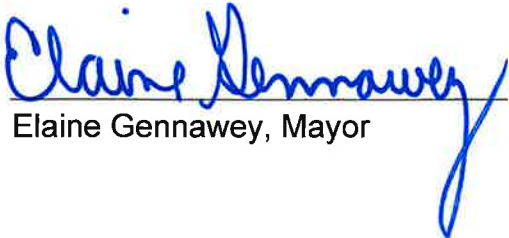
**WHEREAS**, the SONGS Strategic Plan for the Relocation of SONGS Spent Nuclear Fuel to an Offsite Storage Facility or a Repository” was developed by a team of independent national experts, and the Plan recommends the formation of a coalition of stakeholders to advocate for federal action to facilitate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

**WHEREAS**, offsite interim and long-term storage options are important to enhance the health, safety, and security of residents, businesses, and visitors in the City of Laguna Niguel; and

**WHEREAS**, a new coalition, *Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now*, provides an opportunity for stakeholders, including 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;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Laguna Niguel hereby supports the *Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now* coalition and its efforts to relocate spent fuel to a federally licensed facility.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

  
Elaine Gennawey, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Thy Merritt, Deputy City Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
COUNTY OF ORANGE            )ss  
CITY OF LAGUNA NIGUEL        )

I, Thy M. Merritt, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Laguna Niguel, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is Resolution No. 2022-1381, which was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Laguna Niguel, California, held on April 19, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:                    Council Members Jennings, Minagar, and Sharma; Mayor Pro Tem Rains, and Mayor Gennawey.

NOES:                    None.

ABSTENTIONS:        None.

ABSENT:                 None.



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Thy M. Merritt  
Deputy City Clerk