

# Agenda Item 3A: State Advocacy Letters

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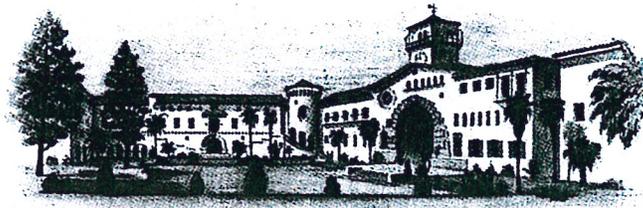
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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

June 1, 2015

The Honorable Das Williams  
Assemblymember, 37<sup>th</sup> District  
State Capitol, Room 4005  
Sacramento, CA 94249

FAX No.: (916) 319-2137

***RE: AB 3 Isla Vista Community Services District – SUPPORT***

Dear Assemblymember Williams,

On May 19, 2015, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors voted to support Assembly Bill 3 (Williams) Isla Vista Community Services District (IVCSD), if amended so that the District approves a Utility User's Tax (UUT) within 6 years instead of the current language of 10 years. A Board of Supervisors Minute Order is attached detailing the vote taken to support the legislation with the recommended amendment.

The bill requires that the Board place the question of establishing the IVCSD on the next countywide election for a majority vote. If passed and a District is formed, then the legislation currently states that the District's Board of Directors place the UUT on the ballot for a two third's vote by January 1, 2027, or within 10 years. The County Board of Supervisors supports the legislation if the language is amended to read January 1, 2023, or within 6 years.

If you have any questions about the Board's position, please contact the County's Legislative Coordinator, Joseph Toney at 805-568-2060 or [jtoney@countyofsb.org](mailto:jtoney@countyofsb.org).

Sincerely,

Janet Wolf  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc: Members, County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors  
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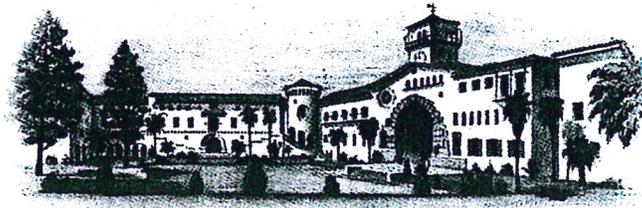
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Senator Fran Pavley  
State Senate, 27<sup>th</sup> District  
State Capitol, Room 5108  
Sacramento, CA 95814

FAX No.: (916) 651-4927

***RE: SB 32 California Global Warming Solutions act of 2006: Emissions Limit – SUPPORT***

Dear Senator Pavley,

On May 19, 2015, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors voted to support Senate Bill 3 (Pavley) California Global Warming Solutions act of 2006: Emissions Limit. A Board of Supervisors Minute Order is attached detailing the vote taken to support the legislation with the recommended amendment.

Existing law requires that the statewide Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions be reduced to 1990 levels, as determined by the California Air Resources Board (ARB), by the year 2020. SB 32 would require that the ARB approve a limit to GHG emissions of 80% below the 1990 levels be achieved by the year 2050. The County Board of Supervisors supports the requirements of SB 32.

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Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc: Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, 19<sup>th</sup> Senate District  
Assemblymember Katcho Achadjian, 35<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
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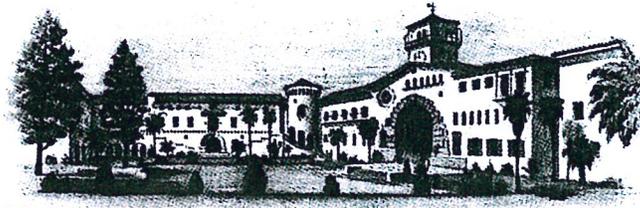
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June 11, 2015

Assemblyman "Katcho" Achadjian  
State Capitol, Rm. 4098  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0035

***RE: AB 361(Achadjian) California Emergency Services Act: Nuclear Powerplants - SUPPORT***

Dear Assemblyman Achadjian:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, we wish to thank you for your leadership in authoring this bill.

Our northern districts, including Santa Maria, are designated staging areas for any evacuations that might be warranted by an incident at Diablo Canyon. While the responsibility for organizing and informing the public of such emergency actions belongs with the San Luis Obispo Office of Emergency Services (OES), the proximity of our borders nonetheless involves a the need for Santa Barbara County to be included in the planning process.

To that end, it is in our best interests to insure that San Luis Obispo County's OES is fully funded to carry out their mandate. They need the resources to monitor and evaluate any emerging situation, for it is *their* office—not the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission nor Pacific Gas & Eleectric—who will ultimately make any decisions regarding evacuations. And those orders could create a mass exodus towards Santa Barbara County.

Prior to this bill being introduced, the funding mechanism for San Luis Obispo's OES would have been allowed to "sunset" five years before the plant's current operating license expires. The shortfall would have left the county with inadequate resources to serve this vital role.

Although we certainly hope that OES will never be called upon to respond to a genuine nuclear emergency, this continued funding will allow them to maintain their training drills and keep their equipment and supplies updated. It is our hope that they will continue to liaison with our county's emergency officials as well.

We, the Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara support AB 361 and urge its passage.

Sincerely,

Janet Wolf, Chair

- cc: Assemblymember Das Williams, 37<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
Members of the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors  
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June 11, 2015

Senator Bill Monning  
State Capitol, Rm. 313  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Fax No.: (916)651-4917**

Senator Hannah Beth Jackson  
State Capitol, Rm 2032  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Fax No.: (916)651-4919**

***RE: SB 657 Diablo Canyon Units: Enhanced Seismic Studies—SUPPORT***

Dear Senators Monning and Jackson:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors we wish to thank you for your leadership in authoring this bill, and to Senator Hannah Beth Jackson for co-authoring.

With nearly half of our county paying their electric bill to Pacific Gas & Electric, we have a vested interest in both the reliability and costs of electric service. AB 1632 (Blakeslee, 2007) established that the state require PG&E to conduct advanced studies to determine whether or not any seismic hazards posed a threat to the reliability or costs of running the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant.

The lack of seismic oversight in the original ratemaking proceedings for Diablo Canyon led to billions of dollars in costly retrofits borne by the ratepayers. At that time, the federal NRC neither required, nor did PG&E did seek seismic data that could have prevented the costly miscalculations. With the advent of the AB 1632 studies, the CPUC rectified this potential problem by assigning *state* oversight from the *state* agencies with the expertise to evaluate, critique and analyze the methods and results of PG&E’s work. In establishing the Independent Peer Review Panel (IPRP), the CPUC filled an important regulatory void.

SB 657 fills a very significant gap that would be allowed to occur if the Independent Peer Review Panel (IPRP) convened by the CPUC to monitor and review both PG&E’s AB 1632 seismic studies and the utility’s ongoing Long Term Seismic Program (LTSP) were allowed to sunset in November 2015, well before their work was completed.

The IPRP provides the public with an open and transparent venue in which to observe and participate in the seismic proceedings. It is our hope that once the long term funding mechanism is in place, the IPRP will continue to provide this open and accessible resource for ratepayers and residents. In their responses to the IPRP, PG&E has also acknowledged the valuable contribution of the panel.

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Safety involving our electric infrastructure cannot be taken for granted. In the wake of the San Bruno explosion, the CPUC has made it clear that safety is a foremost concern. Their appointment of this IPRP for seismic concerns is evidence of that commitment, and as such the IPRP should be mandated to continue their work for the licensed life of the nuclear facility.

Sincerely,



Janet Wolf, Chair

cc: Senator Ben Hueso – Fax No.: (916)651-4940  
Assemblymember Katcho Achadjian, 35<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
Assemblymember Das Williams, 37<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
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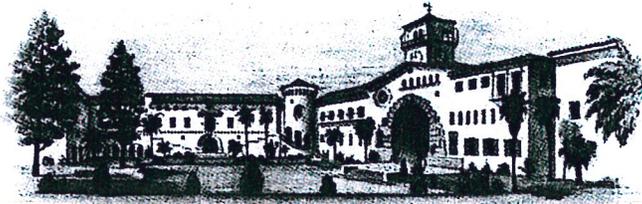
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June 16, 2015

The Honorable Jerry Brown  
Governor of California  
State Capitol, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

***RE: Senate Bill 788 California Coastal Protection Act of 2015 – SUPPORT***

Dear Governor Brown,

On June 16, 2015, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors voted to support Senate Bill 788 (McGuire) California Coastal Sanctuary Act of 2015. The Board supports closing a loophole in the California Coastal Sanctuary Act of 1994 that currently allows for new oil and gas offshore oil development.

The California Coastal Sanctuary Act of 1994 was intended to ban any new offshore oil development, but includes Public Resources Code 6244 that authorizes the State Lands Commission to enter into a lease for the extraction of oil or gas from state-owned tide and submerged lands in the California Coastal Sanctuary. The area in state waters that qualifies under this exemption is Tranquillon Ridge in Santa Barbara County. The Board voted to support SB 788 that would remove this exemption and thus permanently protect this sensitive and biologically diverse area.

A Board of Supervisors Minute Order is attached detailing the vote taken to support the legislation.

If you have questions about the Board's position, please contact the County's Legislative Coordinator, Joseph Toney at 805-568-2060 or [jtoney@countyofsb.org](mailto:jtoney@countyofsb.org).

Sincerely,

Janet Wolf  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc: Senator Mike McGuire, 2<sup>nd</sup> Senate District  
Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, 19<sup>th</sup> Senate District  
Assemblymember Katcho Achadjian, 35<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
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# County of Santa Barbara

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Minute Order

June 16, 2015

**Present:** 5 - Supervisor Carbajal, Supervisor Wolf, Supervisor Farr, Supervisor Adam, and Supervisor Lavagnino

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

File Reference No. 15-00549

**RE:** HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding Potential Advocacy Position of Legislation: SB 788 (McGuire) - California Coastal Protection Act of 2015, as follows: (EST. TIME: 30 MIN.)

Option 1:

- a) Take an advocacy position of support, watch, or oppose on SB 788 (McGuire) - California Coastal Protection Act of 2015;
- b) Direct staff to forward, and approve and authorize the Chair to execute a letter stating the Board's decision to the legislative author, members of the legislature including, but not limited to, the county legislative delegation, and appropriate committee chairs; and
- c) Determine pursuant to California Environmental Review Act (CEQA) Guideline 15378(b)(5) that the above action is not a project subject to CEQA review because it is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment; or

Option 2:

- a) Take no position on SB 788 (McGuire) - California Coastal Protection Act of 2015; and
- b) Determine pursuant to CEQA Guideline 15378(b)(5) that the above action is not a project subject to CEQA review because it is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY

**Received and filed staff presentation and conducted public hearing.**

**A motion was made by Supervisor Farr, seconded by Supervisor Carbajal, that this matter be acted on as follows:**

**Acted on Option 1 as follows:**

- a) Adopted an advocacy position of support on SB 788 (McGuire) - California Coastal Protection Act of 2015.
- b) Approved; Chair to execute. Directed staff to also include correspondence Governor Brown and the California Resources Secretary.

c) **Approved.**

**Option 2:**

**a) and b) No action taken.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 3 - Supervisor Carbajal, Supervisor Wolf, and Supervisor Farr

**Noes:** 2 - Supervisor Adam, and Supervisor Lavagnino

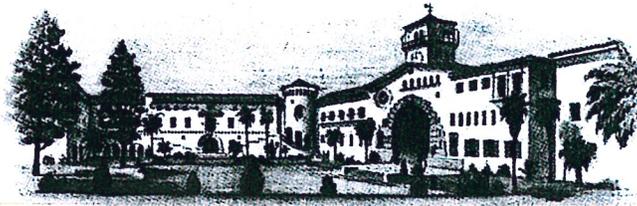
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June 22, 2015

Senator Hannah Beth Jackson  
State Capitol, Rm 2032  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Fax No.: (916) 651-4919

***RE: SB 122 California Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings – SUPPORT***

Dear Senator Jackson,

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to express their support for Senate Bill 122 California Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings. This bill would allow a lead agency, upon request of a project applicant, to prepare the record of proceeding concurrently with the administrative process. It would also provide a public database of all environmental documents and notices required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and improve the efficiency of public comments.

The Santa Barbara County 2015 Legislative Platform, adopted by the Board of Supervisors, includes the principle of Efficient Service Delivery. The principle supports efforts to streamline processes and promote operational enhancements. For these reasons, Santa Barbara County supports SB 122.

If you have questions about the Board’s position, please contact the County’s Legislative Coordinator, Joseph Toney at 805-568-2060 or [jtoney@countyofsb.org](mailto:jtoney@countyofsb.org).

Sincerely,

Janet Wolf  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

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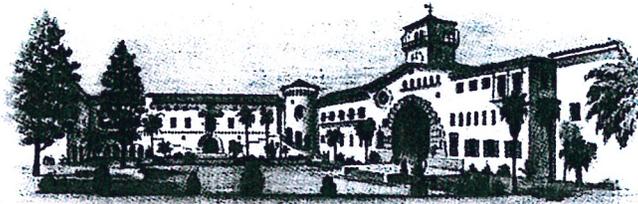
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June 22, 2015

Senator Jerry Hill  
State Capitol, Room 5035  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Fax No.: (916) 651-4913

***RE: SB 658 Automated external defibrillators – SUPPORT***

Dear Senator Hill,

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to express their support for Senate Bill 658 Automated external defibrillators. This bill would facilitate greater access to automated external defibrillators (AEDs). The bill would repeal various requirements on those who acquire AEDs, including requirements that employees complete training and that the AEDs be checked every 30 days, and makes the civil liability immunity in existing law for persons or entities who acquire an AED no longer conditional upon meeting specified requirements. The changes proposed by the bill will increase the likelihood that AEDs will be installed in more locations throughout the State and thereby save more lives.

The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department advocates for AEDs and any proposal to make access and use of them easier for the general public. The American Red Cross clearly summarizes the issues as found on [redcross.org](http://redcross.org):

“Sudden cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of death in the U.S. Over 350,000 people will suffer from sudden cardiac arrest this year. It can happen to anyone, anytime, anywhere and at any age. An AED is the only effective treatment for restoring a regular heart rhythm during sudden cardiac arrest and is an easy to operate tool for someone with no medical background. Time is of the essence:

- The average response time for first responders once 911 is called is 8-12 minutes.
- For each minute defibrillation is delayed, the chance of survival is reduced approximately 10%.”

For these reasons, Santa Barbara County supports SB 658. If you have questions about the Board’s position, please contact the County’s Legislative Coordinator, Joseph Toney at 805-568-2060 or [jtoney@countyofsb.org](mailto:jtoney@countyofsb.org).

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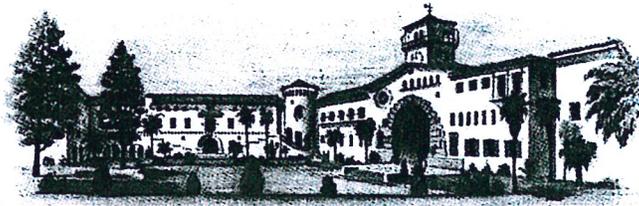
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John Laird  
California Secretary for Natural Resources  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Fax No.: (916) 653-8102

***RE: Senate Bill 788 California Coastal Protection Act of 2015 – SUPPORT***

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