

MEET THE PANEL

DIABLO CANYON DECOMMISSIONING ENGAGEMENT PANEL



JESSICA KENDRICK

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Jessica is a long-time resident of San Luis Obispo County and currently resides in Atascadero. She is an Assistant Vice President of Renewables for “tk1sc, a member of WSP,” a global professional services firm. Jessica is a licensed professional electrical engineer and has over fifteen years’ experience in renewable energy design and decarbonization efforts. She is well versed in distribution planning and utility interconnection and therefore focuses on a holistic approach to sustainable infrastructure. She has been a technical lead for many Fortune 1000 customers including commercial clients located in San Luis Obispo County. Jessica holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, and is currently a member of the Industrial Advisory Board for the EE department. She is also a committee member for the local CalSouth soccer organization in Atascadero. Jessica and her husband are parents to two young children and she is excited to generate conversation around energy policy and its role in the built environment.

MICHAEL LUCAS

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Michael and his family are 20-year residents of Morro Bay. Michael is Professor Emeritus in Architecture at Cal Poly where he has taught design since 1997 and developed general education electives in design and the built environment for all majors. His research has focused on the way cultures conceptualize the environment and has taken him across Indigenous communities in the American Southwest and the coast of British Columbia, and vernacular settings across Europe. He also served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for the College of Architecture and Environmental Design at the University of Prešov in the Slovak Republic. He was a practicing architect in the Chesapeake Bay area for almost 20 years, where he was a designer in primarily underserved communities, and included non-profit, educational, and university clientele. Several projects earned him awards from branches of the American Institute of Architects. Michael hopes to contribute his background in environmental review, land use, design, and ethics toward stewardship of the lands and an intergenerational compact on decommissioning and safe storage between current and future generations on the Central Coast. He previously served as Planning Commissioner for the City of Morro Bay for over 15 years, most recently during the review of the new General Plan.



LINDA SEELEY

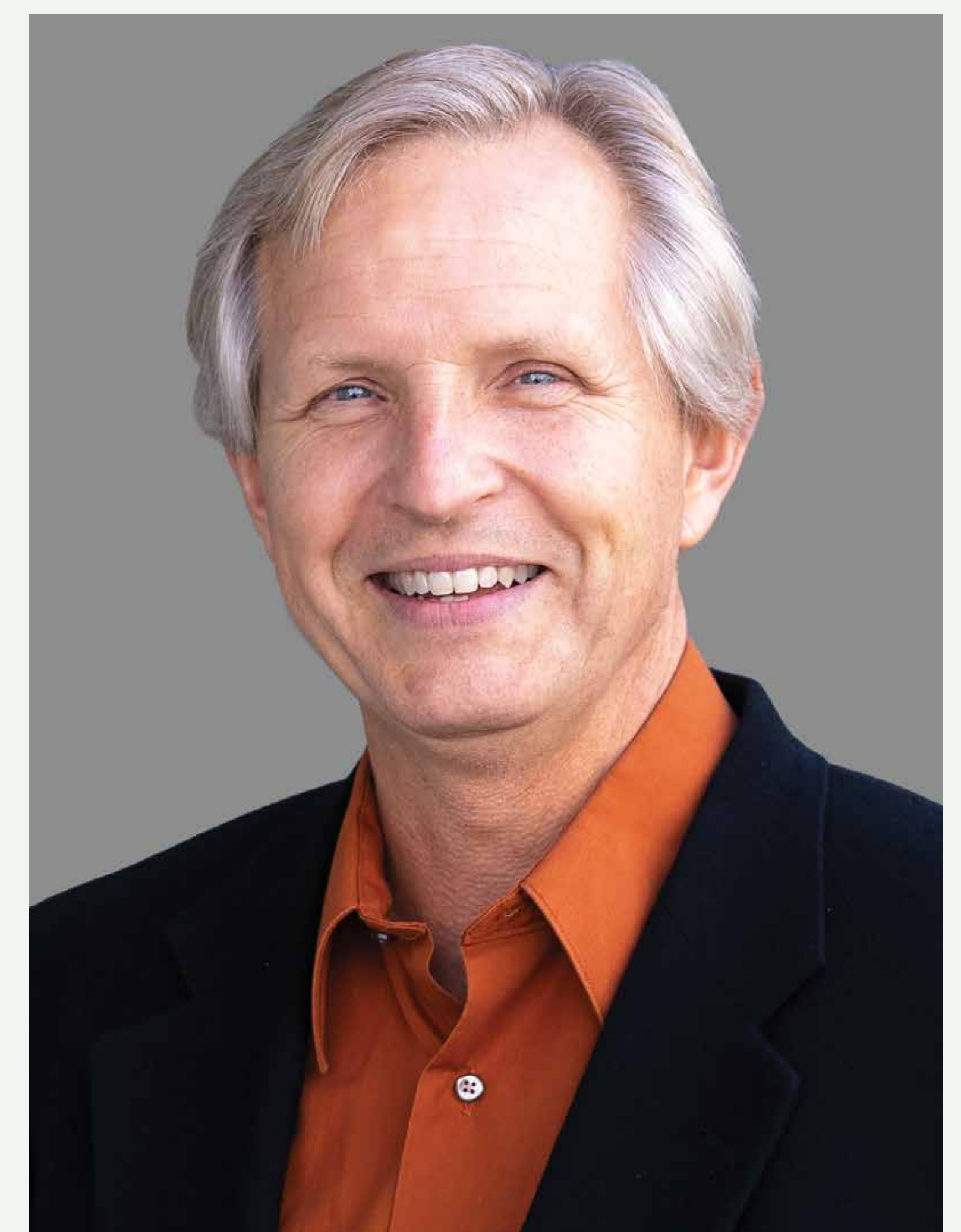
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Linda is a nurse-midwife and OB/GYN nurse practitioner, having worked and lived in SLO County for the past 35 years. She is an advanced facilitator of the Work that Reconnects as developed by Joanna Macy, Ph.D. Linda serves as vice-president and spokesperson for San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace, is a member of the Sierra Club Nuclear-Free Core Team and is a founding member and officer of the local nonprofit Biodiversity First! She is particularly concerned about safer storage of the highly irradiated nuclear waste at Diablo Canyon. Linda strives to give voice to the community on issues of transparency and safe, timely decommissioning.

BRUCE SEVERANCE

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Bruce is a resident of Grover Beach and has lived in the South County area for over 25 years. A graduate of Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, Bruce has been an electric vehicle and green product designer since 1990 and a licensed green builder, home designer and energy analyst since 2011. He is a climate policy advocate, most recently, serving as a regulatory compliance engineer for Mitsubishi Electric, a government relations role in both California and Mexico. His energy research has contributed to the development process of the California Energy Code (2022-2025), as well as the current statewide electrification incentive program design. Bruce has close ties with the Latino community and advocates for policies that consider social justice and disadvantaged community concerns. He co-founded the Latino Business and Community Council (LBCC) and has served on boards of homelessness services organizations in the region. He is also a founding member of the San Luis Obispo Climate Coalition and the Economic Recovery Initiative and has served as a council member on the Central Coast Community Energy’s (CCCE) Advisory Council since 2020. In recent years, Bruce contributed to the establishment of Cal Poly’s Institute for Climate Leadership and Resilience (ICLR) and spearheaded the development of ICLR’s “Research Collaborative.” Initial projects have focused on repurposing of stranded assets such as the Phillips 66 plant in Nipomo.



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ERNEST 'GERRY' FINN

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Gerry was born in Santa Cruz and grew up in Watsonville and Salinas. He moved to Paso Robles in 2000 and has since served on the San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury, Paso Robles Airport Advisory Committee, Cuesta College Curriculum Advisory Committee, and the "California in 2050" Panel. Gerry earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a Master of Engineering, both from UC Berkeley. The latter required majoring in several subjects, including planning, management, control, construction, and operation of infrastructure (e.g., transportation, waste). Other education included classes to qualify as a Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) Certified Miner, OSHA courses in safety of construction sites, courses specific to the work (electrical, high and low voltage, underground and high-rise structures), and Value Engineering. Gerry's work experience has been gained on programs and projects in the United States – from Alaska to New Jersey – as well as France, England, Greece, Saudi Arabia, Korea, Mexico, Brazil, and Canada. His nuclear program experience includes two major projects – one in France and one at the Department of Energy's Hanford Site in Washington – and others in New Mexico, Idaho, and Nevada. The one common factor in all these projects was a team guiding the work, with horizons as short as hours and as long as 50 years. The Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Program attracts Gerry because of the broad range of challenges it presents.

PATRICK LEMIEUX

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Patrick has lived on the Central Coast for over 15 years and is currently a resident of San Luis Obispo. Patrick currently works at Cal Poly as a Bentley Professor of Mechanical Engineering and recently completed a year-long fellowship at the Munich University of Applied Sciences. He began his career in 1999 as an engineer at AlliedSignal Aerospace (now called Honeywell International) and at Exponent Inc (formerly Failure Analysis Associates). Patrick holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of New Brunswick, a Master of Science degree from Cranfield University and Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering from the California Institute of Technology. He is currently a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), Distributed Wind Energy Association (DWEA), the Sierra Club, and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA). Patrick believes it is important to explore using the desalination facilities at DCCP to supplement community water sources, effectively integrate offshore wind energy without power disruptions, ensure safe storage of spent nuclear fuels, and provide good stewardship of the lands and to preserve a large portion of the DCCP lands in the most pristine condition possible for future generations.



FRANCES ROMERO

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Frances is a 26-year resident of Guadalupe and is a Senior Planner with TW Land Planning & Development with extensive experience in land use, government relations, and community outreach. Frances was the first woman Mayor of Guadalupe and has served on the Santa Barbara County Park Commission, the Guadalupe Planning Commission, and was the Executive Director of the Dunes Center who developed the plan that saved the organization from financial insolvency. Most recently, Frances serves as an Advisory Committee Member to The Ascend Fund, is a Citizen's Oversight Committee Member for the Guadalupe Union School District, and is an Honorary Commander Emeritus with the Combined Space Operations Center at Vandenberg Space Force Base. Frances earned a Bachelor of Science in Business and Management from the University of Redlands.



KARA WOODRUFF

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Kara is a 30+ year resident of San Luis Obispo, an original member of the Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel, a lawyer, and the District Director for Senator John Laird. She was formerly a financial planner and chief compliance officer for a local investment firm and continues to serve at the firm as a Principal. Kara has been directly involved in the conservation of over 100,000 acres in SLO County and brings to the Panel an impassioned interest in the conservation of the Diablo Canyon Lands, including Wild Cherry Canyon. Kara is the proud mother of two grown daughters and earned a Bachelor's degree in Business from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and Master of Arts and Juris Doctor degrees from Duke University.



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DENA BELLMAN

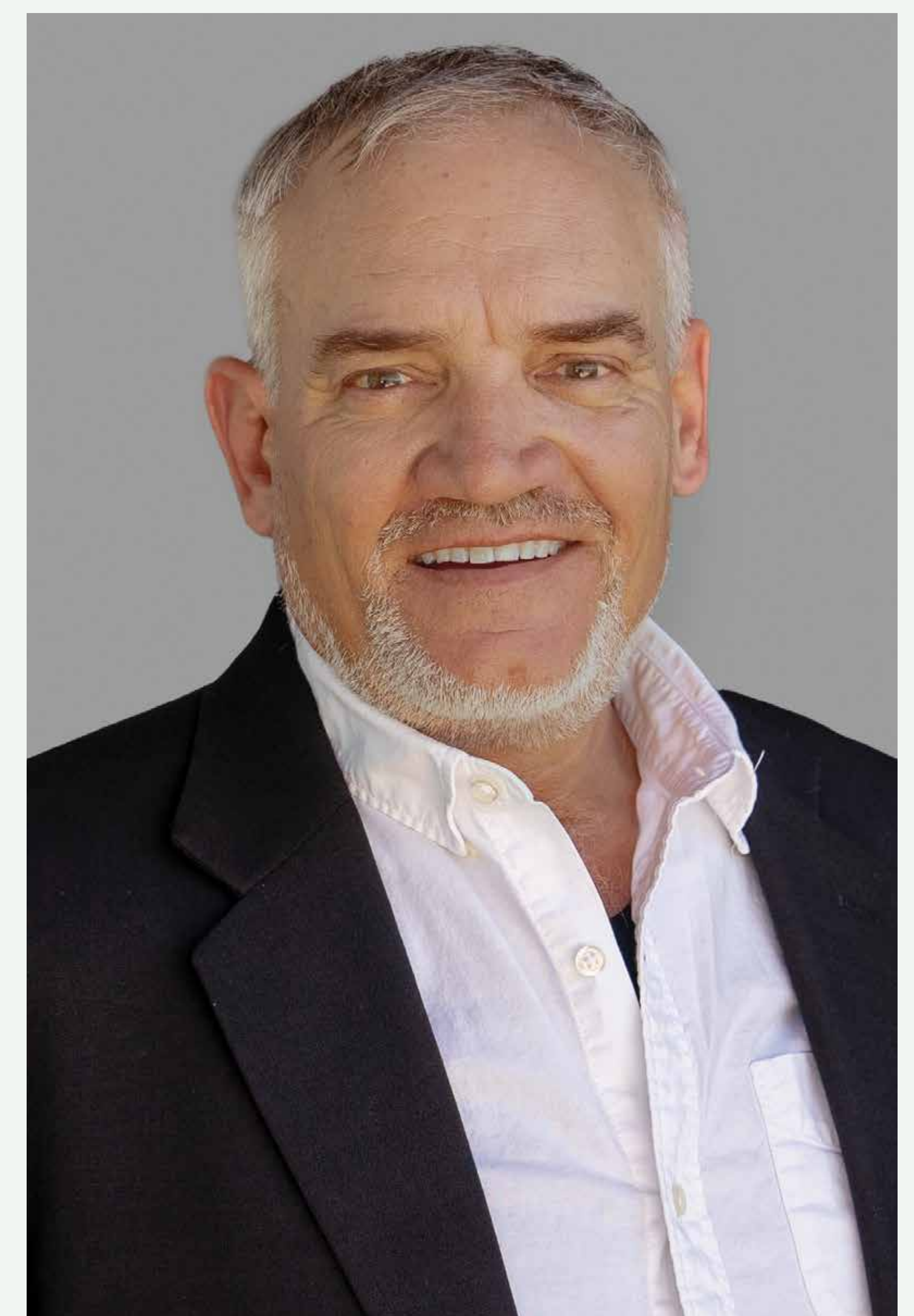
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Dena has lived in San Luis Obispo County most of her life and works as the District Planning Chief with the Channel Coast District of California State Parks. She brings a strong knowledge of government and community to this decommissioning effort and is active in many community-building efforts, having most recently served as Vice Chair of United Way of SLO County Board of Directors, Treasurer of the Board for 5Cities Homeless Coalition, and Director for South County Chambers of Commerce Board. She has also engaged in economic development and tourism efforts, serving on the economic development committee for the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce, film commission and tourism committees with SLOCAL, and as an Advisory Board member for the SLO County Business Improvement District. Dena has a passion for travel and has immersed philanthropy in travel by volunteering with ICARE International, having completed several humanitarian missions to Central and South America.

DAVID HOUGHTON

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David is a consulting engineer and a member of the adjunct faculty at Cal Poly where he teaches courses on mechanical and electrical systems for buildings, with a focus on energy use, utility interactions, zero-net-energy buildings, and real-world lessons from three decades of engineering experience. He also teaches courses on transportation engineering, computer programming for engineering applications, and a graduate-level course on airport planning and design. He previously founded Resource Engineering Group, a Colorado-based firm providing structural, mechanical, electrical, and energy engineering services. Through that company, he was engineer of record for hundreds of building projects, including multi-family developments, large and small commercial spaces, schools, and resorts. He is a registered professional engineer in both civil and mechanical disciplines and author of several books. David has served on the board of directors of an electric distribution utility, as chair of the Gunnison County Planning Commission, and on the boards of several non-profit organizations. He currently sits on the City of San Luis Obispo Planning Commission. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering with honors from the University of California, Berkeley.



LINDA VANASUPA

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Linda Vanasupa is a Professor Emeritus of Materials Engineering at Cal Poly and has been a resident of San Luis Obispo since 1991. Her career work has been in pursuit of a just transition to a regenerative planetary co-existence. During her tenure at Cal Poly, she co-led community-engaged initiatives on sustainability. She is also a Distinguished Academic Partner to Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering in the Boston area, where she continues her collaborations in socially-just engineering. Linda hopes to use her deep listening and collaboration skills to ensure community voices, particularly those that have been historically diminished, are fairly considered in the decommissioning plan. Her degrees are in materials science and engineering (Ph.D., M.S., Stanford University) and metallurgical engineering (B.S., Michigan Technological University).

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SCOTT LATHROP

EX-OFFICIO

As a native resident of San Luis Obispo, Scott comes to the Panel with ancestry roots in and around Diablo Canyon. He is a member of yak tityu tityu yak tithini (ytt) Northern Chumash Tribe. Scott's interest in the decommissioning project is twofold: to communicate the value of protecting cultural resources that are important to indigenous people from the region and to represent ratepayer and taxpayer interests regarding local economic and financial impacts plant decommissioning will bring to the community. Scott recently retired as the Assistant Superintendent, Business Service with Eastside Union School District Lancaster, California. Before his tenure in public education, he managed The Lathrop Company, a land development company in San Luis Obispo County. Currently he holds the position as Chief Executive Officer for the ytt Northern Chumash Nonprofit. Scott obtained his Bachelor of Arts in industrial technology from California Polytechnic State University. He also earned a teaching credential from California Polytechnic State University, is a California public schools certified Chief Business Officer (CBO), and a California class B general contractor. Scott is a member of the Cal Poly President's Council of Advisors, Cuesta College Foundation Board, and past Chairman of Cuesta Community College District Bond Oversight Committee.

SUSAN STRACHAN

EX-OFFICIO

Susan Strachan works for San Luis Obispo County and serves as the Manager for the Planning and Building Department's Environmental Division. One of her job responsibilities is managing the permitting and environmental review for the decommissioning of the Diablo Canyon Power Plant. Susan has over thirty years of energy project management experience, managing the licensing, permitting, and construction compliance for numerous complex, large-scale, high profile energy projects for municipal utilities, investor-owned utilities, and private developers. Permitting and compliance projects include utility scale renewable power plants, electric transmission, pipelines, and power plant decommissioning.



TOM JONES

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (PG&E) REPRESENTATIVE

Tom Jones is the Senior Director of Regulatory, Environmental and Repurposing for Pacific Gas and Electric Company where he oversees regulatory and external strategies for both Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) and Humboldt Bay Power Plant. This includes the planning for extended operations and the ultimate transition to decommissioning at DCPP. He has worked on all federal, state and local approvals needed for PG&E's two ISFSIs (dry cask storage systems), steam generator replacements at DCPP, and the Joint Proposal Agreement – the transition and retirement plan for DCPP. In addition, Tom oversees the stewardship of over 12,000 acres and 14 miles of coastline of the Diablo properties and the Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel. Tom joined PG&E in 2001 and, prior to his current role, he served in Corporate Affairs and local Government Relations for over a decade. He has been actively involved in many community organizations, serving as the chairman of the Atascadero Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center Governing Board, chairman of the Economic Vitality Corporation, and planning commissioner for the City of Atascadero. He also served on the San Luis Obispo Literacy Council, San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce, Central Coast Economic Forecast Project, Kern Economic Development Corporation, and the Economic Development Corporation serving Fresno County. Tom received his bachelor's degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara and currently lives in Atascadero with his wife, Jamie, and their children.

CHUCK ANDERS

FACILITATOR

Chuck is a 20-year resident of the Central Coast and lives in Arroyo Grande. He has over thirty years of experience facilitating complex issues in public and private sectors and founded Strategic Initiatives in 1996 to assist organizations in achieving their goals. Chuck has designed and facilitated the successful outcome of numerous high-profile public engagement processes throughout California and the Southwest, including remediation strategies that protect public health and ecological resources in San Luis Obispo. Chuck is a professional engineer and past president of the San Luis Obispo County YMCA Board of Directors.

