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PG&E AND THE DIABLO CANYON DECOMMISSIONING ENGAGEMENT PANEL ANNOUNCE NEW MEMBERS

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (March 30, 2021) — Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and the Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel (DECDP) today announced the appointment of two new members to the DCDEP, and the reappointment of two members. The panel provides community input to PG&E as the company prepares a site-specific plan for the future decommissioning of Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP).

The two, new appointees - William “Bill” Almas and Mariam Shah - fill roles previously held by Lauren Brown and Alex Karlin. Almas and Shah are set to begin their terms in May of 2021. David M. Baldwin and Dena Bellman have been reappointed.

Background on Mariam Shah

Mariam has served two terms as councilmember on the Grover Beach City Council, served on the executive committees of the Homeless Services Oversight Committee, the Air Pollution Control District and the CA League of Cities. She also sits on the board of the Grover Beach Library, the Five Cities Homeless Coalition and has been active with the Grover Heights PTA for several years, serving 3 years as president.

Background on Bill Almas

Bill retired from Chevron as a Senior Real Estate Manager in 2015. He held various positions with Chevron and Unocal including Environmental and Regulatory Manager, Manager of Government Affairs, Area Manager and Environmental and Regulatory Manager for Molycorp, a subsidiary of Unocal. He was the lead for Unocal property purchase and settlements associated with the Avila Beach remediation and managed the preparation of the San Luis Obispo Chevron Tank Farm Environmental Impact Report and various property sales.
DCDEP members will now include:

- William Almas, San Luis Obispo (new appointment beginning May 2021)
- Mariam Shah, Arroyo Grande (new appointment beginning May 2021)
- David M. Baldwin, Atascadero (reappointed)
- Dena Bellman, Pismo Beach (reappointed)
- Dr. Timothy Auran, Avila Beach area
- Sherri Danoff, Avila Beach
- Scott Lathrop, San Luis Obispo
- Patrick Lemieux, Morro Bay
- Charlene Rosales, San Luis Obispo
- Linda Seeley, Los Osos
- Kara Woodruff, San Luis Obispo
- Chuck Anders, (Facilitator)
- Trevor Keith, San Luis Obispo County (Ex Officio)
- Maureen Zawalick, San Luis Obispo (PG&E)

As part of a highly competitive process, currently seated panel members and PG&E representatives conducted in-depth reviews of more than 65 applications from community members, who broadly reflect the diverse community viewpoints in proximity to DCPP. The selection committee praised the quality and qualifications of those who applied. “On behalf of the panel, we sincerely appreciate the time and effort put forth by each candidate to apply, and we’re thrilled that so many experienced and talented community leaders offered to be a part of this important process. We welcome these new members and feel confident the diverse composition of the panel will enable the group to capture the community’s collective vision related to the future decommissioning of Diablo Canyon,” panel facilitator Chuck Anders said.

About the Panel:

The Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel was created to foster open and frequent dialogue between members of the local community and PG&E on matters related to DCPP decommissioning. Panelists are local community members from across San Luis Obispo County who were selected to broadly represent diverse community viewpoints. The Panel meets periodically on matters related to DCPP decommissioning and the future use of DCPP lands and facilities.

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