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

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (April 12, 2022) — Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and the Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel (DCDEP) today announced the appointment of three new members to the DCDEP, and the reappointment of three 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) and spent fuel management.

The three new appointees – Michael Lucas, Robert Pavlik and G. Bruce Severance will begin their terms in May of 2022. Mariam Shah and Linda Seely have been reappointed and Scott Lathrop will now serve as an Ex Officio member, representing yak titʸu titʸu yak tiłhini, Northern Chumash Tribe, effective May 1.

Background of Michael Lucas

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. 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 previously served as Planning Commissioner for the City of Morro Bay for over 15 years. Michael and his family are 20-year residents of Morro Bay.

Background of Robert ‘Bob’ Pavlik

Bob Pavlik is currently a part-time historian with the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division. In 2015, he retired from the Department of Transportation as a Supervising Environmental Planner. Bob has also worked for Yosemite National Park Service and formerly served as a member of the City of San Luis Obispo Cultural Heritage Committee; the Bureau of Land Management’s Carrizo Plain National Monument Advisory Committee; and Heritage Shared. He lives in San Luis Obispo with his wife, Rayena.

Background of G. Bruce Severance

Bruce is an electric vehicle and green product designer, licensed green builder, home designer and energy analyst. He is also a climate policy advocate, most recently serving as a regulatory compliance engineer for Mitsubishi Electric, a government relations role in both California and Mexico. In recent years, Bruce contributed to the establishment of Cal Poly’s Institute for Climate Leadership and Resilience. Initial projects have focused on repurposing of stranded assets such as the Phillips 66 plant in Nipomo. Bruce is a resident of Grover Beach and has lived in the South County area for over 25 years.
DCDEP members will now include:

- Michael Lucas, Morro Bay (new appointment beginning May 2022)
- Robert Pavlik, San Luis Obispo (new appointment beginning May 2022)
- G. Bruce Severance, Grover Beach (new appointment beginning May 2022)
- William Almas, San Luis Obispo
- Dr. Timothy Auran, Avila Beach area
- David M. Baldwin, Atascadero
- Dena Bellman, Pismo Beach
- Charlene Rosales, San Luis Obispo
- Linda Seeley, Los Osos
- Mariam Shah, Arroyo Grande
- Kara Woodruff, San Luis Obispo
- Chuck Anders, (Facilitator)
- Scott Lathrop, San Luis Obispo (Ex Officio)
- 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 applications from community members, who broadly reflect the diverse community viewpoints in proximity to DCPP. Since its creation in 2018, over 220 community members have submitted applications for panel membership.

“The selection committee praises the quality and qualifications of those who applied, and we thank those who have previously served on the Panel, devoting countless, volunteer hours to this important process,” said Chuck Anders, Panel facilitator.

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.