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1 MR. ANDERS: Hi. My name is Chuck Anders, and I
2 am the facilitator for the panel tonight, and I want to
3 welcome you to the fourth meeting of the Diablo Canyon
4 Decommissioning Engagement Panel. There are four other
5 meetings scheduled, monthly meetings, through the end of
6 this year.

7 So tonight, our primary topic is lands. And
8 before we start, I want to emphasize that there will be
9 public comments. And we'll be handing out some blue cards
10 in the next few minutes, and those who want to speak can
11 fill out those cards and turn them in. The primary bulk
12 of this meeting is actually dedicated to you because we
13 have almost an hour and a half set aside for public
14 comment, so everyone is looking forward to hearing what
15 you have to say. Hopefully we will have a lot of
16 speakers.

17 Before we begin, I'd like to introduce Suzanne
18 Hosn, who will provide a safety briefing for us.

19 MS. HOSN: Good evening, everyone. Thank you
20 for being here. Just wanted to let you know that safety
21 responsibilities have already been preassigned. And we
22 would like to thank the SLO County Sheriff's Department
23 for being here this evening, as well as the Diablo Canyon
24 Fire Department. In the event of an earthquake, we ask
25 that you duck, cover and hold, and use the exits onto

1 Monterey Street or onto Higuera Street. And just a quick
2 reminder that restrooms are down the hallway and to the
3 left. Thank you.

4 MR. FRANKE: All right. My name is John Franke.
5 I'm the vice president for power generation for Pacific
6 Gas and Electric. Under my purview includes the
7 decommissioning work in preparation for -- my mic wasn't
8 on. I said some wonderful things.

9 My name is John Franke. I am the vice president
10 for power generation for Pacific Gas and Electric. I also
11 have responsibilities over the decommissioning activities,
12 both active and planning decommissioning activities for
13 the nuclear plants associated with the company. And I
14 just wanted to welcome the community to the meeting
15 tonight. This is our fourth meeting. The topic is one
16 very important to us, and I just want to briefly remind
17 folks, we have already discussed a number of different
18 topics. And as the panel meetings go on, those topics
19 will change, and I encourage folks to look at the schedule
20 and come in and participate in those meetings that have
21 topics that are important to you.

22 I want to thank the panel, before we get going.
23 The last month has been hectic. It's been very busy, and
24 the panel has done a tremendous amount of work to research
25 and learn more about what could happen to the 12,000 acres

1 that currently are reserved associated with Diablo Canyon
2 going forward. And when I say "worked hard," they've
3 worked very hard. We've had two long days of public
4 workshops where people with ideas and interest in the land
5 use have come forward.

6 And I actually want to take a moment and thank
7 -- I believe Sheila Blake, city councilman for Pismo
8 Beach, is here. There she is in the back. Thank you,
9 Sheila. We had those meetings in the city council offices
10 at Pismo. I want to thank the support from the City for
11 that.

12 One intention of the panel is to get around.
13 The county is a large area, and we're committed to both
14 some southern meetings and some northern meetings. I know
15 we are going to work to get some activity up in the north
16 in the county as well.

17 In addition to those two full days of workshops,
18 including a weekend day, full Saturday, the company has
19 reached out to the community, and we have had over 300
20 individuals tour the lands through a program to get a
21 better feel for what's available out there. So tonight is
22 important. This is going to be a culmination of a lot of
23 research relative to land use. As we go into
24 decommissioning, we are committed to listening to the
25 community input. This is all part of the process. This

1 panel is doing great work for the community. But at the
2 same time, we want all the voices that can be heard, you
3 know, to step forward. And my primary job on the panel is
4 not to speak, other than to welcome you. The rest of it
5 is to listen. And we are going to take that information
6 as we move forward with our decisions. So thank you for
7 coming. And I want to thank, again, the panel for their
8 efforts so far.

9 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, John.

10 Before we begin, we want to just go over the
11 agenda so you know it, understand, and the panel
12 understands what's in store for us tonight. First of all,
13 we are going to have a presentation from the County and
14 PG&E with regard to the lands surrounding Diablo Canyon
15 and how they are structured. Then we will have a brief
16 discussion of the results of the workshops that the panel
17 held a couple of weeks ago. They held two full days of
18 workshops, and there were two full days of presentations,
19 so we will talk about that. We will have almost an hour
20 and a half for public comment. And then the public -- the
21 panel will have a discussion, and then we will introduce
22 the next topic for next month.

23 With regard to public comment, those who want to
24 provide public comment, there are cards back here. And
25 just hold your hand up and people will come around and

1 pass them out to you. There are blue cards. These are
2 the ones you want to fill out if you want to come up and
3 talk. And there are white cards, and these are the ones
4 you want to fill out if you want to make a comment and
5 just submit it, and we will make sure the panel sees it
6 and it gets inputted into the process.

7 I would like to recommend and suggest that if
8 you are part of an organization, pick a spokesman for your
9 organization so that everyone doesn't get up and say the
10 same thing. And pick a spokesman, and then the members of
11 the organization that support that spokesman and their
12 perspective, raise your hands, or stand up, or come over
13 and stand up by the podium so we can move forward as
14 quickly and efficiently as possible. Okay? Everybody got
15 their blue cards and white cards?

16 One over here. One here. Great. So that's
17 what we are going to do tonight.

18 So are you ready to go, Panel?

19 MR. KARLIN: Chuck, we're not getting the video.

20 MR. ANDERS: We've got an audio-visual issue.

21 MR. MEACHUM: I have got Game of Thrones on
22 mine.

23 MR. ANDERS: While he is doing that, I do want
24 to mention that this meeting is being video streamed live
25 and it will also be available to you in its entirety. We

1 also are actually having an official transcript of the
2 meeting which will also be available. And we have our
3 hearing-impaired sign also. So we want to be as inclusive
4 as possible, and hopefully everyone can see the history of
5 this meeting. And also, if you said, "What did he say?"
6 or "What did she say?" you just go back on the video and
7 take a listen.

8 Okay. We ready to go? Hold the cards up. We
9 will come and pick them up.

10 Okay. So our first presentation is on what are
11 these lands that people are talking about and how are they
12 structured. So I want to introduce Trevor Keith, the
13 recently-appointed planning director for San Luis Obispo
14 County, who is going to kick off this discussion.

15 MR. KEITH: Thank you, Chuck. Thank you
16 everybody for coming out. So tonight, on behalf of the
17 Planning and Building Department, I've asked one of our
18 staff, Sara Sanders, who will be working on the Diablo
19 project as it moves along for our department, to give the
20 presentation this evening. So with that, I will turn it
21 over to Ms. Sanders.

22 MS. SANDERS: Thank you, Trevor.

23 Everybody hear me okay?

24 So as Trevor said, my name is Sara Sanders. I
25 work for the Planning and Building Department. Before we

1 get started on -- kind of process, a higher level overview
2 of the Planning and Building Department does in work
3 meeting with PG&E, we are going to look at where the
4 project site is.

5 So the project site has been highlighted in red,
6 and it shows up in yellow. It's important to know that
7 the purple that just showed up is Eureka Energy owned,
8 which is a subsidiary of PG&E. It's important to know
9 that because it is not regulated by the CPUC, so it's good
10 to know, just as reference.

11 Now, where does the County become involved in
12 all of this? It's through the General Plan. It's the
13 State maintained -- it is required by the State that we
14 maintain a General Plan, and it's broken up into topic
15 areas. And there is seven required state-mandated General
16 Plan elements. Obviously, on the protection, you see the
17 seven and then additional elements, such as the
18 Agriculture element and the Parks and Rec element.

19 And this, we are really going to be focusing on
20 the Land Use element today. It is broken up into the
21 Inland portion and the Coastal portion. And as you will
22 see through the presentation, that there is a little bit
23 more oversight with the Coastal portion because it goes
24 through the California Coastal Commission. So with that
25 being said, in the inland area, in the Inland Land Use

1 element is broken up into four sections: Framework for
2 Planning, the San Luis Obispo Area Plan, the Community
3 Plans, and Official Maps. And then to implement that, we
4 use the Land Use Ordinance, Title 22, and Specific Plans.

5 In the Coastal portion, we use Framework for
6 Planning. It's broken up into four sections too. We use
7 Framework For Planning, San Luis Obispo Bay Area Plan,
8 Official Maps and the Coastal Zone Policy document. And
9 to implement it, we use the Coastal Zone Land Use
10 Ordinance, which is Title 23, Table O, from Framework of
11 Planning, which is in the General Plan, Planning Area
12 Standards, and in the San Luis Bay Area Plan, and also the
13 Coastal Zone Policy document, so a few more documents
14 related to that.

15 As I said before, the property that we are
16 looking at today is divided up into two area plans, which
17 is the San Luis Obispo Planning Area, and that's the
18 inland portion, so the yellow portion, and then the
19 San Luis Bay Area Plan, which is the blue portion, and
20 that's the coastal zone.

21 So Land Use categories, we break out the -- our
22 zoning maps into Land Use categories. So Land Use
23 categories, we identify similar and compatible uses and
24 provide a basic order for development while allowing a
25 range of uses. There are 14 Land Use categories in the

1 county, and three of them are represented in the property
2 that we are talking about today. So the three Land Use
3 categories are agriculture, public facilities and rural
4 land. So rural land is in the pink, public facilities is
5 the blue and agriculture is in green.

6 And so from there, to see if a type of land use
7 is compatible with our Land Use categories, we do -- we go
8 back to the General Plan, where we have to first see where
9 the property is, if it's in the Coastal zone or the inland
10 zone. So if it's in the Inland area, we identify the Land
11 Use category, obviously, and then we go to the ordinance
12 and we look at Table 2-2, so the Table 2-2 shows you --
13 it's a big Excel sheet, essentially, with the Land Use
14 category and the type of use, and it provides any type of
15 standards that are required and if those land uses are
16 compatible in that type of Land Use category.

17 And then we go and look at the standards in
18 Article 4 and Article 9. So if the property is in the
19 coastal zone, we first identify the Land Use category, and
20 then we go to Framework for Planning, and that's Table O,
21 instead of Table 2-2. In the Inland, it's Table O in the
22 coastal zone. And then we use the Coastal Land Use
23 Ordinance, Title 23, and review the area plans for
24 standards.

25 So if something if -- let's say a landowner

1 wants to change a land use, then we go through -- this is
2 a very high-level process, so it first gets authorized,
3 then goes through environmental review. So a lot of you
4 have heard of CEQA, California Environmental Quality Act.
5 The amendment to the General Plan goes through
6 environmental review, and then it goes to Planning
7 Commission for a hearing. The Planning Commission
8 provides a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.
9 The Board of Supervisors hears the recommendation, they
10 might change it, they might not, and then it goes into
11 final action, and that's in the Inland area.

12 In the Coastal area, it's a little more
13 complicated because from the Board of Supervisors, it
14 doesn't just go to final action. It goes to the
15 California Coastal Commission for hearing. They can
16 either make amendments to their recommendation and then
17 the board hears it again. If the board doesn't agree,
18 then that amendment will not go through and will not be
19 finalized. So it's really important for our department to
20 work with the Coastal Commission in the Coastal zone,
21 obviously, because we don't want that to happen.

22 So some past projects, just higher level, so the
23 County Planning and Building Department has worked with
24 PG&E on construction of a steam generator replacement for
25 the plant and then also construction of storage for spent

1 fuel. And then right now, the department is working with
2 PG&E on improvements to the North Ranch Road to meet
3 county fire standards for two-lane roads. And that's
4 currently in the environmental review stage.

5 So that concludes the formal presentation that
6 Planning has. And I can take questions. And if I don't
7 have answers for you, I will get the answers.

8 MR. KARLIN: Maybe I have a question, Sara. Can
9 you talk about what triggers the Land Use process. As I
10 understand it, it is a request from the landowner --

11 MS. SANDERS: Correct.

12 MR. KARLIN: -- to change the land use from
13 existing land use authorization to something different,
14 right?

15 MS. SANDERS: It's a formal application that
16 comes into the department.

17 MR. KARLIN: So that would be, PG&E presumably
18 would trigger the process at some point when there is a
19 change that they are looking to accomplish or get approved
20 from the county or the California Coastal Commission,
21 right? Or both, I guess.

22 MS. SANDERS: Correct.

23 MR. KARLIN: Thank you.

24 MS. SEELEY: Thank you, Sara. My question is
25 what would happen if there were a coastal issue and it

1 went to the Coastal Commission, they made changes, and
2 then it went back to the board and the board didn't agree
3 with it, what would happen? And does that ever happen?

4 MS. SANDERS: So it has happened. We try to
5 avoid that as much as possible because we don't want the
6 applicant or the amendment not to go through with all of
7 the staff resources that go into that. So we work, like I
8 said before, really closely with Coastal Commission and
9 early and often so that doesn't happen, but it has
10 happened before. And what if the amendment doesn't go
11 through, so it doesn't get changed in our General Plan.

12 MS. SEELEY: Thank you.

13 MR. MEACHUM: Sara, I have a question. If there
14 are several different projects that come forward based
15 upon the final conclusion of PG&E, can this process work
16 together with all of them or does it have to be an
17 individual project that would go through an individual
18 hearing and an ordinance change?

19 MS. SANDERS: I am thinking, I guess it depends
20 on the application.

21 Trevor, do you have a better answer for that?

22 MR. KEITH: Yeah. It would depend on what
23 actions, what PG&E would want to do and over what time
24 line. So it is kind of a case-by-case.

25 MR. MEACHUM: Okay. I'm not quite clear on

1 that. Because if the final application for change came
2 with two or three different projects, would each of these
3 projects have to go through an environmental review or
4 could they all go as one?

5 MR. KEITH: It would go as one.

6 MR. MEACHUM: Thank you.

7 MR. KARLIN: Another question. This may be as
8 well for PG&E. Just to help the audience and everyone
9 understand, the timing of the CEQA review or the
10 application process, I mean we are talking about several
11 years from now; isn't that right, Tom? Maybe Tom or John
12 could help everyone understand what the timing is, of this
13 would be.

14 MR. JONES: Yes. Tom Jones of Pacific Gas and
15 Electric Company. What we envision is we file this
16 application, which sets the budget for the project in
17 2018. We anticipate that to be resolved by mid-2020.
18 After that filing, we have our project scheduled now
19 between mid 2020 through 2024 to obtain the discretionary
20 permits from the County of San Luis Obispo, State Lands
21 Commission and the California Coastal Commission, so that
22 we can arrive at these decisions and go directly into
23 decommissioning. So all of that work is predicated on
24 three or four concurrent rulings.

25 MR. KARLIN: Thank you.

1 MS. SANDERS: Any other Planning and Building
2 questions?

3 MR. JONES: Thank you, Sara.

4 So again, Tom Jones with PG&E. For the public,
5 here's a view of the power plant from the south to the
6 north. And tonight, we are discussing really three zones.
7 The focus mainly will be on the northern and southern
8 lands. The center parcel that Sara showed on her map
9 earlier, this one showing the facility, will be the topic
10 of our workshops in Atascadero on September 14th and 15th,
11 followed by our meeting at the end of the month here in
12 this room to then summarize and have further discussion
13 about potential repurposing opportunities.

14 Just a little setting on why we are here. Part
15 of our decision when we sought to retire the plant was to
16 seek public input on the future of the properties and the
17 facilities, and then the commission agreed to ratify that
18 proposal on pages 60 and 61 of their staff report, saying
19 we'll have this public outreach process. This panel is a
20 result of it. This meeting is a result of it. And there
21 will be an annual report from this panel moving forward.

22 Here is the schedule of these meetings, and
23 tonight, August 29, we are doing the land. I just
24 mentioned the other workshops that will be forthcoming,
25 and then the summary meeting of September 26, so that will

1 be both land and facilities done by the end of next month
2 for this year. And that as well, we were also asked to
3 look at some specific pieces of infrastructure that can
4 influence both land use and repurposing, and that was our
5 breakwater that forms the marina, whether or not that must
6 be removed or if we can pursue some discretionary actions
7 that lead to repurposing to prevent that from going to a
8 landfill.

9 The property in question is -- Sara set it up
10 very nicely. Thank you, Sara. Here, this shows the
11 properties in their entirety. It is about 14 miles of
12 coastline and over 12,000 acres. Everything in the bright
13 orange, going north and south, is owned by the Utility in
14 fee title. That means Pacific Gas and Electric Company
15 Utility owns that, and that defines some certain future
16 activities for the disposition, specifically no matter
17 what the panel or PG&E and the County agree to, the Public
18 Utilities Commission must agree. And that's something
19 called the 851 process. And that's how they determine how
20 we dispose of assets, or their ultimate disposition, if
21 they were encumbered on behalf of customers.

22 So then the middle area, there is a small
23 portion that's both green and yellow. That's the power
24 plant site itself. That's about 720 acres. That also was
25 overlaid with the Part 50 license that is ultimately what

1 we seek to retire decommissioning from the Nuclear
2 Regulatory Commission. That also has some discretionary
3 permits from the County of San Luis Obispo and the State
4 of California.

5 Below that, everything that's hatched and that
6 purple color is still leased to the Utility. We use that
7 primarily as a buffer area. And we have some grazing and
8 some other land management practices on there.

9 Finally, the yellow area that's checkered is
10 under lease to a company called HomeFed Corporation, and
11 that's Wild Cherry Canyon, which I know there are people
12 here to give some input to the panel about that as well.

13 We also have some of the properties through
14 previous discretionary improvements that have been
15 encumbered in some way for public access. So if you look
16 at this map, the blue parcels highlighted in orange to the
17 north have the Point Buchon trail system on it where the
18 public can access that from Montana de Oro. That's over 6
19 miles of trail. The trail head starts from Montana De
20 Oro, it comes down the coastline, then back up on some
21 ridges, and that crosses three of our major parcels.

22 And then on the southern end, that striped area
23 is 1200 acres. They are subject to a deconservation
24 restriction. We're dealing with the Coastal Commission.
25 And it's a little hard to see on this slide, but you can

1 see some yellow line that follows the bottom of that
2 peninsula there. That's our Pacho Coast Trail program
3 that accesses the Port San Luis lighthouse, goes all the
4 way back up to Rattlesnake Canyon. That's a docent-led
5 hike. So that's where the public currently has access.
6 The rest of it is restricted access to either employees or
7 folks that have a business to be out there, like the
8 ranchers or just some other folks.

9 And then lastly, just to highlight where that
10 Part 50 license is, this is the public facilities zoned
11 area. This is approximately 720 acres about in the middle
12 of the entire landholding. And this is the same area just
13 with a different perspective to orient folks to where the
14 facilities are today.

15 And with that, I would be happy to answer any
16 questions that you might have.

17 MS. WOODRUFF: Thank you, Tom. I wanted to
18 follow up on something you said.

19 So first, thank you, everybody for coming today.
20 It's great to see this much interest. But why are you
21 here? I think the answer to that question is, as the
22 panel, we are here to understand what you think. We are
23 here to hear your vision for the lands. And when we put
24 together all the things you have to say tonight, plus the
25 workshop presentations, plus all the comments that are

1 made on-line, at the end of this process, the panel is
2 going to prepare a report that will summarize what we
3 believe the community is telling us about the future use
4 of these lands. And then our report is going to be
5 attached to the PG&E report that's submitted to the PUC at
6 the end of this year.

7 So you are here today, it's not just symbolic.
8 We really want to hear what you have to say. And what you
9 say will influence what we way the form of a report by the
10 end of the year. And I know we want to finish and not
11 waste time. At the same time, this is your chance to
12 speak. If you have a vision, if you have a dream, use
13 these three minutes and come up here and tell us what you
14 think. We really do want to hear what you have to say.
15 And thank you, again, for coming.

16 MR. LATHRUP: I was hoping you could just
17 clarify for the public access that you've noted, no matter
18 in the future where that -- if the property lies in
19 someone else's hands, I would say that public access is
20 there forever; is that correct?

21 MR. JONES: Correct. Some of the management
22 practices could change. For instance, the restrictions on
23 Point Buchon could be revisited through another permitting
24 process. And currently PG&E, with the Port Harbor
25 District's docent-led tours, at times there has been

1 requests to have unfettered access to those trails, so
2 those types of issues would need to be worked out.
3 Ultimately, I think everyone can imagine that there's
4 going to be additional public access, probably phased in
5 over time depending on this project.

6 Just to set a level of expectations, we're still
7 running the place for seven more years, right? And then
8 this process, the main decommissioning activities will be
9 the better part of ten to fifteen years.

10 MR. LATHRUP: Thank you.

11 MR. KARLIN: Tom, could you, perhaps, show -- I
12 think it's the penultimate slide. One more, please.
13 Couple more. Almost to the end. There is a nice slide
14 that I think shows the NRC's Part 50 jurisdiction.

15 This is it, yes. And I think for the purpose of
16 the public it might be good to understand, and you have
17 mentioned this, but just to emphasize the NRC is the
18 federal regulatory entity and the major one that is
19 involved here, and they regulate the nuclear power plant.
20 And their regulatory gambit or jurisdiction would be this
21 707, 720 acres or so.

22 MR. JONES: Correct.

23 MR. KARLIN: And that's all. And when NRC goes
24 to the decommissioning process, radiological
25 decommissioning, and decides whether or not the property

1 is clean and clear of any potential radiological
2 contamination, that's what they will look at, and that's
3 pretty much all they are going to look at. And that's
4 properly so. That's the way they regulate these things.
5 But keep in mind, although NRC's jurisdiction is only a
6 small portion of this 12,000 acres, it is an important
7 portion, obviously, and that's where a big chunk of the
8 money will need to be spent to clean up the site and
9 remove materials and properly disposition things. But NRC
10 is only one central sort of part of this diagram.

11 MR. JONES: Correct. And I will just add onto
12 your answer or comment there that they're principally
13 focussed on the power block. They don't have the same
14 concerns about some of the ancillary facilities outside.
15 It's all encumbered in that land mass, but they will have
16 a keener focus on parts associated with that too.

17 MR. KARLIN: Right. And at the end of the day
18 even when the decommissioning is complete, but let's hope
19 sometime before 2085, there may still be a pad where spent
20 fuel is stored, and that might be a footprint of an acre
21 or 3 acres or 5 acres. So the footprint of the facility
22 of PG&E will drop from 12,000 to 720 to 10 acres, as far
23 as NRC is concerned at any rate.

24 MR. JONES: Correct.

25 Linda.

1 MS. SEELEY: Actually, do you know the exact
2 acreage ultimately that will hold the 138 casks of spent
3 fuel?

4 MR. JONES: No. What we will have to do in that
5 case, as we've talked about in previous meetings, that
6 20-after-35 period, is we will have to build a new
7 security building, and that will be subject to a license
8 amendment request to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
9 And that will also be subject to some discretion of the
10 County and the Coastal Commission. So that footprint is
11 subject to change. The dry cask storage itself sets on
12 about two football fields. And then envision, like
13 San Onofre, a 5,000 to 10,000 square foot building for
14 security and support services and some additional fencing
15 requirements. I don't expect it be more than a doubling
16 of the size, but there would be some parking for
17 employees, security facility, et cetera.

18 MS. SEELEY: Thank you.

19 MR. MEACHUM: Between now and then, if there
20 were a facility that was willing to accept the nuclear
21 waste, that's still a possibility to transport that; is
22 that right?

23 MR. JONES: Correct. And I would also add that
24 dry cask storage doesn't preclude other uses on site.

25 MR. MEACHUM: Right. Thank you.

1 MS. O'MALLEY: So even though PG&E will be
2 running this plant another seven years, is it possible to
3 disposition on some of the buffer lands, the other
4 11,000 acres so perhaps a disposition might be made
5 sooner?

6 MR. JONES: That's certainly possible depending
7 on the scenarios and the permits that are issued or other
8 factors that we might hear of tonight or the panel might
9 recommend to PG&E. I would say that the further away from
10 the plant, the less connected to both the Utility and
11 encumbered by the decommissioning project. So for
12 instance, a southern parcel might be available but we
13 wouldn't want to give up site control and the access until
14 we complete the project. The lands further to the east or
15 the north that don't have those same criteria would be
16 evaluated differently.

17 MR. ANDERS: Thank you. We have a lot of public
18 speakers tonight, so I want to do our best to keep us on
19 time. Our next item on the agenda is a quick overview of
20 the lands workshops which the panel held on August 14th --
21 or 17th and 18th. There were 12 presenters. And as you
22 can see, there is a broad cross-section of different
23 interests and perspectives. We also had seven public
24 commenters. So in each workshop, we had about 50 minutes
25 that was open for public comment, and some people took us

1 up on that. So next slide.

2 With regard to the comments that were made and
3 the interests, as you can see, the majority, huge
4 majority, almost everyone supported some type of a
5 conservation of the 12,000 acres, and most with some type
6 of public access. We had many presenters that had a
7 particular interest. We had equestrian groups. We had
8 mountain biking groups. We had parasailing groups, and a
9 whole range of interests. So the general consensus was to
10 include a marine-protected area, camping, biking, hiking,
11 equestrian. Again, the ability for the public to have
12 access to the land and use it while maintaining its --
13 protecting the land at the same time, designated open
14 spaces, nicely designed trails and so on. So the next
15 slide.

16 The key takeaways, and these are just a very
17 few, very broad-based takeaways, and that is a broad
18 consensus for conservation from all the presenters, a
19 diverse range of interests and requests for compatible
20 land use. I think that was the key word I kept hearing
21 was "compatible uses," compatible, protecting the lands
22 and so on. And strong support for future collaborative
23 discussions in concert with decommissioning timetable with
24 PG&E and other landowners.

25 So with that, I am going to open it up to the

1 public -- or the panel -- I'm sorry. And we have about
2 15 minutes to discuss your perspectives, your takeaways,
3 what you got out of the workshops and what you heard.

4 Anyone want to offer their observations, start
5 us off?

6 Kara.

7 MS. WOODRUFF: I think I agree with everything
8 you said, Chuck. It was a really great day of
9 presentations. We heard from a lot of different groups.
10 Overwhelmingly, people are interested in the conservation
11 of the 12,000 acres of land. We had heard different
12 opinions about what conservation means. I think most
13 people were in favor of public access, especially hiking,
14 biking, maybe equestrian use, perhaps not motorized use.
15 I think some of the citizens from nearby communities
16 expressed concern about an overuse of the area that can
17 cause or exacerbate traffic problems. But I think I
18 didn't really hear anybody say much against conservation.

19 The general consensus is the people love the
20 land. They appreciate it. They acknowledge the
21 resources. They want to see it and enjoy it, but they
22 also, at the same time, are cognizant of ecological and
23 cultural sites, and the agricultural resources, scenic,
24 and they want to keep those intact while it can be open to
25 the public. So I guess I am just saying I agree with your

1 summary. It was a great couple of days.

2 MR. ANDERS: Lauren.

3 MR. BROWN: In that preparation for that
4 workshop, one of the things that we suggested to speakers
5 was that they not only come with their ideas about what
6 should happen with the lands that if it is a conservation,
7 preserving it in some manner for public use, then how can
8 it be financed? What is the practical way that this could
9 happen?

10 And I would suggest that the speakers tonight
11 keep that issue in mind as well. I was particularly
12 encouraged but Sam Blakeslee's presentation, which he
13 indicated that he thought that it would be feasible to
14 raise substantial amounts of money, maybe public-private
15 partnerships, but I was encouraged by that. And I am
16 coming in at this thinking yes, we can do this.

17 MR. ANDERS: David.

18 MR. BALDWIN: Yeah, I agree with the overall
19 presentation made on the different groups that came. I
20 thought they all did a fine job, and I am personally
21 thankful for them taking the time to lay out the vision
22 for the lands. But one group I don't think you mentioned
23 that particularly stuck out in my mind was -- I'll call
24 them YTT because I don't think I can say their name, a
25 Native American group who made a really great presentation

1 that I thought encompassed both the conservation efforts
2 that, obviously, have come to the surface here, but also
3 educational that I think would really benefit the public.
4 And I know a lot of the other panelists seemed to grab
5 onto that, too, when they made their presentation. So I
6 don't know if they will be here tonight, but I just wanted
7 to point out it was a particularly powerful presentation
8 from them. Thank you.

9 MR. ANDERS: Thank you. One thing I do want to
10 mention just for the public's benefit is the structure of
11 the workshop. The workshops provided the opportunity for
12 presenters to take one hour to interact with the panel,
13 and it usually included about a 20-minute presentation and
14 then about 30 minutes of questions and answers. So each
15 presenter actually made a very professional presentation,
16 and then it was a great opportunity of give and take, and
17 tough questions in many cases, on back and forth. So the
18 workshop structure, I thought, worked very well. And I
19 just want to acknowledge the panel also. The panel was
20 there eight hours a day on Friday and eight hours again on
21 Saturday to hear these presentations. We appreciate your
22 hard work.

23 Dena, do you have a comment?

24 MS. BELLMAN: I do, thank you.

25 And I actually wasn't able to be there for both

1 days, but I was very fortunate to be there Friday morning
2 when we had the agency presentation, so I know a lot of
3 other folks were able to put in a lot more hours those
4 days.

5 I agree with your summary, Chuck. I think that
6 was fantastic. Also, I agree with my fellow panel members
7 regarding the encouraging fiscal opportunities that were
8 provided by not only the land conservancy, but also Wild
9 Cherry Canyon. Sam Blakeslee's presentation was
10 excellent. I think that gave us a lot of hope that we can
11 work something out for a conservation and recreation
12 opportunity on those lands. Coastal Commission did a
13 fantastic job outlining the Point Buchon Trail and their
14 hope for the California Coastal Trail through that
15 property. And ultimately, the California Coastal Trail
16 ties in with the Pacific Coast Trail, so it is part of a
17 larger production.

18 And I hope you have an opportunity -- it's yak
19 tityu tityu yak tilhini, so we definitely learned that
20 that day. And I said it to myself in the car on my way
21 here so I'd remember how to say it again. Mona and those
22 folks did a fabulous presentation. I think I was really
23 also encouraged not only by the fact that they wanted to
24 have a space for themselves, but attempted to bring that
25 into our community in a much bigger way. So as some

1 people know, the Southern Chumash have a lot going on in
2 Santa Barbara County. I think we're all familiar with
3 that. But out Northern Chumash, for them to have some
4 opportunity here would be really amazing as well.

5 So it was a great workshop. And thank you for
6 structuring it that way. And thank you all for being here
7 tonight. We're really excited to hear from you. And
8 thank you for spending your time.

9 MR. ANDERS: Alex, Sherri and Scott.

10 MR. KARLIN: Yeah. I thought the workshops went
11 very well. I think that the public might want to know
12 that the original structure for this panel was to have
13 monthly meetings, like the one tonight, and give everyone
14 a chance to talk for three minutes on various topics. And
15 we decided in July, or maybe a little earlier, that for
16 the land use and the reuse of the property, possible
17 reuses, we need more time and the public needs more time
18 to give a possible Power Point time of presentation.
19 That's why we set up the lands workshops for two full
20 days. And I think everyone gave really good presentations
21 and they put some time and effort into it. And that was
22 very helpful. And if you get a chance to attend the ones
23 we are going to have in September on public reuse of the
24 property, you might want to come to those because those
25 presentations were pretty good and quite helpful to us.

1 And they were unanimous in wanting conservation
2 and preservation of the property. And I certainly would
3 love to see that happen and endorse that idea, but I think
4 I know we all need to think of how that is going to be
5 financed, who is going to pay for that. This is an
6 extremely valuable piece of property. Actually, it's 47
7 different parcels of property owned by private
8 corporations, and they have stockholders who they will
9 have to answer to in terms of disposition of this
10 property. And it's easy for everyone to want to say, "Oh,
11 let's make it into a park," but the person who owns the
12 property is going to have some say in that proposition.
13 And I very much hope there is a way to organize the
14 financing package of tax and state and federal and private
15 funds that can make this happen. But PG&E has got a --
16 the property interest there is worth tens and tens and
17 tens of millions of dollars.

18 And you know, I think we can come up with the
19 money, but it's going to take time and effort. This panel
20 isn't going to come up with the money, obviously, but
21 there are people out there. And I also want to give a
22 shout out to the Wildlands Conservancy, who was also there
23 and gave a good presentation. And we have decided to go
24 to visit one of their facilities in Kern County, I guess
25 it is, in November, because we want to find out more about

1 that, so there are a lot of good players here and I
2 appreciate it. I thought that was a good workshop.

3 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, Alex. And thanks for
4 reminding me to point out to the public that the video,
5 the full video, 16 hours -- or 14 hours of presentation
6 for everyone to view next weekend. It's available or will
7 soon be available on the engagement panel website.

8 Sherri, Scott and Frank.

9 MS. DANOFF: Yes. I wanted to mention in
10 particular what I was impressed with and that was learning
11 that two conservancies are interested. One, which said,
12 "We have the money. We will have the money, whenever the
13 properties are available." And the public made wonderful
14 contributions by indicating uses that the property could
15 be put to. And I want to express appreciation to the
16 panelists who arranged for presentations from the two
17 conservancies. Thank you.

18 MR. ANDERS: Thank you.

19 Scott.

20 MR. LATHRUP: Yes. I was there for one day,
21 which was the Saturday. It was interesting to listen to
22 the different speakers and so forth as far as what their
23 vision for the property and all, and of course,
24 conservation was really high on the list. But as I was
25 looking at all that and thinking about it, what I see is I

1 actually see PG&E with an gigantic asset out there. And
2 so it was nice to hear that there were people coming to
3 the mic that said, "We are willing to pay." Because I
4 would like to keep in mind the rate payers because let's
5 just say if there was a gift from PG&E, really you are
6 gifting the dollars that the rate payers have to deal
7 with. So it was nice to hear that there was a balance as
8 far as interest in the property but maybe a willingness
9 also pay to the fair share for it. And I think that's
10 important for the rate payers.

11 MR. ANDERS: Frank, did you have a comment?

12 MR. MEACHUM: What struck me was the
13 compatibility between a lot of the conservation
14 organizations that made the presentations. And in
15 particular, they all talked about the public being able to
16 access the property, the educational aspect of it and the
17 cultural aspect of it. They were all very interested in
18 trying to promote that, and they were also, the same that
19 Alex mentioned, the Wildlife Conservation, very impressive
20 presentation, and was willing to incorporate other ideas
21 from other organizations and agencies that may want to do
22 something along with them. So I think that's what we are
23 kind of looking toward too, how compatible would some of
24 these land uses be, or these projects, and will they
25 basically answer the questions that the public is posing.

1 So I was very, very impressed with the two full
2 days, and I look forward to the next ones because I think
3 after we get through with the next two sessions and then
4 combine that with the land use, we're going to have a
5 pretty clear idea of some type of a direction that we want
6 to follow. Thank you.

7 MR. ANDERS: Thank you.

8 Nancy and Lauren.

9 MS. O'MALLEY: I agree with all the other
10 panelists. It was really a very informative process -- a
11 very informative process. I'm glad that there was some
12 biologists there, and they really were very educational
13 and able to give us some insights on the lands there. And
14 as we think about how the land might being preserved, we
15 do want to consider there are particular areas that are
16 very sensitive habitats, particularly the inner tidal
17 zone. And so as we think about public access, whoever
18 takes charge of the land, we will need a very good
19 management plan.

20 And I do want to give a shout out to PG&E. They
21 have really done a great job of being good stewards of the
22 lands that are there. And so it will be interesting to
23 hear just more public comment. If you have ideas on if it
24 is conserved, what are some of your thoughts on how we can
25 do that and make it sustainable.

1 MR. ANDERS: Thank you.

2 Lauren.

3 MR. BROWN: I would like to underline what Nancy
4 just said about PG&E being such good stewards of that
5 12,700 acres out there. We have been out there as a panel
6 several times on tours. We have heard people talk who are
7 biologists, environmentalists, and what comes across over
8 and over is what an excellent and conscientious job PG&E
9 has done as a steward, caretaker of all this land. And it
10 is a treasure out there.

11 So John, our thanks to PG&E.

12 MR. ANDERS: Linda, you had a comment?

13 MS. SEELEY: Yes. Thank you.

14 Something I wanted to mention that hasn't been
15 mentioned yet, that there may be a way to patch different
16 funding sources together to make all of the land come into
17 conservancy. I heard at the workshops, for one thing when
18 PG&E applies for permits to -- for the decommissioning and
19 taking things out, projects that they have to do, they may
20 be willing or be ordered, I don't know, by the CPUC to
21 offer land as mitigation, just as PG&E did for the Point
22 Buchon Trail, which was part of when they built the new
23 steam generator -- was that it? That's how the Point
24 Buchon Trail came into being because PG&E replaced the
25 steam generator. And then maybe from the County was that

1 for mitigation, I don't know how that happened, but I know
2 that it did happen, and so there is that. And so there
3 may be ways to patch it together.

4 And then, you know, there are land
5 conservancies. The California Wildlands Trust said they
6 could do it tomorrow if it were up for conservation, a
7 hundred percent conservation that would be into
8 perpetuity. And then there is also the north portion, I
9 think that -- because I think it was paid for by rate
10 payer funds that -- I'm not sure of this, but maybe it
11 could be gifted back to the rate payers who paid for it in
12 the first place. So there are lots of things that could
13 be done with it. That's all I wanted to say. Thank you
14 very much.

15 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, Linda.

16 We have time for one last comment from John.

17 MR. FRANKE: I just want to say, again, thank
18 you, Panel. Tremendous amount of time. I'll tell you
19 what I heard as a representative of the company, and we
20 started these meetings along this line as well. What you
21 said about the care of the lands, we really have a
22 treasure. The 12 miles of coastline have been carefully
23 preserved and maintained. And because of the plant,
24 uniquely, access has been really restricted. And I think
25 we have 12 miles of amazing, you know, seashore now that

1 is a legacy that the company now looks for what is the
2 best plan going forward. And I really think we have a
3 rare opportunity to leave something behind that is going
4 to be a real treasure because -- interestingly enough,
5 because that nuclear plant was there and in effect that
6 restricted access and control by the company, has a real
7 treasure there.

8 MR. ANDERS: Thank you very much.

9 Frank, quickly.

10 MR. MEACHUM: Wasn't there a tremendous amount
11 of studies done on the PG&E lands by biologists? I think
12 you told us this is one of the most closely-studied
13 coastal areas in California?

14 MR. FRANKE: Yeah. Culturally, biologically,
15 marine life, it's a very well-understood area. In fact,
16 you heard from a couple of the ecologists and biologists
17 that have been given access to the land over the years.

18 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, Panel.

19 We need to move on to our public comment period.
20 Before we do, I just want to provide an overview of all
21 the comments we have received in various forms. So there
22 is many, many pathways to comment. And one is on the
23 on-line website. You can go to the on-line website at
24 PG&E.com engagement panel and fill out a comment form and
25 that gets recorded. We also have kiosks at all the

1 meetings where you can sit down at a computer and type in
2 your comment. And all these are being looked at and
3 reviewed. You have the opportunity to talk with panelists
4 and e-mails. We have gotten almost 60 comments from you,
5 the panel, that you submitted based on people you've
6 talked to, you've run into them on the street, they have
7 come and seeked you out to express their opinion. And so
8 that's a way. And then the public comment at the meeting
9 here today. All of these comments are being recorded,
10 documented, and PG&E is reviewing all of them. And in the
11 next few weeks, you will start to see responses to those
12 comments from PG&E.

13 So with that, I want to begin our public comment
14 period. Again, as I mentioned at the beginning, that's
15 one of the main reasons we are here, the primary reason.
16 We have almost an hour and a half dedicated to public
17 comments. Before we do, we are going to have -- because
18 of the number of speakers, we are going to have two and a
19 half minutes time period, and I just want to ask the
20 speakers to be ready to speak. So we have got a left
21 podium and a right podium, and you can see your names up
22 there. So there should be a line of one or two people at
23 each podium waiting to speak in order.

24 So if you would go and get ready. I would ask
25 that when you speak, please state your name and your place

1 of residence, and I would ask you, please, please be
2 respectful. Be focussed, be concise, and speak clearly so
3 everyone can hear. And we would -- I know the panel and
4 everyone, because the time is really tight, you do not
5 have to take your full two and a half minutes.

6 MR. MEACHUM: Chuck, you might clarify which one
7 is left and which one is right. The supervisor is having
8 a tough time figuring it out.

9 MR. HILL: Good evening, I am Adam Hill. I'm
10 from the Board of Supervisors, 3rd District, which is
11 where the plant resides. And I just want to start out my
12 remarks by thanking, once again, the panel for doing a lot
13 of work for the community. I know you've sat through a
14 lot of meetings, and you have more to go. And your work
15 and your recommendations are critical to this process, so
16 I really do thank you from our perspective.

17 And I am here to speak to the decisions and the
18 opportunities that lie ahead for our community and for our
19 state. We have a unique chance here to shape major policy
20 and investment choices in a collaborative way that can
21 yield significant conservation and economic benefits. The
22 prospect ahead of us will afford us several different ways
23 to strengthen regional collaboration as we work together
24 to transform our challenges into productive possibilities.

25 As you know, the Board of Supervisors has been

1 keenly focused on Diablo-related issues, and we will
2 continue to intervene in the State CPUC process to ensure
3 the county, as a whole, is represented. We have
4 identified this process as a high-level strategic planning
5 item and we have actively intervened in the state CPUC
6 process to be certain that the local voice is heard. We
7 have also worked hard on SB1090 to ensure the unintended
8 economic consequences of state energy policy are mitigated
9 in our local towns and cities.

10 It's imperative that we think very strategically
11 and maximize the opportunity this long-planning horizon
12 gives us. To that end, while I remain concerned about how
13 the state will replace the energy degenerated at Diablo
14 Canyon power plant -- meaning it would be a very bad bet
15 if greenhouse gasses increase because fossil fuel has to
16 be utilized until renewables can replace some of the
17 baseload power -- however, I am excited about the renewed
18 opportunity that the transition can provide us if we don't
19 squander it. That is the key here.

20 Specifically, we should be thinking about the
21 lands for conservation in a sequential manner, in phases.
22 If portions of the lands are not affected or encumbered by
23 the Utility direct ownership or the decommissioning
24 project, I suggest to the panel that we look to be able to
25 pursue conservation on those lands as soon as possible.

1 More specifically, given the changing dynamics, including
2 that a State Park bond was recently approved by voters, I
3 think we should remove Wild Cherry Canyon conservation
4 effort tonight. There is no reason the lands owned by an
5 affiliate company to PG&E that don't impact the actual
6 decommissioning project should be tied up with and delayed
7 by a decade or more to wait and see what happens.

8 As I think, as Ms. O'Malley recommended, we
9 should seek a disposition particularly of the Wild Cherry
10 Canyon lands. We should want to pounce on the alignment
11 of the State Park bond funding, the new focus on this
12 area. We can make this happen. And no one at your
13 workshops, according to your own summaries tonight, or
14 anyone has contacted my office over the last probably few
15 years, has advocated for development, but rather for some
16 form of conservation. And I have been working quietly but
17 diligently over the course of a few years with a very
18 small group of local leaders that can make the community's
19 dream of owning Wild Cherry Canyon a reality.

20 I hope you will forcefully recommend that the
21 Wild Cherry Canyon property be detached from the
22 decommissioning planning now and that we be given the
23 opportunity to own this beautiful land for public use.
24 Thus, I also encourage the panel and PG&E to be flexible.
25 If a partner or partners are brought in to stretch limited

1 public powers for conservation acquisition with the
2 public-private partnership, then that opportunity should
3 be explored.

4 Again, we have waited a long time. And I feel
5 confident that we have a way to make HomeFed and PG&E
6 financially whole so the public can own this precious
7 asset forever. It's pretty simple from my perspective.
8 We have a great opportunity here. We shouldn't squander
9 it or quibble over subtleties. Let's preserve this
10 property and start the process now. And I have people in
11 place who know how to make such a deal happen.

12 That leads me to concepts I have heard about for
13 repurposing and reuse, which I know the panel will take up
14 next month. I think it's important to be bold. We can
15 have many things that people have been recommending to
16 you, from a waterfront marina, to a place where renewable
17 power, ecological, agricultural, recreational, economic
18 and education activities can flourish together, so we can
19 make that happen.

20 The County's partnership with Cal Poly has never
21 been stronger. The County's partnership with our cities
22 is also at a high point. Our tourism sector is fantastic
23 and growing. Another pride and joy of my district, our
24 airport, is booming. All signs are good that interests
25 can be aligned.

1 And also, let's think about, as you move forward
2 into that next month, a resilient water strategy for the
3 region that includes looking at the desalination
4 facilities at the plant. The future uses on site will
5 need water and a partnership with the County, one we had
6 planned for and will, again, make sense. In fact, the
7 future of the de-sal plant continues to be the most
8 asked-about subject by the constituents. Perhaps no other
9 matter could be of more importance to our communities'
10 future water security.

11 Finally, I want to reiterate the County's role
12 is to be a regulator and intervener watchdog and a
13 catalyst for the projects that could happen here, and we
14 want to get started now. It is going to be decades to do
15 some of these other things. It will be hundreds of small
16 decisions that will crescendo into a very big set of plans
17 that will benefit our community and state for centuries to
18 come.

19 So I hope again, emphasis on being able to
20 detach the Wild Cherry Canyon property from the rest of
21 the other decommissioning properties that may be used in
22 that, and let us have a chance to make a project happen.
23 I feel confident that it can. And I want to thank you
24 again for your service and for your thoughtful
25 deliberations.

1 MR. FRANCO: Nick Franco. I'm the current
2 director of County Parks. I used to be the district
3 superintendent for California State Parks, so I am very
4 involved in those properties and I am very personally
5 invested. I am sorry I missed your workshop. I had to
6 choose between that and my daughter's wedding, so I made
7 the right choice.

8 So there is few areas of California coast that
9 have the degree of wilderness that this area has. It's a
10 critical area, and it's really an opportunity that can't
11 be missed. And I think you've heard that over and over
12 again, but I just want to state that up front.

13 So I was fortunate to be able to work with many
14 partners, many who are in this room, on the Phase 1
15 acquisition of about 2000 acres that was an addition in
16 the Irish Hills to Montana de Oro. And I say "Phase 1"
17 because this is Phase 2. And when Phase 1 was presented,
18 Phase 2 was identified with Wild Cherry Canyon being a
19 bird preserve and other lands throughout there. So it's
20 on the radar. It was out there. And these things need to
21 follow through and you need to complete the Phase 2 and
22 let the entire Irish Hills conservation agreement. We
23 can't let it fall through like it did last time.

24 What I would recommend is don't get caught up in
25 a specific outcome, that it needs to go State Parks, it

1 needs to go to a private developer with conservation
2 easement or whatever that is. Focus on the goals, focus
3 on what you are hearing, which is conservation and view
4 shed and open space values, some trail alignment for the
5 California Coastal trails, some way to connect the Montana
6 De Oro with Avila, some way to connect See Canyon with
7 Avila, some way to make sure that we have those trail
8 linkages, some way to conserve critical wildlife habitat
9 and the cultural resources out there. Those are really
10 the core values and there is many ways to accomplish that
11 through the many different partners that are out there.
12 And then look at those long-term opportunities, connecting
13 with the Bob Jones pathway, additional parking so that we
14 can do the Avila to Harbor Pier Trail and bikeway.
15 There's opportunities for private investment and
16 concessions and other opportunities out there.

17 In terms of financing, there is a lot of
18 partners. You've heard from lots of them. There is State
19 Parks. There is us, County Parks. There is Port San
20 Luis, the Land Conservancy, the private landowners,
21 Cal Poly, lots of nonprofits. And when I was with State
22 Parks, I did put together a budget for operating this. I
23 did put a budget for developing it. We would have to
24 escalate that for the time since 2008, but it's out there.
25 Those documents exist. At the time, there was a 2000 park

1 bond and there was 13 million allocated from that park
2 bond. I think that's been reallocated, but there's Prop
3 68 that's out there now, so there is funding available. I
4 think it can be financed and you need to do that.

5 MR. ANDERS: I just want to remind the panel and
6 the public that the panel will not answer or address any
7 questions during the presentations; however, there will be
8 an opportunity after the presentations for the panel to
9 discuss and make observations about what they heard.

10 MR. YORK: My name is Dan York, and I'm vice
11 president of the Wildlands Conservancy. And I was
12 privileged to be able to have the time to be able to
13 attend both of your workshops last week, and I got a crash
14 course in the history and in the proposed future uses of
15 the decommissioned Diablo Canyon lands.

16 I would like to start tonight especially
17 thanking the members of the panel for their time and their
18 dedication and their commitment. I would like to thank
19 PG&E for their stewardship on the land and the amazing
20 amount of care and resources that you put into preserving
21 that exquisite stretch of coast. Sally Krenn, thank you,
22 tremendous amount of energy and focus put into looking at
23 the biological, cultural and resources on the property.
24 And I had a privilege of going with Tom on a short tour of
25 the property. Magnificent.

1 The Wildlands Conservancy owns and operates
2 147,000 acres of nature preserves throughout the state of
3 California, 15 preserves stretching from Humboldt County
4 down to San Diego. The largest preserve is the windmills
5 preserve, 93,000 acres in Southern Kern County, that's 20
6 miles of downgrade from the Los Padres National Forest.
7 It has severed rights and a lot of oil production on the
8 property. It has grazing operations, which we have used
9 to focus on resource priority. It has outdoor education
10 for kids and major restoration with several different
11 state and federal agencies.

12 I just wanted to let the panel know and to let
13 the people of San Luis Obispo County know that we are
14 standing by and want to see a conservation outcome for all
15 of these lands that PG&E and the county and the state and
16 the PUC deem as possible. Whether it's in phases, as the
17 supervisor suggested, or in one piece, we stand by and are
18 ready to help.

19 And I guess my last thanks would go to the
20 citizens of San Luis Obispo County who voted
21 overwhelmingly, three out of four, with the Dream
22 Initiative to see a conservation outcome of this land.
23 Thank you.

24 MR. KNIGHT: Good evening panel members. My
25 name is Randy Knight. I'm a retired physics professor

1 from Cal Poly, and for many years I was the director of
2 The Minor in Environmental Studies program at Cal Poly.

3 I'll be the first to say that decades ago when
4 the decision was made to site the Diablo Canyon reactors
5 where they are near Point Buchon rather than the Guadalupe
6 Dunes, probably land and habitat conservation was not
7 foremost in people's minds. But today, PG&E finds itself
8 the owner of some of the most intact and wonderful habitat
9 in the state of California. Not only is the ecology
10 intact, but the PG&E lands are essential to the
11 connectivity of habitat along the Central Coast. These
12 lands are immediately adjacent to State Park lands. They
13 are immediately adjacent to lands that are protected by
14 the Land Conservancy. Altogether, these add up to about
15 25,000 acres of lands in the Irish Hills.

16 The connections aren't perfect because of the
17 highways, but we do know that large animals migrate from
18 the Irish Hills up to the Los Padres National Forest in
19 the north, and down south as far as the Dunes.
20 Maintaining this large scale connectivity for migration is
21 imperative for the survival of species, especially in the
22 face of climate change, which species can be seen to
23 migrate to areas where they haven't traditionally been
24 found. I'm sure I don't need to remind you that it's far
25 cheaper and easier to make sure species don't become

1 endangered rather than to have to deal with the
2 consequences of a listing of an endangered species. We
3 know from decades of biological research that preserving
4 large and connected habitats is the most important and key
5 thing we can do to keep species healthy.

6 So yes, the Diablo Canyon lands certainly have
7 value potential to real estate. You can put a dollar
8 figure on that. It is not as easy to put a dollar figure
9 on the value of habitat. But I feel I can assert that in
10 the big picture, the value of open space and habitat and
11 connectivity far surpasses the value of possible real
12 estate development. And yes, there are financial
13 implications to how to make this happen. I don't have an
14 answer to that, but where there is a will, there is a way.

15 So I urge you to do the right thing and
16 recommend these lands, all of them, receive permanent
17 protection as open space. Yes, open space with some
18 public access, but primarily open space to protect this
19 valuable and irreplaceable habitat. Thank you.

20 MR. ASHBAUGH: Hello, Panel. My name is John
21 Ashbaugh. I got acquainted with most of you. I didn't
22 get a chance to meet the panelists Dena Bellman or Trevor
23 Keith 10 days ago at Pismo Beach City Council chambers,
24 but I did want to take just a minute here to reacquaint
25 you with the proposal I am advancing that would be one

1 source, among many, of funding that can be made available
2 in order to acquire these very special lands, and that
3 would be creating a national seashore.

4 Why a national seashore? To embrace the lands
5 beyond Diablo, but potentially also the State Park, the
6 Harbor District's lease on the lighthouse. To me, what we
7 need to think about -- in this community as a whole, we
8 often get very insular. We forget some of our own
9 history, and that history includes this plant, enlarging
10 its significance to a national scale. The history of this
11 power plant, in fact, involves controversy, a great deal
12 of it, so much, in fact, that the vast number of arrests
13 that were made back in 1980, '81, protesting the licensing
14 of the plant was, in fact, more so than any other protests
15 since the Vietnam War or the Civil Rights Movement. That
16 alone should be anthem in the eyes of the public. There
17 is a national investment. People were coming from all
18 over the country concerned about the impact of that plant.

19 Today and through 2024, '25, we will be able to
20 look back at that point on, I am confident, the record of
21 successful operation of this nuclear power plant. We will
22 have to deal with the long-term, very long-term storage of
23 nuclear waste on that site, but with that exception,
24 everything else is open for the kind of collaborative
25 conversation that we are having now. And I look forward

1 to having many of those conversations with you and with
2 many of the people in this room in advance of the proposal
3 for a Pacho Coast national seashore. I would look forward
4 to making a presentation as I did for you folks, many of
5 the groups that are represented here tonight, including
6 people from Los Osos, Avila Beach, all the affected
7 communities. And actually, I am considering -- I would
8 like to have some help in compiling a book that would
9 represent what the significant values are of these very,
10 very special lands and structures. Thank you very much.

11 MS. DETTMAN: Hi. I'm Kaila Dettman, executive
12 director of Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County.
13 And I want to first off say thank you to the panel and to
14 PG&E for hosting this process. It's really important for
15 us to be heard and I'm grateful for that.

16 Our land trust is your local land trust. We
17 work throughout the County to protect special places here.
18 And you all heard from my colleague, Daniel Bowman, at the
19 workshops. And I simply want to say tonight that we
20 encourage PG&E to consider conservation of these lands.
21 We want to serve as a resource and hope we can help make
22 that happen moving forward into the future.

23 It has been said here many times tonight, it's
24 an incredibly special place, amazing resource and a
25 treasure. And there are opportunities now that's already

1 been mentioned. We have had a recent passage of Prop 68.
2 We are seeing more money flowing from the private sector
3 towards conservation of the lands because millionaires and
4 billionaires are out there investing in the future of our
5 community. So I think there is a real opportunity to make
6 something really amazing happen here. And I hope that the
7 panel will make a recommendation that conservation be a
8 part of the future of these lands. So thanks so much.
9 I'll keep it short and sweet.

10 MS. REDDEN: Kathy Redden, and I am a member of
11 the Atascadero Horsemen and The Trail Alliance of San Luis
12 Obispo County. I also was able to speak at the workshops,
13 and I appreciate that opportunity. Thank you to everyone
14 for your service.

15 So our vision is definitely public access with
16 multiuse trails for those of us who walk and ride on the
17 dirt. We believe trails can be designed to protect
18 cultural resources and flora and fauna. State Parks
19 already has a magnet system in place at Montana de Oro,
20 and covenation of those lands would make this an amazing
21 jewel in the crown for State Parks. Funding sources, as
22 discussed, are very much available in land conservancy.
23 They pulled off a great thing with the Pismo Reserve, and
24 I think that's a great example. Thank you.

25 MR. WALLER: Good evening, Panel. I am Richard

1 Waller. I live in Arroyo Grande. I'm the recent past
2 president of Back Country Horsemen of California, a 3,000
3 member organization, the only statewide organization
4 dedicated solely to trails. Tonight I am representing the
5 Back Country Horsemen of California, Los Padres Unit, 250
6 members here on the coast. And we are just a small
7 fraction of the number of equestrians that love to ride
8 trails.

9 I followed the process of putting the power
10 plant in this pristine coastline instead of the Nipomo
11 Mesa, as first proposed by PG&E back in the 1960s. That
12 location was successfully blocked and the section of coast
13 almost no one knew of was selected. I say "almost no
14 one." My grandfather farmed sweet peas on those
15 benchlands on the way out to the power plant back in the
16 1920s and 1930s. He leased the land. He knew the land.

17 As can be seen from the sea or from nearly any
18 viewpoint in our area, the Irish Hills are a scenic
19 resource of world-class beauty. Preserving this land for
20 public access, environmental protection with a network of
21 trails and campsites is the right thing to do.

22 The question of how to replace the economic
23 benefit of the parkland hangs over every discussion
24 regarding the area. Preserving this landscape as a park
25 -- and I use the "park" in a generic sense -- will have

1 positive economic benefits for our county. My wife and I,
2 we travel overseas. We take long hikes in Switzerland, or
3 Italy, or Portugal, or Spain, and we spend our dollars.
4 This park will bring people in who will spend their
5 dollars and pounds and euros and yen here in our county.
6 The economic benefits of parks extend beyond tourism. The
7 greatest value of natural amenities and recreational
8 opportunities often lie in the ability of protected lands
9 to attract and retain people.

10 People move to our area to work, whether they
11 are doctors, or lawyers, or contractors because of the
12 scenic and open space opportunities that we have in our
13 county. Substantial percentages of counties in California
14 get income per capita based on public lands and visitors
15 to those areas. Over 15 percent of the jobs in San Luis
16 Obispo county are directly related to tourism. That
17 number would only go up if this area becomes a natural
18 resource for tourism.

19 I know you are not going to answer the question,
20 but I have a question. I trust the transmission lines and
21 the towers that stretch out across our county will also be
22 removed as part of the decommissioning process and we
23 won't have those. Thank you.

24 MR. MCGIBNEY: Thank you, Panel. My name is
25 Patrick McGigney. I'm the CEO of Biodiversity First, a

1 local 501C3 nonprofit organization. We work to preserve
2 and protect the wildlands and species upon which we depend
3 for our own physical and spiritual survival. Biodiversity
4 First recommends that all 1200 acres of lands around
5 Diablo Canyon be held in a public trust and into
6 perpetuity. Because we value the rich diversity of
7 wildlife and vegetation on this site, we recommend that
8 human access be limited to prescribed hiking trails,
9 parking at the entrance, no public roads, one coast trail
10 and one ridge trail that can connect to Montana de Oro
11 State Park, much like the Buchon Trail does. We recommend
12 that the Coast Trail have handicapped access.

13 We also recommend that the important wildlife
14 corridor that runs from Diablo Canyon lands to Montana de
15 Oro into Los Padres National Forest, remain undisturbed.
16 Mountain lions, bear, gray fox, bobcats, Black Hills deer,
17 wild turkey, possums, coyote, cottontail rabbits, and many
18 other species, thrive in this diverse ecosystem, and their
19 survival depends on our protection.

20 The Diablo Canyon lands are sacred to the
21 Chumash Nation, and Biodiversity First recommends that
22 every identified indigenous site be restricted from public
23 access. This beautiful land is one of the last
24 undeveloped swaths of coastland in California. And
25 residents of the Central Coast and all of California have

1 had to live with the danger of the nuclear power plant
2 built on earthquake faults for the past 30 years.
3 Biodiversity First recommends that PG&E donate all of the
4 land into a public trust, possible State Parks, for
5 perpetual conservation. Thank you.

6 MS. CONWAY: Good evening. My name is Cheryl
7 Conway. I'm from Cayucos, where we've learned a thing or
8 two in the past decade about conserving the land. I am
9 here tonight to speak on behalf of the Democrats of
10 San Luis Obispo County club and, as of 30 minutes ago, as
11 our chair could not be here, the Cayucos Citizen's
12 Advisory Council. As we passed virtually the same
13 resolution, I don't see that as any kind of conflict.

14 We want to thank PG&E for being a great steward
15 of that land for the last 50 years. I have no doubt, if
16 there hadn't been a power plant there, there would be a
17 constant battle against development of that. As it is
18 now, we have pristine ecosystems zones.

19 Back in 2000, The Nature Conservancy recognized
20 these lands as the highest conservation priority. They
21 were joined in that by California state agencies,
22 including the Wildlands Conservation Board, the Coastal
23 Conservancy, Parks and Rec, the Coastal Commission,
24 Caltrans, the State Water Board, and the Regional Water
25 Quality Conservation Board. Many of those have already

1 demonstrated a willingness to support conservation efforts
2 for this land.

3 What we would like to ask is that PG&E and
4 others ensure that all of the Diablo Canyon lands,
5 including Wild Cherry Canyon, and with the exception of
6 the requisite decommissioning zone while needed, are
7 conserved in perpetuity for public access and resource
8 protection. I'd like to thank you for your time.

9 MS. WARD: Hi. My name is Sheila Ward, and I am
10 from Los Osos, and I would like to thank PG&E and this
11 panel for the opportunity to speak to you. I want to
12 speak to an issue that's very near and dear to my heart,
13 and that is the multiuse trails.

14 I was one of the people that helped construct
15 the trails on Pismo Preserve. I was one of the people
16 that originally laid the plan for Bloody Nose Trail on
17 Montana de Oro. And what I find so unique in our county
18 is the cooperation among all the trail user groups -- the
19 trail runners, the hikers, the mountain bikers, and the
20 equestrians. And I think it's very appropriate to set
21 aside a part of these lands for multiuse trails. It would
22 take up a pretty small footprint.

23 I am a member of Coast Mounted Assistance, and
24 we are putting on a poker ride next month. I posted that
25 on Facebook. And I just was kind of going through the --

1 we are looking through those who are interested in this
2 ride as far away as South Dakota, so I do think you have
3 an interest of bringing money into the county with tourism
4 from establishing a multiuse trail.

5 I really give a shout out to Central Coast
6 Concerned Mountain Bikers for their efforts in
7 establishing such a rapport among all of our user groups
8 in this county. Thank you.

9 MS. VUJOVICH-LABARRE: Good evening. My name is
10 Mila Vujovich-Labarre. I am speaking tonight as a private
11 resident. I'm a 35-year teacher in San Luis Coastal
12 Unified School District. So first and foremost, I would
13 like to thank PG&E for all the funds that they have given
14 our school district the last several years, in addition to
15 all the charitable grants that you've given to the
16 community.

17 As for tonight, although my comments are going
18 to be majority on preservation of this wonderful land,
19 there are two commercial developments or residential
20 developments that are near and dear to my heart. First of
21 all, I think that there should be some acreage on all of
22 these acres for a tiny home complex. And I would like
23 somewhere between 250 and 500 tiny homes to be allotted
24 somewhere here. And I would like the housing to be given
25 to veterans who have served our country. The housing

1 crisis is incredible. It's throughout California, but I
2 think if we could set aside some precious acreage for tiny
3 homes for our veterans, it would be a wonderful gesture.

4 In addition to that, as a teacher who has been a
5 long advocate in substance abuse prevention and
6 intervention programs and helping teens, there is an
7 immense hole in our county for serving teens with mental
8 health, eating disorders and drug abuse, and the time is
9 now to address those. I'd like to see somewhere on the
10 property be three different facilities to house
11 approximately 30 beds. Insurance normally pays about
12 \$10,000 per bed, and we would be able to serve teens
13 throughout our county. Most of those teens right now have
14 to go out of our county, and it would be innovative and
15 really important to meet that need.

16 Lastly, I ran for city council two years ago.
17 I'm proud to say I was the only city council to be
18 endorsed by the Sierra Club. I am an outdoor advocate, a
19 tree hugger, and I see this land, and I am so happy to
20 hear the comments of all the other people who have spoken
21 here tonight. This land should be preserved as much as
22 possible. It is an area for triathletes, for families,
23 for seniors, for young people, for Cal Poly students, for
24 our Native Americans to treasure for years to come.

25 It sounds like we have the financial ability to

1 make that happen, so I am hoping that the commission and
2 the community will vote to do the right thing and preserve
3 a majority of this land an open space and not only for
4 conservation, but for public use. And as far as funding,
5 you could definitely charge a pass. I think most people
6 that go out there would gladly fund a \$20 to \$30 annual
7 pass to have access to that land. Thank you very much.

8 MR. KUNZE: Hi. My name is Paul Kunze. I
9 represent SLOSA, San Luis Obispo Soaring Association.
10 We're essentially a large group of hang gliders and
11 paragliders. We are one of the chapters under USHGA which
12 is a nationwide organization of paragliders and hang
13 gliders. One of the things we are proposing is a flight
14 park out there. The reason why we are proposing a flight
15 park, besides the fact that we want to fly, is the fact
16 that it's scalable. It does bring in tourist dollars.
17 It's also compatible with just about every other use that
18 everyone has proposed here. It could be as simple as a
19 launch pad, which is a 50-by-50 patch of grass, and then a
20 landing area, which is a 100-by-100 patch of land. It
21 could be anything from that on up to what we have at
22 Torrey Pines. I will get into that in a second here.

23 Flight parks do attract tourists. There's
24 tandem flights for people who know nothing about flying.
25 Essentially get connected to the front of a paraglider and

1 off they go. And then you also have visiting pilots.
2 Pilots will actually go to a location specifically for the
3 flying. I believe Point Buchon is going to be one of
4 those locations. It has the potential to just be
5 fantastic flying out there. It is compatible with, as I
6 said, hang gliding, paragliding, potentially remote
7 control flying. Horse riding attraction, a ranch, I would
8 love to see a like SLO Ranch. Mountain biking, hiking,
9 frisbee, golf, camping are compatible with all these uses.

10 Other flight parks have been done in the past --
11 in the U.S. in the past with great success. Torrey Pines
12 is the go-to example down in San Diego. If you haven't
13 visited there, at least take a walk out there. You've got
14 a little bit of everything. You've got a shop, a
15 restaurant. You've got remote controllers flyers. You've
16 got paragliders, hang gliders. You've got pilots, glider
17 pilots, and then just tourists that go out there and enjoy
18 the view.

19 Kings Mountain, Idaho, would be another good
20 example. Lookout Mountain, although it's a lot more than
21 I would ever want to see developed out there, that is a
22 phenomenal example of what happens when you get a large
23 group of pilots together to essentially create the
24 ultimate flight park. Yosemite Valley even as a flight
25 park they allow hang gliding in the valley in the

1 mornings, just to take a nice tour of the park.

2 Thank you very much for your time. And I hope
3 you take this into consideration. Oh, thank you very much
4 to PG&E. I've had the opportunity to be out there to work
5 and they do take great care of the place. Thank you.

6 MS. ALLEN: Hi. My name is Denise Allen. I'm
7 on the Avila Advisory Council with Adam Hill and a See
8 Canyon representative. Around 17 years ago, I had the
9 privilege of riding my horse in Wild Cherry Canyon. It's
10 is a beautiful, beautiful place. As time went on, I had
11 friends that were living in a little trailer there. They
12 were Bellevue family with me. As time went on, I started
13 noticing all these trees were disappearing. There were
14 trees along the road where you would have to widen it for
15 development. My friends that were living there, it was
16 being done secretively on weekends and nights, and the
17 trees were completely disappearing.

18 When I asked what was going on -- actually, my
19 friends came to me. They were really upset. They were
20 renting there. And Centex Homes was going to do a bunch
21 of development, and they were removing the trees because
22 it was just agriculture. I came to the County and said,
23 "How can somebody be removing these huge, huge
24 200-year-old trees all over the place?" And they said,
25 "Well, it's agriculture. There is no development. There

1 is nothing." And I go, "Well, you can look at it." They
2 go, "How can you prove it?" I go, "Well, there is aerial
3 sites. I mean, Diablo has tons of aerial photos of all
4 the years. Every year they do aerial photos." But
5 because there was no development, the recession hit,
6 Centex went away and HomeFed came around. And, again,
7 roads started widening, things started happening. I was
8 able to go to the Monday Club, see what HomeFed was going
9 to do, and it's pretty grandiose on a scale of
10 development.

11 So you need to know that the developers have put
12 a lot of time and money and energy into Wild Cherry Canyon
13 preparing it for development. And they have been very
14 actively involved. You may not see -- there might be some
15 representatives here. I have talked with their traffic
16 person. I have talked with their vice president,
17 different people, and they have big plans. They are
18 developers.

19 I recently took the walk from the lighthouse to
20 the Rattle Snake Canyon, and it was amazing. It was like
21 Pismo Beach 200 years ago. I really hope we can preserve
22 this. I hope that we can find a way to keep this land.
23 And I just want you to know that the developers do have a
24 lot of money and they do have a lot of energy and a lot of
25 invested interest, and so people need to know that because

1 at least everyone I hear is talking conservation, but
2 there is that dynamic that is real, and there is money,
3 like some of you had said. So I hope we can figure it out
4 because I know the community overwhelmingly wants
5 conservation. Thank you.

6 MS. MILLER: Hi. My name is Vita Miller, and I
7 live in Los Osos and I'm a long-term resident of this
8 county, and I am the only person that is going to say I
9 was an activist protesting the siting of the Diablo Canyon
10 Nuclear Power Plant, and my family and I marched several
11 times. And having said all that, I do want to thank PG&E
12 for having been good stewards of the land these years.

13 My main concern in the beginning was always
14 about the storage of nuclear waste, and as you can see,
15 that remains a continued concern within our county. I am
16 here to advocate for the conservation and protection of
17 these precious lands, and I think they need to be kept in
18 the hands of people who share that goal. So whoever takes
19 over the overseeing of it, I hope that they have the same
20 goal. I would like to see Native Americans involved in
21 that. I would like to see some kind of a learning center,
22 perhaps, artifacts and restoration of Native American
23 lands and, perhaps, students could be brought there to
24 learn more about the Native American history in our
25 county.

1 I also want to advocate for the protection of
2 the Wild Cherry Canyon preservation and best land use
3 should be agreed upon. I do advocate for public access,
4 but I really want to say that I agree with what
5 Mr. Knight, Randy Knight, said about habitat corridors.
6 And I think that's a really important thing that needs to
7 be considered here. In fact, all living organisms need to
8 be considered, not just human organisms. We need to think
9 of plant species and we need to think of nonhuman
10 organisms.

11 That's pretty much what I had to say. I am an
12 advocate for keeping this in perpetuity in its natural
13 state as much as possible. Thank you very much.

14 MS. SISNEROS: Hi. My name is Nicole Sisneros
15 and I'm here speaking on behalf of ECOSLO, local nonprofit
16 environmental conservancy. It's very exciting to hear
17 everybody's calls for conservancy. ECOSLO, as well, is in
18 support of protecting and preserving at least a
19 significant portion of the 12,000 acres as a biologically
20 and culturally significant land that benefits all the
21 people of San Luis Obispo County.

22 Any development that happens with any of these
23 proposals, even just a parking lot, should follow the
24 current best practices for environmentally responsible
25 building, use of renewable energy and energy efficiency.

1 We also recognize that the lands provide ecosystems, such
2 as habitat for bees that pollinate our crops. The animal
3 corridors have been spoken of, and that these values must
4 also be a central part of any discussion moving forward.
5 And thank you for your time.

6 MS. GORTON: Good evening. My name is Charlotte
7 Gorton, and I live in San Luis Obispo. My career was in
8 parks and recreation, and I served on the Cal Poly
9 Advisory Committee on Recreation, Parks and Tourism for
10 more than the last 10 years.

11 I feel this is a golden opportunity to preserve
12 the pristine lands of Wild Cherry Canyon and PG&E property
13 surrounding the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant for
14 generations to come. The positive benefits to our
15 community will be a long-lasting legacy we can be proud
16 of. It would be wonderful if the majority of the land can
17 become park land with some conservation, as we've been
18 speaking about tonight, with public access to trails,
19 campgrounds and other recreational amenities. The
20 buildings and facilities of the power plant could be
21 donated to Cal Poly University to be used as a learning
22 center with labs and classrooms, including a marine
23 center. That would be after they have become safe,
24 obviously.

25 I would love to also see the desalination

1 facility retained to provide additional community water
2 resources. This beautiful coastline would greatly enhance
3 our existing park inventory, particularly joining Montana
4 De Oro and the Irish Hills, those large open space areas.
5 If developers are allowed to take it over just to build
6 expensive homes and lay down lots of concrete, this golden
7 opportunity will be lost forever. Thank you.

8 MS. ANDERS: Hi. My name is Teah Anders, and I
9 am owner of Gentle Touch Pet Training in Arroyo Grande,
10 and I am here on behalf of the dogs. I have heard of
11 wonderful things for multiuse trails and camping, from
12 mountain bikes, hiking, equestrian, all of that, and I
13 think it is all fabulous. No one has mentioned a dog once
14 that I know of, and I would like to be here on behalf of
15 San Luis Obispo County and our dogs.

16 I've personally trained over 9,000 dogs in this
17 county. There are many, many families that have dogs, and
18 there really are not that many places where we can hike
19 with our dogs in this county. And conservation, I'm all
20 about. I have worked in the environmental field for a
21 large utility long before I ever did dog training, which
22 I've been doing for 20 years, but I can tell you that
23 there are many, many families, they love to recreate with
24 their dogs. And so I am simply here on behalf of -- if
25 some land is put aside for public use for multipurpose, I

1 would love to see those also be dog friendly, in addition
2 to everything else. Thank you very much.

3 MR. ANDERS: Our agenda calls for a 10-minute
4 break right about now, so let's take a 10-minute break and
5 we will reconvene at 8:50.

6 (Break taken.)

7 MR. ANDERS: So let's start our public comment
8 period again. So our next public speaker.

9 MR. BLAKESLEE: Greetings. My name is Sam
10 Blakeslee. I appreciate all the time and effort you have
11 invested in allowing the public to engage you because you
12 are the public engagement panel. And you have heard
13 testimony, I think, from a broad swath of representatives
14 from this community covering virtually every interest you
15 could possibly imagine, and they have said things more
16 eloquently and more forcefully than I ever could. So
17 rather than try to restate some of the arguments you have
18 already heard, what I wanted to do was maybe bring a
19 slightly different perspective.

20 And it was that we have these very rare moments
21 in each of our lives where we can do something that will
22 echo through history. It doesn't happen very often. Some
23 of us never get that opportunity, if you get two or three
24 opportunities. This is without a doubt one of those
25 opportunities where the right decision made here will have

1 consequences and impacts that will not last five years,
2 ten years, thirty years, but generations in perpetuity.

3 I have been a participant in many hearings and
4 committee involvement that tries to determine what will
5 happen. The doors are thrown open, the public steps up
6 and they speak for hours and hours and hours, three
7 minutes at a time. And what happens to all that
8 testimony, nine times out of ten, it is dropped into a
9 report, it disappears, and there is no action taken on it.

10 I bring that up because we are speaking to you
11 as our representatives because only you can speak on our
12 behalf. Now, can you adjudicate the final solution of
13 this? No, you can't. Your recommendations will go to
14 Pacific Gas and Electric. They have obligations and
15 duties to their shareholders and to the rate payers of
16 California. They will make arguments that will go to an
17 administrative law judge as to what they believe should
18 happen with regard to these known assets. An
19 administrative law judge will hear testimony from forces
20 all across the state of California who will argue for
21 every possible outcome, other than the ones that you've
22 heard here today. And ultimately, the Public Utilities
23 Commission will make a decision, and all the voices that
24 were heard here will disappear. And ultimately, that
25 Public Utilities Commission will make their decision. And

1 just as they ignored the committee impact mitigation
2 program that we all fought for, they could do that again.

3 So I bring this up because you have one moment
4 to paint with bright colors -- red, blues, purples,
5 greens, not shades of gray. If you nuance your
6 recommendation with 15 shades of gray of what could have,
7 would have, should have, you will lose that opportunity to
8 have this lifelong impact. And that is your moment to
9 have that impact by speaking for us because we cannot.

10 So I would just ask that as we reach the
11 conclusion of public comment and this discussion comes
12 back to this panel, to think about what can you say and do
13 that will have a lasting impact on this process, which by
14 definition will attenuate every comment you make
15 progressively until even the loudest shout will be a mere
16 whisper in front of the PUC.

17 So I just importune you and beg you to use this
18 moment to speak clearly for the public that you have
19 heard. I'll recite the three recommendations we made 10
20 days ago at your hearing which you graciously invited us
21 to participate in. And those three recommendations are:
22 One, urge PG&E to not convey fee title to Wild Cherry
23 Canyon to any entity that has a purpose other than a
24 conservation outcome; two, advocate for the conservation
25 of the entirety of the Diablo Canyon lands and oppose

1 development efforts that are not consistent with the
2 conservation outcome allowing only those activities that
3 are necessary for consistent decommissioning of the
4 facility; and three, because we do need to raise some tens
5 of million of dollars, advocate for the establishment of a
6 blue ribbon panel of conservationists and community
7 stakeholders to immediately begin that process so we can
8 bring a proposal forward that has a chance of succeeding,
9 just as we brought proposals forward in the past, with
10 real money attached to it.

11 I ask that on behalf of the community. And I
12 thank you so much for your public service.

13 MR. TAIT: Good evening. My name is Doug Tait,
14 and I too have a connection to this land. I think a
15 unique perspective, for I have worked for five years on
16 the Point Buchon trail in the trail management of that
17 land for Central Coast Trail Management. I am speaking on
18 my behalf tonight.

19 The word that comes to mind when I think of this
20 land is wildness. Thoreau wrote, "We need the tonic of
21 wildness. We can never have enough nature." That was
22 from his 1854 book, On Walden Pond, and I'm convinced
23 Thoreau's words are more important now than ever. We all
24 need places to go outside to sit quietly, perched on a
25 rocky outcropping above the blue Pacific and stare into

1 its depths. Our senses become sharpened so that we are
2 one with where we are and we can hear the life around us.
3 Sounds erupt all about -- the low puffy blow of the gray
4 whale passing by, the shrill of the Peregrine falcon as it
5 speeds overhead, and through the waves crashing on the
6 jagged rocks, the distinct loud whistling weeps of the
7 black oyster catcher as it searches for mussels. Little
8 by little, more of this environment creeps into our
9 awareness. We begin to understand wildness.

10 This special lens for wildness, I believe, still
11 reigns as the Chumash, who occupied these lands for
12 thousands of years, remind us all life is a gift. These
13 wild places give us so much. We are the lucky ones who
14 have seen and felt the wildness this place has to offer.
15 Now is the time to return the favor. These lands need us
16 to find ways that will not only be there for our children
17 and grandchildren, but will remain wild. The decisions
18 made on this land are critical to keep wildness in its
19 place.

20 We should consider the land's highest value, the
21 value it possesses in its own right for what it is. I
22 believe the land's highest value is that it offers people
23 from all walks of life opportunities to enjoy nature for
24 renewal, discovery and learning; however, opening it to
25 the masses would be its downfall. We have loved too many

1 places to death. In California, the wilderness and
2 spectacular beauty of its coastline and coastal bluffs is
3 a rarity, and that has been relatively untouched by
4 humans. PG&E has recognized that access must be managed
5 to protect and preserve the resources and character of
6 this land. Continuing with the likes of PG&E's land
7 stewardship program of managed public access has kept this
8 place so special and may just keep the Pacho Coast
9 unspoiled for future generations, a place where wildness
10 still reigns. Thank you.

11 MS. ALCON: Good evening. My name is Sylvia
12 Alcon. I'm a long-time resident of Avila Beach. I sure
13 appreciate you coming and listening to all of us.
14 Sometimes it feels as though we are not heard, but I feel
15 as though you are hearing us.

16 Last month I visited friends in Marin County.
17 Their family home is in Inverness, located on Tomales Bay.
18 It's amazing to look across that bay or to drive to Drakes
19 Bay, the lighthouse, places I went to as a child, and to
20 find that they look today very much as they did those many
21 years ago. This is thanks to the passage of Point Reyes
22 National Seashore Act that in 1962 protected some
23 71,000 acres from development. Certainly involved working
24 with the large dairy ranchers and many people whose
25 economic interest would be affected.

1 And back in 1959, a Pacific Coast Recreational
2 Survey of the Diablo Canyon area, before the nuclear power
3 plant was built there, found data and I take a quote from
4 that survey, recently referenced in the New Times article
5 by Andrew Christie, quote, "This large unspoiled area
6 possesses excellent seashore values and should be acquired
7 for public recreation and conservation of its natural
8 resources." It's not too late for us. We can create a
9 national seashore here which would be maintained by the
10 National Park Service and be a place for generations to
11 use and to enjoy. Thank you.

12 MR. CONESTO: Hello. My name is Don Conesto,
13 and I'd like to thank you for your time and your efforts
14 in this endeavor. I am the director of the Ken Norris
15 Rancho Marino Reserve up in Cambria, California. I work
16 for the University of California Natural Reserve System.
17 The Natural Reserve System has 39 reserves throughout the
18 state and manages over 150,000 acres. Our mission is to
19 contribute to the wise understanding and management of the
20 earth, and we do that by facilitating university research
21 and education throughout many different habitats in this
22 state.

23 Been lucky, our 2 miles of coastline and
24 500 acres sort of parallels on a smaller scale the Diablo
25 Canyon area. It has coastal grasslands as well as the

1 Monterey Pine Forest and the Bishop Pine Forest. I had
2 the pleasure of seeing Diablo Canyon lands with Bob
3 Blanchard, the rancher, and Sally Krenn, the biologist,
4 and have worked with Tenera folks, who is a marine
5 biologist by training. Anyway, I just want to put out
6 there that the University of California Natural Reserve
7 System may be a very good group to help with this
8 management of the lands of the Diablo Canyon when you
9 finally make a decision.

10 And I'd also like to invite you on a tour of the
11 reserve. So if you can get in touch with Sally, or
12 anybody, if you look at the reserve system, I'm there, and
13 I can show you how it works on a small scale at our place
14 and talk more about the whole system. But it's an option
15 for land management that differs from any other
16 organizations and has quite a bit of experience and
17 expertise statewide. So thank you very much for your time
18 and keep up the good work, and I look forward to seeing it
19 all resolved.

20 MS. PEREZ: Hi. Thank you, everyone. It's
21 late. I know you guys are ready to go, probably. Just a
22 few more of us to speak. My name is Kimberly Perez and
23 I'm associated with Pacific Wildlife Care, and I am the
24 president. I just want to thank all of you for your time,
25 and again, PG&E for bringing the community into these

1 negotiations to review and recommend for future use of
2 those lands and facilities.

3 So we attended the first day of the
4 presentation, and it was exciting to hear the unified
5 response to conservation of those lands. We are advocates
6 for wildlife, Pacific Wildlife Care is. And so the
7 critical envirohabitat is very important for their
8 survival. We see firsthand the effects of wildlife that's
9 affected through development day to day, just every day in
10 our facility. So keeping these lands wild to the extent
11 possible with some public access is a really good plan.

12 We are very interested in the facilities, and so
13 we hope to give a presentation in September, but I want to
14 thank everyone again. I'm not going to take much more
15 time. Thanks.

16 MS. LYON: My name is Debbie Lyon. I live in
17 See Canyon. I'm an equestrian. I am pretty passionate
18 about horses and wilderness. And in all that's being said
19 about conservation, there is kind of an overtone of the
20 balance between protecting the land and the species out
21 there and the habitat and all of that and the need for
22 public access. And I'm also in the mental health field,
23 and I feel that access to wilderness, particularly for
24 children and teenagers, is essential to their mental
25 health.

1 And I believe that a well-designed and planned
2 trail system is the best way to balance public access and
3 protection of the land because when you have impacts of
4 public access, it's usually because there is development
5 or there are people just everywhere. But when you have a
6 well-designed trail system that plans where people will
7 go, people stay on the trails and they have minimal impact
8 on the land and on the wildlife, at the same time as being
9 able to be out there in the wildness and experience it.
10 Thank you.

11 MR. CORDES: Good evening. My name is Red
12 Cordes. I'm a Oceano native and I do sustainable, edible
13 landscaping. My overall concern is I would like to see,
14 overall, the land under conservation easement,
15 specifically Wild Cherry Canyon preserved in its entirety,
16 as well as public access trails, ecotourism type stuff,
17 what everybody else said.

18 I would also like to see the main PG&E facility
19 surrounding the plant -- I can see it conformed
20 potentially to be used for renewable energy, keeping some
21 of the transmission lines and using solar panel energy,
22 some wind energy, as well as creating a satellite campus
23 for Cal Poly and Cuesta to do biology classes, marine
24 biology studies, also clean energy, like studies to learn
25 about clean energy because this is our future. And I

1 would also like to see some limited development for the
2 Northern Chumash tribe as well. And also some restoration
3 of some of the coastal lands, ecological restoration. I
4 would also love to see some stable forestry on some of the
5 lands as well. Thank you very much.

6 MR. HERTEN: My name is Jeff Herten. I am a
7 physician. I have lived in See Canyon for the last
8 40 years. I am married to Debby Lyon, you just heard
9 from. We've spent thousands of hours of our time building
10 and maintaining the trails to Montana de Oro for both
11 running and riding. I'm a trail advocate. Bob Jones was
12 a patient of mine and a friend, very good friend. And I
13 am here for him tonight because I know what he would say,
14 and he would say that we have this incredible, rare
15 opportunity to do something beyond anything we will ever
16 be able to imagine, and I think we can do this.

17 Debbie and I sit on the board of the Western
18 States Trail Foundation, which maintains a 100-mile trail
19 from Squaw Valley to Auburn. It's a historic trail. And
20 about 10 years ago, a timber lease -- our trail crossed a
21 timber lease, and although we have prescriptive rights,
22 they were going to sell this timber lease. We were faced
23 with the possibility that we couldn't put on our hundred
24 mile ride and the trail would be lost. Through concerted
25 effort with conservation groups, we were able to raise \$13

1 million and buy that timber lease and turn it over to the
2 American Wildlife Conservancy, and it will be preserved
3 the forever, for us to enjoy that trail and for our
4 children. And I hope that we can do the same with this
5 beautiful, beautiful piece of coastline. Thank you.

6 MR. ANDERS: Do we have any other speakers? Is
7 that everyone?

8 Well, thank you and thank all members of our
9 community who came here to speak. We do have one person
10 who submitted a card and asked that that card be read, so
11 Suzanne is going to read that card and the comment.

12 MS. HOSN: Delaney Wells had asked that we read
13 that PG&E should sell each zone or section individually at
14 the time each section is ready to speed up the process and
15 make the land more accessible for other parties who wish
16 to use it.

17 MR. ANDERS: Thank you.

18 That concludes our public comment period. We
19 had 26 speakers and one submission. So again, just remind
20 everyone here from the public that you can comment more
21 than once if you want. If you think of something else,
22 don't hesitate to jump on the website at PG&E.com
23 engagement panel and give the panel your thoughts. Those
24 comments are being compiled and looked at. So appreciate
25 everyone's thoughts and comments.

1 Now is the time for the panel to discuss what
2 you heard and your observations. So we have about 20
3 minutes, Panel, to talk about what you've heard, what you
4 think, talk amongst with each other, however you want to
5 use the time.

6 So anyone have any observations or comments and
7 want to kick things off?

8 Dena.

9 MS. BELLMAN: Well, I wanted to specifically
10 thank Supervisor Hill and County Parks Director Nick
11 Franco, but everyone who was here tonight. It is
12 encouraging to hear everyone so passionate about the
13 opportunity, and really so thoughtful about both the
14 opportunities, the challenges and how they benefit our
15 economy while protecting these resources.

16 In the same spirit that PG&E is approaching the
17 decommissioning, I believe we can strategize
18 collaboratively to phase or structure a plan optimizing
19 the opportunities over time as can be permitted. We heard
20 that overwhelmingly tonight. And I'm inspired by that
21 commitment from our county representatives, so that was
22 very good to hear tonight.

23 Thank you Sam Blakeslee for the reminder about
24 the significance of what is at stake. So just thank you
25 everyone for sharing your thoughts.

1 MR. ANDERS: Any other comments or thoughts?

2 Kara.

3 MS. WOODRUFF: This panel was formed for
4 multiple purposes. I guess the aim was to bring some idea
5 of what the community wants with respect to the
6 decommissioning of the power plant. But probably our most
7 important charge that was delineated by the administrative
8 law judge is that we provide input regarding the future
9 uses of the 12,000 acres Diabole lands including Wild
10 Cherry Canyon. So that was their primary objective. And
11 PG&E is working very at putting together a triennial
12 report that is due at the end of the year. And in that
13 report it must contain a report back on what we learned as
14 a panel, and what the public process generated, what were
15 the opinions of the community. That's an essential part
16 of PG&E's filing. And mentioned earlier, attached to that
17 filing is a report by the panel itself.

18 And we were posed with many questions as a
19 board, but really the number one question is, what does
20 the community want to do with the 12,000 acres Diablo
21 lands, including Wild Cherry Canyon? And we had about a
22 dozen workshops over a two-day period. We have had well
23 over 200 on-line comments. We have had 26 speakers here
24 tonight, and three-quarters of the people who voted in
25 2000 on the Measure A, also called "the Dream Initiative,"

1 also answered this question. And so the question is,
2 "What do we want to do with the Diablo lands?" The people
3 have spoken. I am hearing conservation, conservation and
4 conservation, and public access too, consistent with
5 resource protection.

6 So I think I just want to make it really clear
7 after these workshops, all these comments made on-line,
8 dozens of people that have come and talked to all of us,
9 if not more, we are hearing a strong consensus that you
10 rarely hear in the public arena, especially in these
11 divisive times. We're not hearing division; we're hearing
12 consensus. If you want to know the answer to the question
13 what to do with the Diablo lands, I am just going to say
14 it again, the people of San Luis Obispo County have
15 spoken, and their answer is conservation. I hope that we
16 are prepared to take very aggressive, radical action in
17 presenting that recommendation to the PUC. It's a clear
18 as a bell. Thank you.

19 MR. ANDERS: Thank you. Any other?

20 Nancy.

21 MS. O'MALLEY: I just agree with what Kara said.
22 I just wanted to say someone mentioned tonight if there is
23 a will, there is a way. And I think the people have made
24 their will very clear. And the will is overwhelmingly
25 they are for conservation. And they've stated eloquently

1 well the reasons for that. And I think the next step will
2 be what is the will of PG&E and, you know, how can we all
3 come together. And someone mentioned a blue ribbon panel.
4 I don't know if that's the right word for it but, you
5 know, there are certainly a lot of avenues for
6 collaboration where we can get these wills together and
7 come up with a creative, innovative plan where people are
8 represented. And at some point, we would love to hear
9 from PG&E and they're what their will is. I don't know
10 what the next step is.

11 When it comes to Wild Cherry Canyon, I also
12 appreciate Adam Hill and his sense of urgency that maybe
13 we don't need to wait and, you know, maybe we can take
14 incremental steps. And maybe the first step would be just
15 getting an appraisal of the land and see where we go from
16 there, what is the value of the land and where can we go
17 for that next step.

18 MR. ANDERS: Alex and then Linda.

19 MR. KARLIN: Yeah. I think we've had tremendous
20 input and information from the community today and
21 throughout this process. And it has been very civil and
22 positive and constructive and helpful. I would caution, I
23 guess, to say that this panel is an advisory panel that is
24 a conduit. It is intended, I think, to be a conduit of
25 information about the decommissioning process, what the

1 community wants and expects and is concerned about and
2 what PG&E needs to do and what it will be doing. And it's
3 a two-way conduit that we are trying to facilitate.

4 Now, we have a role in addition to that to make
5 some recommendations or -- if we can come up with them,
6 and certainly to the powers that be, what we think the
7 community wants, even what we think we would like to see
8 happen. But the power to make it happen is out there with
9 you all and with PG&E. We are not regulators like the
10 County, or the State Coastal Commission, or the State
11 Lands Commission, or the NRC. They are going to make a
12 lot of decisions over many years, and you all have to stay
13 involved. We all have to stay involved because we can
14 make a recommendation. We will, I hope, but the power and
15 the money and the will power is going to come from the
16 community and from PG&E. We are an advisory committee.

17 And let us also put in context that we are
18 focusing on lands. It's very important to this community.
19 Everyone who has come to this process wants the lands to
20 be conserved, and I do too. But the people who want to
21 develop the lands, they didn't come here tonight. They
22 don't want to be ridden out of town on a rail tonight.
23 This is a self-selection process. There are people out
24 there who like to see the land developed, and probably
25 attempt to do it in a conscientious way. And over the

1 years, those people may be heard from, unless somebody can
2 come up with the money and make preservation happen and
3 talk to the regulators when the CEQA process begins and
4 PUC begins.

5 Sam Blakeslee said, "We make a crucial
6 decision." Well -- or a recommendation. And I think we
7 have a role to play, but you can intervene in the process
8 at the PUC. You can intervene at the NRC. You can
9 intervene and participate at the California Coastal
10 Commission and the County Board of Supervisors level. And
11 I bet most of the people in this room will participate in
12 those things, so stay involved. We will try to do what we
13 can, but the power is really out there with you and with
14 the regulators and with PG&E. And I hope we can help
15 everyone reach a good decision. That's all.

16 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, Alex.

17 Linda, Lauren and Sherri.

18 MS. SEELEY: This has been a wonderful meeting.
19 I really appreciate the intelligence and the passion and
20 the will to move this forward and to preserve the land.
21 It's very inspiring to me. So we've had three days --
22 two days of workshops on the land. And next month we are
23 going to have two days of workshop on like people's vision
24 of how to repurpose the facility. And then we will have
25 an evening meeting like this with people's ideas on how to

1 repurpose the facility. The month after that, we are
2 having a meeting about the emergency planning after
3 decommissioning, about what kind of emergency services are
4 we going to have after this plant shuts down. And the
5 month after that, we are going to have a meeting about the
6 irradiated fuel storage on site. If -- to me, the issues
7 of the lands and the facility will be moot if we do not
8 make sure that we store the irradiated fuel in the safest
9 way humanly possible.

10 Last night, I attended a Nuclear Regulatory
11 Commission meeting. They were here last night and they
12 informed us that the irradiated fuel that's there right
13 now is stored in very thick canisters, and so on. But
14 that is not -- and we do not know how long the fuel is
15 going to be there. There is lots of ideas about it. But
16 they made a rule at the NRC a few years ago called -- oh,
17 gee, I can't remember the name of it, but what they said
18 is that it can be stored on site safely up -- for the next
19 up to 120 years, I think it was, meaning that it's a
20 possibility it could stay there. There isn't a place to
21 move it to now, and we don't know when there is going to
22 be a place to put it somewhere else.

23 So in my opinion, we need to have a couple of
24 workshops about the irradiated fuel, just as we have had
25 about the lands and the facilities, so that we can look at

1 that issue as closely and honestly and responsibly as we
2 are looking at these issues around the land and the
3 facility. And I hope that happens. I don't know. We
4 haven't decided yet if that's going to happen but to me,
5 it seems logical that that would come into play in
6 November.

7 So you know, I was very inspired by what you
8 said, Sam Blakeslee, about there are times in our lives
9 when things come together and we can see a vision for the
10 future. And I think that we do have that opportunity now
11 as a community to come together and make a beautiful
12 future for this thing. And you know, PG&E has been
13 absolutely terrific in this process so far, and I am
14 extremely grateful for how this is working so far. So I
15 look forward to serving on this panel as long as I can.

16 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, Linda.

17 Lauren, you had a comment.

18 MR. BROWN: Yes. I want to just underline the
19 broad purpose of this panel in terms of what's asked of us
20 to help PG&E in their total decommissioning process. The
21 land is just part of it. And I think that needs to be
22 underlined. The other part of it is what is going to
23 happen to the billions of dollars of infrastructure that
24 exist out there. That's a big question too. It is not
25 just the land.

1 Next month, we have got two more workshops. And
2 I hope many of you will attend those workshops too and
3 listen to the presentations that are going to be offered.
4 That also is going to have a huge impact on the directions
5 that the total decommissioning takes. And those
6 workshops, the dates and stuff, will come up shortly, but
7 I would like to mention, I don't think all the slots are
8 filled. There may be some opportunities for more
9 presentations on how the land should be utilized going
10 forward. So if you didn't get a chance in the workshops
11 that we just had, think about adding your voice there as
12 well. Thanks.

13 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, Lauren.

14 Sherri, you had a comment.

15 MS. DANOFF: Yes. I am very appreciative of
16 everybody's comments tonight and do think, of course, that
17 the panel should very forcefully present information from
18 the community. One particular presentation is something I
19 think we should follow up on, and that was made by Adam
20 Hill. It included separating out Wild Cherry Canyon from
21 Public Utilities Commission oversight. And I think that's
22 something that we need to explore carefully. I think we
23 need a lot of details about the proposal, but I certainly
24 would like to see us explore it. Thank you.

25 MR. ANDERS: Frank.

1 MR. MEACHUM: I am going to go back to the
2 purpose of the panel. And I can remember one of the
3 questions that was asked of us when we applied, "Why are
4 you doing this? Why are we here?" And I think that the
5 underlying motive for all of us is think about the
6 generations ahead of us. We're not going to be around in
7 2060, '70, when all of this land is finished up. We are
8 going to be gone, but I think we are charged with trying
9 to make a determination so that future generations can
10 enjoy that. And I think that what I have heard in the
11 last several meetings that we've had is all about
12 conservation, and I agree. What is that going to look
13 like? That's what I am struggling with. How is that
14 going to be established? What will it look like? How
15 will it be taken care of? How can we be assured of that
16 for generations to come?

17 So I think that we greatly appreciate the input.
18 I've sat up in this seat for a number of years as a
19 supervisor and listened to folks over time. Rarely do you
20 get a consensus from everybody that they would like to see
21 it to go in one direction, so this has been very positive
22 to hear. Everybody seems to be moving in the same
23 direction. But again, what is that going to look like?
24 And how will it be managed? How will it be taken care of?
25 Those are the questions that I am looking for. But

1 greatly appreciate all the input.

2 We're going to have a couple more meetings where
3 we will hear more, I am sure, and we will move from there.
4 But I think the underlying thing for me is the decisions
5 that I make, I think about my grandkids, my
6 great-grandkids. We've got on my mom's side of the
7 family, 12th generation Californian. So this is important
8 to me, and that's why I sit up here and work with these
9 folks because I think their hearts are in the right place.
10 We want to see what happens here, and we will do the best
11 we can.

12 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, Frank.

13 Lauren.

14 MR. BROWN: I have one more thing I wanted to
15 mention. You know, part of this process is being educated
16 about what's out there on the Diablo Canyon lands. It has
17 been such an education for me. And one of the things that
18 I have learned is how many resources are out there that
19 relate to the heritage of the Chumash Native Americans.
20 There is a lot of stuff out there. And it means a lot to
21 this population. The population of Chumash Indians who
22 are left is very small. Their voice is soft, but it's an
23 important voice. And I think we ought to think about
24 listening to that voice and how we might respond to the
25 requests that they have put before us that somehow some of

1 these lands, some of what this means to them. And it's
2 not just a dozen generations. It's some hundreds of
3 generations. We ought to think about that.

4 MR. ANDERS: Thank you.

5 Any further comments?

6 Kara.

7 MS. WOODRUFF: I think a lot of questions have
8 been raised about what is our role and what is our purpose
9 and whether we have any power. And since we have asked
10 the community to give us their opinion and since they have
11 generously offered their opinion, given us a lot of time
12 and knowledge and education, I think our power is that we
13 have received all this information and now we can take
14 that to a higher level, the Public Utilities Commission,
15 for example, and express the will of the people.

16 So in some ways, 11 of us, do we have any power?
17 Not really. We're not elected. We don't have any
18 particular constituencies. But we have asked people to
19 come forward with their input, and I think not only do we
20 have a lot of power as being in that position and to carry
21 that message to higher levels that make decisions, we also
22 have a responsibility. And I, for one, and I am sure many
23 of you will join me, I am listening to what everybody has
24 to say. I am reading all the comments. I listen to the
25 workshop. And I will be dammed if PUC doesn't know about

1 that, and anybody else who will listen. Thank you.

2 MR. ANDERS: Thank you.

3 Trevor.

4 MR. KEITH: I just want to say thanks for coming
5 out to everybody and all the speakers. It gives the panel
6 a lot more to talk about, so I really appreciate that.
7 And being a regular here, I just want to reiterate what
8 Alex said. This is going to be a long process, so stay
9 tuned and stay involved. That's how we get this done. So
10 thank you.

11 MR. ANDERS: Okay. Thank you very much.

12 John, you had a comment.

13 MR. FRANKE: I'll speak at the end. Everyone
14 had a chance to speak up?

15 You know, I just want to reiterate from Pacific
16 Gas and Electric, and Nancy said, "I want to hear from
17 you." Well, ultimately you've heard. You will continue
18 to hear.

19 You know, I say our goal and our strategy is
20 really pretty simple. We intend to operate this unit and
21 this site responsibly and safely to the end of its final
22 years. Subsequent to that, we plan to decommission in a
23 responsible manner. And what I mean "in a responsible
24 manner," I mean financially responsible to the customers
25 that are paying for the decommissioning. It means

1 environmentally responsible.

2 And I would also like to say very clearly that
3 it is our intent to be responsible to the wishes of the
4 community. This is our community too. You're our
5 neighbors. You know, I live in Pismo Beach. The company
6 -- you know, all our employees live in this state and we
7 are an entity of the state, so we are going to be
8 responsible to that as well.

9 So nothing that I have heard tonight is contrary
10 to the wishes of the company. It is a complex issue, and
11 I really recognize that a lot of speakers recognize this.
12 There are a lot of stakeholders. There is the community.
13 There are the customers that have, you know, some control
14 to the CPUC with the rights of how this land is disposed,
15 but we have shareholders. And there are a number of
16 agencies that do have regulatory power, not just the CPUC,
17 over the disposition of these lands. But I assure you
18 we've heard you tonight, and we think we're going to
19 continue to operate safely, and we will decommission
20 responsibly.

21 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, John.

22 Our next meeting, as Linda mentioned, is dealing
23 with repurposing of facilities. And we have two workshops
24 on September 14th and 15th. That's a Friday and a
25 Saturday. They begin at 8:00. And again, the public is

1 welcome to attend those meetings, and the public will be
2 given an opportunity to make comments at those meetings;
3 however, they will follow the same format as our previous
4 workshops where an hour will be dedicated to a particular
5 organization or speaker, that is the panel selects, and
6 then there will be an opportunity to give and take. And
7 then a following public meeting on the 26th of October,
8 again.

9 So Tom is going to introduce the topic for those
10 workshops and that discussion.

11 MR. JONES: Thanks, Chuck. I think you did it.

12 So I think we have heard from five or six
13 different groups, which are here tonight, just observing
14 this process. And they were thankful others got to go
15 first and have their time at the mic. We'll hear from the
16 California State University system. We will hear from
17 some folks interested in offshore wind energy. We're
18 going to hear from our friends at the Pacific Foundation.
19 And we're going to hear from San Luis Harbor District, and
20 a couple of others are starting to debate whether or not
21 they are going to participate and will bring themselves
22 together.

23 So again, we mentioned a two-way conduit
24 earlier. We ask you to push out again. And the panel had
25 also reserved that if there was additional land

1 discussions that you wanted to have, that we could include
2 those in those workshops, too, as a manner of overflow.
3 So we still have a couple of slots left, and you might
4 hear from different folks here who have an oar on each
5 side of the canoe and who might consider putting that in
6 as well.

7 I will give you an update here on some of our
8 outreach efforts. Nancy is in this slide. This is when
9 we did the dry run to the tour. We have taken over 300
10 people out. We had a tour today since we made the slide.
11 And all the tours through the remaining month, through the
12 month of September, are booked up as well. So we will
13 contemplate how we fold in additional tours this year and
14 in the remaining years. We will likely make those
15 fair-weather tours and probably won't do that during the
16 rainy season because of the size of the vehicle that's
17 involved in that.

18 And lastly, for those of you who have been on
19 that tour, we did some incredible video footage. John
20 Lindsey has some on his Facebook page, but we are also in
21 publication mode right now for a short five- to
22 seven-minute video with that footage for folks that can't
23 go out. And it also has footage of some areas that you
24 simply can't get to. The drones went up on the mountain
25 peaks and things like that. So it's spectacular footage

1 and we were lucky to have some local partners help us with
2 that. So that will be coming on coming on-line in, I
3 think, the next 30 days.

4 So that concludes my part. If you have any
5 questions about that, I would be happy to address them.

6 Chuck?

7 MR. ANDERS: Tom, I apologize for stepping on
8 your presentation.

9 MR. JONES: Keep it moving.

10 MR. ANDERS: Well, that concludes our public
11 meeting but as we have made a practice, we want to take a
12 moment and do an evaluation of this meeting so we can make
13 the next one even better.

14 So two processes, what did you like about this
15 meeting? What would you like us to keep doing?

16 Sherri.

17 MS. DANOFF: I think everything the same. I
18 think we were very encouraging of input, and that was
19 super. Everything except for the break. I have heard a
20 multiple comments. One person wanted that we just stand
21 up for a moment. Another wanted no more than 10 minutes.
22 Everything else was just perfect.

23 MR. ANDERS: Okay. Thank you.

24 Anyone else?

25 Frank.

1 MR. MEACHUM: Just a suggestion. I would
2 suggest we do the poster board thing for a half an hour
3 and then come in here at 6:30 and get started because
4 most of the folks start milling around out here waiting to
5 get in anyway. And if we could get in here a half an hour
6 earlier, we can get out of here a half an hour earlier.

7 MR. ANDERS: Okay. Thank you.

8 MS. SEELEY: I second that.

9 MR. BROWN: I like having this much time for the
10 public input. I want to make sure that we allocate that
11 much time next month when we were talking about the
12 repurposing.

13 MR. ANDERS: Thank you.

14 And recognizing that, we did extend the public
15 input time and want to appreciate the panel's willingness
16 to, if we had that many speakers, stay until 10:00 because
17 we did extend the meeting.

18 What would you like to see different? How can
19 we improve? No comments?

20 Sherri.

21 MS. DANOFF: Shorter break time.

22 MR. ANDERS: Shorter break time.

23 MS. DANOFF: Yes. And I support, too, what
24 Frank said, half hour for the poster session.

25 MR. ANDERS: Okay. Any other thoughts,

1 recommendations?

2 Okay. John, do you want to close the meeting?

3 MR. FRANKE: Just thank you to the community,
4 for the involvement, the engagement, the willingness to
5 come and share their thoughts and, of course, with the
6 panel. I am and continue to be just really energized and
7 amazed at the collaborative and professional manner in
8 which this panel of very diverse backgrounds, opinions and
9 ideas continue to come together to the benefit of our
10 community. And I just wanted to pass on my own personal
11 appreciation and appreciation of Pacific Gas and Electric
12 for the manner in which -- the real manner in which you
13 are executing a very important role for us, so thank you.

14 MR. ANDERS: Thank you, Panel. Thank you all
15 the members of the public and everyone travel safely. We
16 are adjourned.

17 (Proceeding concluded at 9:30 p.m.)

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