PG&E’s Coastal Development Permit Process

Descriptive Audio script

This is a white board video which means we see all the images and words being drawn. The drawings are being with done by a brown male hand holding a black pen. The time of drawing is sped-up.

The video starts with the P.G. and E. logo and then an image is drawn. It is a large rectangular shaped building with two domes on top of it.

Next, we see three maps being drawn. The first is the United States. The second is California. The third is not easily recognizable but the hand writes out the S.L.O. County inside it. Next to the County map, the hand draws the California flag. The flag has a bear and a five-point star on it and says, “California Republic”. The drawings are all swiped out of frame and the hands writes out the words: Coastal Development Permit – Conditional Use Permit.

The words are swiped out to the left and the hand comes back in and draws waves crashing on a beach and then a tractor in the sand in front of the waves. This sentence is written out as well: Under the Coastal Act of California, even demolition is considered construction.

Next, two arrows connected at the base but pointing in different directions are drawn. At the point of each arrow is a “thumbs-up” drawing. The first “thumbs-up” sign is marked “County”, and the second one is marked “Coastal Commission”.

A group of five people is drawn and they have speech bubbles above their heads. They are addressing a man standing at a podium.

The hand erases the group but leaves the man at the podium. The hand draws a woman leaning on a podium. Above her it says, “Decommissioning Engagement Panel”.

Both people at the podiums are swiped away and the hand draws a man at a desk with a laptop computer in front of him.

The man at his desk is swiped away and the hand writes out the informational text on the final slide as the narrator says it.

Original Video Transcript

- [Lady] As PG and E prepares to decommission Diablo Canyon Power Plant in 2025, the company's plans must be reviewed and approved by regulators at the federal state and local levels. Chief among these are the land use approvals from the County of San Luis Obispo and
the state of California. In March of 2021, PG and E applied for a Coastal Development Permit and Conditional Use Permit with the County. A separate Coastal Development Permit will be filed with the California Coastal Commission about a year later. These permits are required because any construction, replacement or changes to the size of a structure in a Coastal Zone requires a permit. Yes, under the Coastal Act of California, even demolition is considered construction. These concurrent processes which include reviews and approvals from both the County and the Coastal Commission are formal proceedings that will take time and are currently estimated to be completed in 2024. At different stages the regulatory agencies will open official public comment periods for members of the public to weigh in. These will allow the agencies to hear the public's views on the county's draft, environmental impact report and again, at the county's approval hearings and at the California Coastal Commission and yet another public hearing. You should know these regulatory public comment periods are not the only way for people to voice their opinions. PG and E invites and encourages community members to get involved and join the conversation through other platforms such as the Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel and submitting comments through PG and E's Decommissioning website. Learn more at pge.com/diablodecommissioning and diablocanyonpanel.org. And please email any repurposing and land conservation ideas to diablocanyonrepurposing@pge.com.