



COLAB SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY



WEEK OF JUNE 28-JULY 4, 2015

**NO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING ON
TUESDAY JUNE 30, 2015**

AGENCIES DORMANT FOR 4TH OF JULY WEEK

**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION:
DIABLO RAN SAFELY IN 2014**

LAFCO REQUESTS MORE DATA

**SAVE THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2015
(FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL HEARING ON THE
MORATORIUM, AG OFFSET REQUIREMENTS, AND MORE)**

No Board of Supervisors Meeting on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 (Not Scheduled)

There will be no meeting, as the Board is on a 2-week summer recess.

But staff work moves ahead on intensification and broadening of regulation and accompanying fees on a number of fronts. There are also important land use project applications which are likely to emerge later this summer:

- Phillips 66 Rail Spur Application.

- Laetitia Agricultural Cluster Subdivision.
- County Water Conservation Program (Essentially rendering the Paso Moratorium permanent).
- Additions and Financial Analysis Required for the proposed Paso Basin Water Management Authority LAFCO Application.
- Design and potential adoption of a Property Assessed Clean Energy loan program.
- Preparation of recommended fee increases (usually for late autumn).
- Renewal and increasing of the so-called Housing in Lieu fee (really a tax on market rate homes).
- Preparation and submittal of grant applications for funding that promotes stack-and-pack living and related “smart growth” schemes.

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO) AGAIN CONFIRMS COUNTY’S PASO DISTRICT APPLICATION INCOMPLETE

The letter displayed below details LAFCO’s request for further information from the County. It also specifically states that the application is not complete and will remain on hold. COLAB has asserted this since April, when the Board of Supervisors purported to adopt an application and forward it to LAFCO. The letter specifies both new and updated information which must be submitted before the application can move forward.

Re-do Hearing:

The Board needs to re-adopt its Resolution of Application to LAFCO to cover and incorporate by reference the new information. Otherwise the new info would not be covered in a policy vote of the full Board of Supervisors. LAFCO could not know if the Board actually supported it. If County staffers simply develop the info and send it over, how does anyone know if the Board of Supervisors agrees? For example, who is to say, other than the Board of Supervisors, if the application is consistent (AND ON WHAT GROUNDS) with the Plan of Development?

Similarly, the Board of Supervisors should select and approve its preferred funding mechanism(s) which will emerge from the Phase II NBS analysis and so inform the LAFCO. How will the public know the Board of Supervisors intent without a vote? The Board should conduct a public hearing to provide the public an opportunity to comment. Otherwise the matter is being delegated to County staff. Further analysis by NBS will

almost certainly explicate the inherent problem of so many parcels in the district (such a large % of the land area and fee/tax paying area as being low or no water users). This in turn would require a major rethinking of the funding mechanisms and perhaps their inherent feasibility. The LAFCO should not consider these without explicit Board of Supervisors approval evidenced by a public vote. The LAFCO letter detailing the information required is displayed on the next page.



LAFCO - San Luis Obispo - Local Agency Formation Commission
SLO LAFCO - Serving the Area of San Luis Obispo County

June 25, 2015

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Commission Clerk

Mr. Wade Horton
County of San Luis Obispo
Public Works Department
County Government Center
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

**Re: Formation of the Paso Robles Basin Water District
Application 30-Day Initial Review**

Dear Mr. Horton:

This letter is to advise you that the LAFCO application for the formation of the Paso Robles Basin Water District has been received and LAFCO staff has completed the 30-day initial review of the application and finds that the following items need to be submitted;

- The Phase II NBS funding report that provides for a more detailed analysis of the revenues and the funding mechanisms to be used to fund the District.
- A final GIS layer of the original proposed boundary and latest groundwater elevation model layer for the basin or a graphic overlaying PRBWD.
- The number of registered voters within the proposed district boundary per the last report submitted to the Secretary of State by the County Clerk. The number of landowners and assessed value of land within the boundary of the proposed district based on the last equalized assessment roll.
- Information about the consistency of the formation of the district with the County's General Plan and Area Plans within the proposed boundary of the District. Please include information about projected growth and land uses in the area.
- Provide a plan regarding how the proposed district and the County Flood Control District would work together to manage the groundwater resources and resolve any conflicts that may arise.

LAFCO staff will continue its review and analysis of the application. Additional information may be requested as the LAFCO staff analysis of the application progresses. The application will remain on hold until the above information is submitted. Thank you for your help with this application. If you have any questions, please call me at 805-781-5795.

Sincerely,



Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Meeting in San Luis Obispo of Wednesday, June 24, 2015, 6 PM, Embassy Suites Hotel (Completed)

The NRC conducted a meeting to review the safety performance of the PG&E Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant for the year 2014. The NRC approved the plant's operations and safety procedures.

The NRC officials were serious and stern. In addition to prior inspections, written comments, and directives, they asked questions during the hearing. Public commenters were encouraged to ask questions of the NRC officials, who answered each one in some detail. What a far cry from the procedures at the County, APCD, SLOCOG, cities, and other local public bodies, where citizen questions are referred to staff who usually provide non-answers supportive of their bosses' positions or which are simply ignored.

There were at least 25 public speakers, most of whom supported Diablo and or nuclear power in general. A number were workers at the plant (not management) and representatives of 4 of the large trade unions also spoke.

It turns out that the Diablo operates a culture of proactive internal criticism where employees are allowed to question and criticize operations and decisions that they believe are unsafe. This is also true of the NRC. If an NRC employee thinks that something is wrong and NRC missed it, they can criticize and send it up the chain of command. Allegations of management refusal to listen or to cover-up are sent to an independent inspector general.

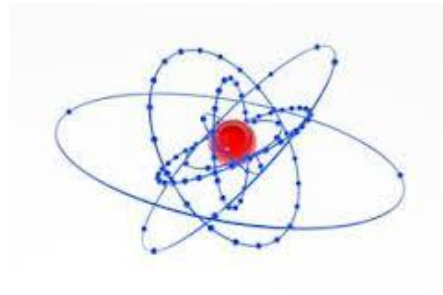
Contrast this with the government organization cultures in San Luis County, where critics are attacked by elected officials. Just last week Hill, Gibson, and SLO Mayor Marx excoriated a State employee for disagreeing with the science underlying the Dunes Dust rule at the APCD

meeting (see last week's Update and a Special Supplement to the Update on our website for details).

COLAB pointed out during the hearing that not only Diablo should be relicensed but that nuclear power generation should be encouraged and spread around the state. Moreover it should be mated with large-scale desalination facilities (next door) in a perfect blending of clean energy generation which could power the desal facilities off peak.

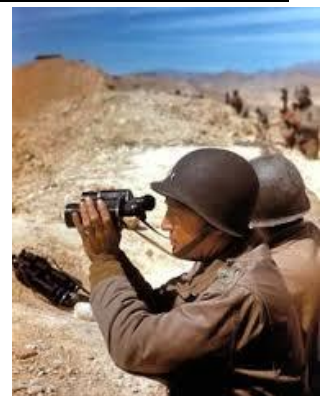
COLAB and numerous others pointed out:

- The plant's longstanding safety record.
- Its location on a bluff high above the ocean and out of reach of tsunamis.
- Its employment and economic benefits to the community.
- Its substantial tax payments, which fund schools and vital public safety services (largest property taxpayer).
- It generates 2800 Mega Watts of electricity every day, rain or shine, and at night. This is about 10 % of all the electricity in California and 20% in PG&E's vast service area.
- It does not generate CO₂ or other greenhouse gases.



**KNOW WHAT THEY ARE UP TO: CAL POLY CLIMATE ACTION CONFERENCE
AUGUST 13-14, 2015**

It's always informative to attend the type of conference listed below. You can hear about what strategies are being planned and the types of new regulations that will be proposed, and you can gain further understanding of the psyche of the enviro-socialist movement. As General George Patton said of the German Field Marshall (Desert Fox) Irwin Rommel after he helped led the defeat of the German Army in north Africa, "I read the bastard's book." General Patton directs a battle in Tunisia in 1942 against the Afrika Corps in the picture to the right.



California Climate Action Planning Conference

August 13-14, 2015

Cal Poly and the Governor’s Office of Planning & Research are pleased to announce the second California Climate Action Planning Conference (CCAPC) will be held August 13 & 14, 2015 at the Cal Poly campus in San Luis Obispo. The first California Climate Action Planning Conference was held at Cal Poly in January 2013 and was highly rated. Attendees reported that the “networking opportunities were incredible,” the “presentations were excellent,” and “it was one of the best conferences I’ve been to.”

Much has changed in two and a half years—new 2030 emissions targets, advances in regional climate planning, updated protocols and guidance, drought, and much more. This conference focuses on in-depth issues in GHG emissions reduction and climate adaptation at the local and regional level. Our panels will feature leaders in the field to bring you the most up-to-date and advanced thinking.

Our move to August dates is to schedule the CCAPC in alternating years from the California Adaptation Forum, which is also scheduled in late summer. We look forward to seeing you in beautiful San Luis Obispo! If you'd like to join our email list for the latest information, sign up here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CCAPC15>

REGISTRATION

Registration is now open! Use the link below to register.

Register Here

Early registration is \$100 and non-Cal Poly students may register for \$30. Cal Poly students, faculty, and staff may attend for free but registration is required. Early registration ends July 31st.

The draft program is coming soon. Sessions will include such topics as:

- *Greenhouse gas emission targets beyond 2020*
- *The first round of climate action plan updates*

- *Recent court rulings and state policy*
- *Public outreach and education*
- *Regional collaboratives for climate and sustainability*
- *Challenges and solutions for the agriculture sector*
- *Public health and climate change*
- *Examples of best practice in energy, water, land use and transportation*
- *Successful climate adaptation strategies*
- *The future of climate action planning*
- *And more...*

Since the conference is on campus there is no conference hotel. We recommend booking early since August is tourism season and staying close to campus to maximize opportunities to use alternative transportation. For those interested in re-living your college days, Cal Poly offers budget dorm accommodations. See:

<https://regstg.com/Registration/Introduction.aspx?rid=46d80b80-19c1-409a-a6b5-73ff51186e86>

Leadership

Mike Boswell, Professor, Cal Poly, mboswell@calpoly.edu

Adrienne Greve, Associate Professor, Cal Poly, agreve@calpoly.edu

Matt Burris, Raimi & Associates

Krista Kline, Los Angeles Regional Collaborative for Climate Action & Sustainability

Michael McCormick, Governor's Office of Planning & Research

*Kate Meis, Local Government Commission Note: **This not-for-profit (which is not in fact a government commission) is under contract with the APCD to run the "Civic Spark Program" in the County, which hires paid community organizers to proselytize for global warming-induced regulation and government mandated lifestyle change. It, however, uses public money.***

Jillian Rich, PG&E

Tammy Seale, PMC, a Michael Baker International Company (Note: Ms. Seal is the consultant/author of the County's Climate Action Plan).

Honey Walters, Ascent Environmental

Sponsorship

Sponsorship opportunities are available--please contact Mike Boswell.

Flight Availability Added Back at SLO County Airport



County of San Luis Obispo

AIRPORTS

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June 24, 2013

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SLO COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT ADDS ANOTHER FLIGHT TO ITS SEPTEMBER LINEUP

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA— For the second time this month, United Express Operated by SkyWest Airlines has announced it will offer an additional daily CRJ 200 flight to and from the San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport (SBP).

Starting September 1, United Express will now operate four roundtrips to LAX and three to SFO. This fourth flight is scheduled to arrive at SBP from LAX at 7:53 a.m. and depart SBP for LAX at 8:23 a.m.

With three daily Phoenix flights rounding out the lineup, SBP passengers will have 10, non-stop, jet flights to choose from daily. "With these additional flights, our community will see daily seat capacity expand to approximately 552 seats, an increase of about 8.25% over the typical capacity that was available prior to the transition to all Jet Service" said County Airports Director Kevin Bumen.

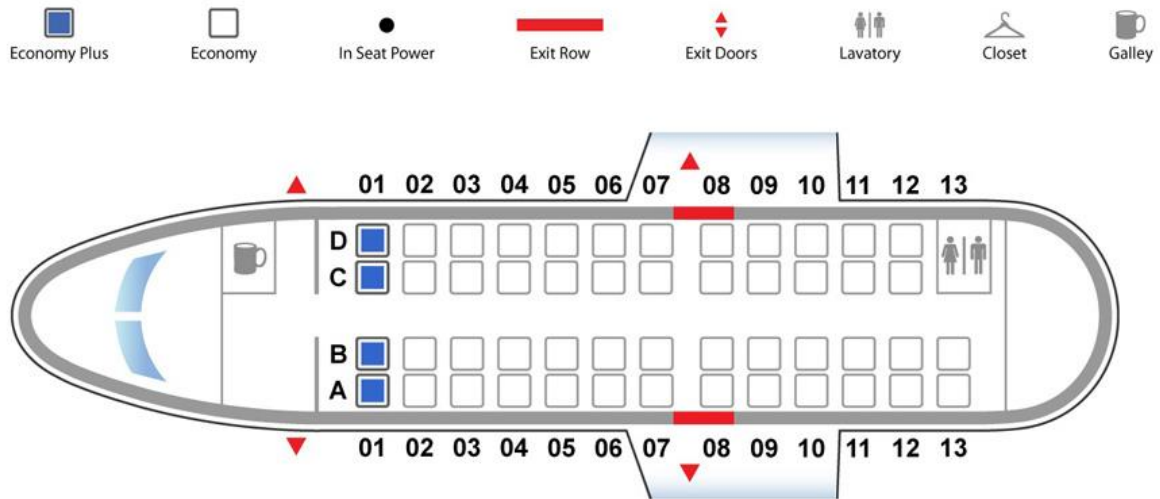
Further flight schedule details can be found by visiting www.SLOAirport.com, www.United.com, or www.USAirways.com.

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CRJ 200



This is good news and is essential for development of key EVC business clusters. Everyone should try to use SLO based flights as much as possible to convince the airlines to expand the number of daily flights.