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(an excerpt from a forthcoming book)

BY ROGER CANFIELD

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Board of Supervisors Meeting of Tuesday, August 20, 2019 (Scheduled)

Item 26 - Update on Diablo Closure. The bottom line is that the County is on a path to have the PG&E currently owned and leased lands turned into some sort of nature preserve. Some of these lands are owned by real estate subsidiaries affiliated with PG&E. In 2000, county voters approved a ballot measure (75% in favor), known as the DREAM Initiative Measure A, an advisory measure that calls upon the County to prohibit development on the property surrounding the plant when it is decommissioned. It appears that there are about 12,000 acres in all.

The actual report is contained in a series of PowerPoint slides as well as several attachments consisting of filings and testimony before the California Public Utilities Commission.

The PowerPoint can be seen at the link:

<https://agenda.slocounty.ca.gov/iip/sanluisobispo/file/getfile/113745>

The presentation contains interesting graphics describing which facilities are to be removed and which could remain. It also recaps the various financial mitigation payments to be made by PG&E to cushion the economic impacts of the closure. The key policy item involves the length of time that will be required to decommission the plant; remove the decayed and/or decaying fuel rods, and dismantle the reactors, reactor buildings, power house, extensive shops and warehouses, etc.

It turns out there are two allowable decommissioning processes. The first is called DECON, which takes place fairly rapidly - about 10 years. The other is SAFSTOR, which can take as long as 60 years. Both the County and PG&E prefer DECON. Apparently, DECON is less costly over the long run and of course returns the site to whatever future uses various interest groups in the county have in mind. The staff seems to want the Board of Supervisors to affirm that it supports DECON.

The Diablo Decommissioning Engagement Panel (DDCEP) has provided descriptions of the 2 alternative processes.

The first option is known as “DECON,” short for decontamination. With DECON, the first steps of taking the plant apart begin as soon as the fuel is removed from the reactor vessel. The operator first decontaminates or removes contaminated equipment and materials. The transfer of spent nuclear fuel into dry cask storage and the removal of equipment lowers the radiation level in the facility and significantly reduces the potential exposure to workers during subsequent decommissioning operations. DECON can take five years or more.

The second option is called “SAFSTOR,” for safe storage. This process takes much longer. After the fuel is removed from the reactor vessel, the plant is kept intact and placed in protective storage for an extended period of time. This allows the radioactive elements in components to decay to stable elements. During this time, the main components of the plant remain in place, including the reactor vessel, fuel pools, turbine and other elements. All fuel is removed from the reactor vessel and placed in fuel pools or dry storage on-site. The NRC continues to inspect the site and provides regulatory oversight of maintenance and security appropriate to the low risk profile of the site. The plant is dismantled in a process similar to the DECON option once radioactivity has decayed to lower levels and the safety risk to workers is substantially reduced. Generally, sites must spend no longer than 50 years in SAFSTOR to allow up to 10 years for decontamination. The entire process must be completed within 60 years.

PG&E indicates that it has set aside \$3.4 billion for decommissioning costs and will require an additional \$1.6 billion, which is the subject of a rate hike proposal that will be heard by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) starting in September. A decision is expected by January 2020.

A filing by the County (which is an attachment to the agenda item) before the CPUC is formatted as questions and answers. Some of the answers are revealing.

Question: *In its testimony, PG&E states that its Future Land Use Plan will be developed so that it reflects the culmination of PG&E’s community and agency outreach efforts, and that the Plan will provide PG&E’s “preferred alternative, including facilities to be retained, reused, repurposed, and removed.” Does the County have any concerns with PG&E’s stated approach?*

Answer: *Yes. The County is concerned about the potential for unilateral decision-making by PG&E that disregards community input in favor of the utility’s preferred alternative. The County is encouraged, however, by the pledge PG&E makes in its response to a County data request that PG&E’s internal decision-making process will inform, but not dictate, the contents of the Future Land Use Plan, and that the ultimate preferred alternative will be selected based on discussions with the DCDEP, the County, and other stakeholders, even where the alternative selected is not PG&E’s original preference.*

Assuming the Future Land Use Plan is developed in accordance with the process PG&E describes in its data response, the County expects that the Diablo Canyon lands and facilities will be repurposed in a way that meets the community’s needs.

Question: *Does the County support a particular course of action regarding future use of the lands surrounding Diablo Canyon?*

Answer: *The County supports the community's desire to conserve as open space much of the land surrounding Diablo Canyon and the recommendations of the DCDEP. The County supports a decision-making process wherein the ultimate preferred alternative is selected based on discussions with the DCDEP, the County, and other stakeholders, even where the alternative selected is not PG&E's original preference.*

When did the Board of Supervisors formally adopt a policy that contains the “preferred alternative” – which seems to be a large nature preserve? Is this whole issue just sliding under the radar?

As noted in the yellow highlighted section above, the County's policy is the “preferred alternative.” Is the “preferred alternative” equivalent to the DCDEP Vision Statements?

Vision Statements

- The 12,000 acres of Diablo Canyon Lands surrounding the DCPD are a precious treasure and a spectacular natural resource that should be preserved in perpetuity for the public and future generations, in acknowledgement of its significant resources values*
- The public should be ensured access to the Diablo Canyon Lands to the greatest extent possible, while protecting and preserving sensitive habitats, cultural sites and other resources*
- The use of Diablo Canyon Lands should be consistent with the safe, secure and monitored storage of spent nuclear fuel, until such time as it is removed from the site*
- The use of Diablo Canyon Lands should include activities that are consistent with wildlife and resource protection and visitor enjoyment including multi-use trails for hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian use and managed overnight camping*
- The preservation of sacred Native American sites should be assured*
- The request for land ownership by the local Native American community should be acknowledged and considered as a valid claim for historical reasons, while bearing in mind the overwhelming public testimony that the Diablo Canyon Lands be conserved and available to the public for managed use*
- The conservation activities on Diablo Canyon Lands should be coordinated with owners of other protected properties in the Irish Hills region, including State Parks, the US Bureau of Land Management, the Nature Conservancy, the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County, and the City of San Luis Obispo*

Some concerns:

1. What is the County Board's position with respect to PG&E's and its stockholders' property rights? The County had no qualms about PG&E paying property taxes for decades. The 5th

Amendment to the Constitution in the Bill of Rights states in part, “nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation.” What is a vacant tract of 12,000 beautiful view acres next to the Pacific Ocean actually worth objectively these days?

2. Much deference seems to be given to the DCDEP, a citizen advisory commission (pretty much assisted by Planning staff and consultants). Has the Board of Supervisors conducted a formal public hearing to consider and accept its December 2018 report and recommendations? Will it be limited to one alternative (perhaps the preferred project) when the County conducts a massive CEQA review of the closure plan? What are the foregone financial opportunities?

3. Is the use of the property as a huge nature preserve the only choice? Or should there be some analysis of alternatives? Given current housing shortages, government financing problems, local education financing shortfalls, and capital infrastructure deficits, should any of the 12,000 acres be considered for private investment?

4. If various governments can socialize these 12,000 acres, what if someone decides that there are too many monoculture grape growing operations and that 12,000 acres of these should be converted to open space?

5. The County, other government agencies, and a number of activist groups seem to be treating PG&E as a shipwreck to be plundered.



6. What about the accelerating social and economic decay impacting the state and the region? In this regard, please see the article on page 12 in the COLAB In Depth section which describes the enviro driven regulatory mess which is impoverishing millions of Californians.

Is SLO County, except for Paso Robles, simply to become a government subsidized nature playground for wealthy retirees? Some of them can drive there in their government subsidized 402 HP all-electric Mercedes EQC's to ride their bikes and horses in the new 12,000 acre preserve. Everyone else will be making beds in the new hotels, filling out Excel spread sheets, working at least 2 jobs, commuting on an overcrowded late bus, and living in stack-and-packs, which will actually be powered by natural gas for decades.

As the CPUC's 164-page SB 968 UC Berkeley Closure of Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant study blithely writes off the idea of any meaningful housing being created:

The city of SLO has several new developments of single-family homes, but these are in the \$700k-\$800k range and are targeted at out-of-region capital. Those who work in the service sector or government are unable to afford homes, and the closure of DCPD will not affect this.

OK, but are there any ideas for some of the land to be used for privately owned, income producing, and career type jobs (not to mention housing for SLO County residents)? After all much of the land in SLO County is already in the public domain, which since the Feds and the State can't afford to maintain it, periodically burns into inhabited neighborhoods.

The Berkeley Study: The UC Berkeley study of the economic impacts of the closure of the DCPD is included in this agenda item as a web link in the Board letter. The staff summarizes the 164-page report as follows:

The economic impacts of DCPD closure were estimated by the report from Senate Bill 968 suggest a loss of \$800 million in our community. The report also describes the loss of 1500 high-wage jobs that will be temporarily replaced by 3900 lower-paying jobs, and ultimately resulting in around 500 jobs at DCPD.

This report actually asserts that the negative impacts will not be as bad as originally predicted, as they will be mitigated for years by the economic impacts of the decommissioning effort. The report analyzes the impact on various economic sectors such as housing, jobs, taxes, and others. For each sector it models both the negative and positive impacts and measures how they fit into the rest of the economy. The model shows an average net loss of \$77 million per year, but it's worse in the early years but less in the out years. The report is vague as to what happens once the plant is totally decommissioned and there is no activity. It seems to say that the natural growth of the rest of the economy will replace it.

The report leaves a big question: After all the puts and takes, it states:

There are some caveats with our findings. First, our assumption around the timing of decommissioning funds drives the overall size of the effect. That is, if we assume a shorter timeline or a longer timeline our effect would either increase or decrease respectively. Second,

we should note that the negative economic impacts from plant closure will exist in perpetuity while the decommissioning expenditures are finite.

In other words, what if the CPUC doesn't approve PG&E's \$1.6 billion rate increase?

The full report can be accessed at the link

below: https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/uploadedFiles/CPUC_Website/Content/Utilities_and_Industries/Energy/Energy_Programs/Electric_Costs_and_Rates/Nuclear/FINAL_CPUC-UCB_DCPP_EIA_v2.pdf

PG&E DIABLO RELATED OWNED AND LEASED LANDS INCLUDING AFFILIATES



Item 28 - Paso Basin Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update. The status report indicates that the project is being carried out on schedule and that the final plan could be approved in December and submitted to the State by the January 2020 deadline. Reportedly the various participants, including several water districts and the City of Paso Robles, are in agreement. Small users, less than 2 acre-feet per year, will be exempt. The key missing metric is how the required reduction of 13,700 acre-feet of water per year will be allocated among the users.

Sustainable Yield: Maximum quantity of water, calculated over a base period representative of long-term conditions in the subbasin and including any temporary surplus, that can be withdrawn annually from a groundwater supply without causing an undesirable result

Future Pumping Estimate	-	Deficit	=	Sustainable Yield
74,800 AFY	-	13,700 AFY	=	61,100 AFY

This would appear to be 18% of future pumping estimates.

Ch 6. Water Budgets

Time Period	Inflow - Outflow
Historic (1981 - 2011)	-12,600 AFY
Current (2012 - 2016)	-65,400 AFY
Future (2020 - 2040)	-13,700 AFY

About an 18% Reduction

Plan must address this long-term annual decrease in storage (Deficit)

Key proposed actions are contained in the two slides below:

Ch 9. Management Actions and Project

Basin-Wide Management Actions

- o Monitoring, Reporting and Outreach
 - Calls for developing a metering and reporting regulation
 - Calls for accounting for project and land following action
- o Promote Best Water Use Practices
- o Promote Stormwater Capture
- o Promote Voluntary Fallowing of Agricultural Land

Area Specific Management Actions

- o Calls for developing a regulation to identify and enforce mandatory pumping limitations as needed to avoid undesirable results

GSA Authorities

- o To regulate groundwater extractions
- o To impose civil penalties for violation of regulations

1. Metering will be required.

2. Groundwater extractions will be regulated.

A key question that is not answered in the presentation is how will the 13,700 acre-feet reduction be allocated. Another is when will it start? Will all those subject to regulation be required to take an 18% pumping reduction? If a mature vineyard uses 1 acre-foot of water per acre of grapes, would this mean that a 400-acre vineyard would have to reduce by 72 (18%) acres of grapes? Does everyone agree with this?

Another question is, has the amount of water used by overlayers who have their Superior Court confirmed quiet title to the water under their properties been calculated? Is it excluded from the 13,700 acre-feet that must be reduced? If not, the number could be larger for the prescriptor water districts, prescriptor City of Paso Robles, and the private owners who did not join the quiet title law suit.

Planning Commission Meeting of Thursday, August 22, 2019 (Scheduled)

Item 5 - Hearing to consider a request by Helios Dayspring for a Conditional Use Permit (DRC2018-00036) to establish cannabis operations that will include up to three acres of outdoor (hoop house) cultivation, up to 22,000 square feet of indoor (greenhouse) cultivation, up to 28,210 square feet of commercial cannabis nursery, operation of a non-storefront dispensary, and ancillary processing activities such as curing, drying and trimming. Development would include 180,000 square feet of hoop house structures, 45,000 square feet of greenhouse structures, 24 320-square foot storage containers for drying, a 320-square-foot storage container for storage, approximately 4,740 square feet of an existing winery building, and installation of ten 10,000-gallon water storage tanks. The operation would cover approximately 12.86 acres of the 63-acre property. The item is being continued to September 26, 2019. It is located on River Road about a mile east of San Miguel.

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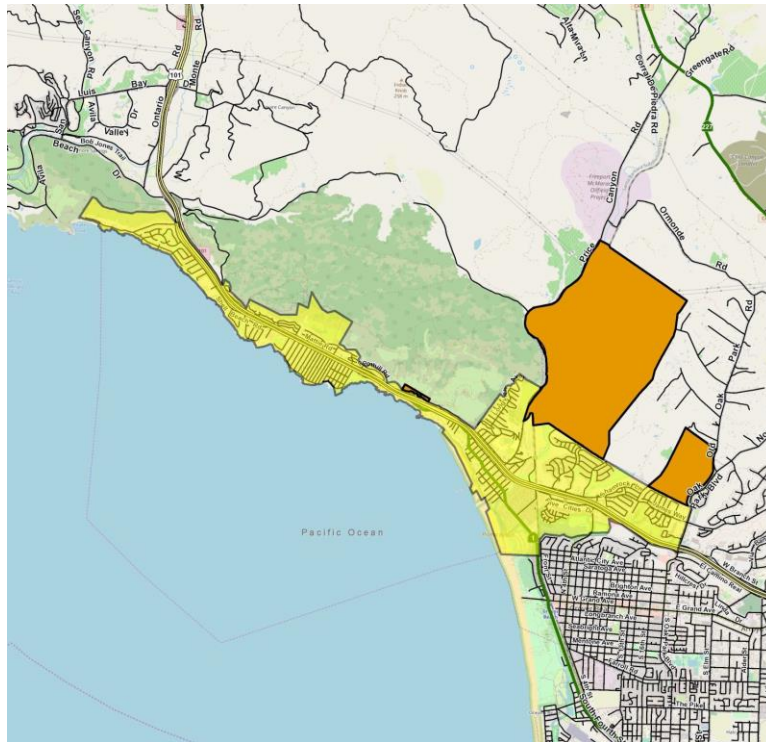
Board of Supervisors Meeting of Tuesday, August 13, 2019 (Completed)

Summary: There were no items of major policy. However, Supervisor Peschong picked up on a Grand Jury report which recommended that the County work on providing more housing by means of adding manufactured home parks and other non-traditional housing. The staff report seemed to reject the idea. It will now be considered as part of the Board's Housing Initiatives effort. This will be positive.

**Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Meeting of Thursday, August 15, 2019
(Completed)**

Summary: Both Pismo Beach and Paso Robles may expand land area in the future.

Item A-1: Update of the City of Pismo Beach Sphere of Influence. The update may be prefatory to an annexation. The City wishes to preserve the Price Canyon area as a rural zone with very limited development – 40-acre lots. The County reportedly agrees and could formalize the situation in September. If the area did become annexed and zoned for estates, it would be of great benefit to the School District, City, and County. Large estate homes pay substantial property tax and do not heavily impact local services except during wild land fires. The owners have large discretionary incomes, which benefit the local service industries. It is not known if future residents would whine about the nearby oil field, vineyards, or hemp.



The existing city is shown in yellow and the sphere of influence for Future Expansion in orange.

Item B-1: Study Session - Annexation To The City Of Paso Robles -Gateway/Furlotti. The LAFCO Board received a briefing on a future annexation to the City, which would provide the following at build out:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed Paso Robles Gateway Project includes several components: two hotels, two visitor and community serving commercial centers, and a limited number of high-density residential units or a third hotel. The applicant plans to include:

- up to 425 transient units, a maximum of 80 which may be permitted as residential units,*
- approximately 65,000 square feet of retail and office space*
- 17 workforce residential units,*
- 10,600 square feet of restaurant uses and 30,000 square feet of conference space.*



The project detail is displayed on the next page.



The County will need to be diligent on any property tax exchange agreements that may emerge in the future, particularly on the Paso Robles potential annexation. The City will provide police and fire service but the County provides the jail, probation, District Attorney, voter registration, elections, public defender, public health, mental health, regional water management, court security, and much more. Will the County share any of the new sales tax or transient occupancy tax?

COLAB IN DEPTH

IN FIGHTING THE TROUBLESOME, LOCAL DAY-TO-DAY ASSAULTS ON OUR FREEDOM AND PROPERTY, IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND THE LARGER UNDERLYING IDEOLOGICAL, POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC CAUSES AND FORCES

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So you think the Green New Deal isn't going to happen? Well, California is leading the way — good [?] intentions on the road to hell? Here's an autopsy of the Green policies killing California and identifying the killers. For 15,000 years, millions of human beings migrated to California. It was the American Dream.

Millions of Californians go elsewhere to pursue life, liberty, property and happiness. From 1992-2018, California lost a net 4.2 million people to other American states. From 1990 to 2012, California lost nearly a million manufacturing jobs. That's nearly half, 40%, of all manufacturing jobs. Similarly, industrial employment plunged 60% from 2005-2015. Two-thirds of the aerospace industry that sent America to the moon and won the Cold War has gone since 1990.

In short, costly environmental drove them out of jobs and out of state.

The New Left leader Jerry Brown, 1.0 and 2.0, and compliant Republicans Pete Wilson and Arnold Schwarzenegger decided they could do better than God and a free people. These eco-gods demanded air, water and land made cleaner than God Himself made them. Human habitat, private property, had to give way to the needs of fish and wildlife.

In pursuing eco-utopia, deep state environmentalists often appear rather silly, even stupid. Yet they are deadly serious. They destroyed what was once the world's happiest place.

Consider the California Crow. The California Air Resources Board is at war with milk and meat. They say cow farts, gases, are appalling dangers to the atmosphere of planet earth. The Water Resources Control Board is taking action against the dreaded enemy — cattle manure.

Eco-warriors have convicted grazing cattle of a genocidal holocaust. They blame cows for killing all manner of species and destroying their habitat: fairy shrimp, Desert Tortoise, salmon etc. One cow on one acre at a time, are blamed for destroying all manner of wildlife.

Of Straws and Smelt. California's war on all things plastic — bottles, bags and straws — shows its Lilliputian desperation to save the planet. California environmentalists are desperate to save the “fragile” 187 quintillion gallon Pacific Ocean from overflowing plastic. And the 100 million-acre California must not run out of spaces to put trash in landfills.

California sends half of its abundant fresh water to the Pacific Ocean. Water police order city folk to drink recycled toilet water and to live on 55 gallons a day. Ten percent of all water is too much for the serfs who may bathe every other Saturday whether they need it or not. Desalinated seawater at ten times the cost of reservoir water is also recommended. California demands its residents take a water conservation pledge ... and to the utopia for which it stands.

The Deadly Serious.

Environmental authorities act as police, prosecutors, juries, and judges. They do not yet conduct executions, but they do ruthlessly prosecute and assassinate the characters and livelihoods of resisters. They defame greedy businessmen for intentionally poisoning air, water and land. Fines, jail time, and costly regulations have driven tens of thousands of the smallest mom and pop enterprises (dry cleaners, body shops, independent gas stations) out of business. Few family-owned, independent gasoline stations remain. They once competed with Big Oil on gasoline prices.

Tyranny of the Clerks–Eco-Police Powers.

Eco-zealots build authoritarian bureaucracies ordering all Californians, convicted without due processes, to conform to their delusions of an eco-utopia. The California Penal Code grants armed police powers to state public employees policing food, drugs, and chemicals.

Drat those deplorable human masses yearning to breed free and plunder the planet.

California Environmental Law.

The most authoritarian elements of California’s Green Regime are the California Endangered Species Act, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65) and the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32). These laws and more enrich bureaucrats, environmental consultants, green industries, lawyers, and crony capitalists.

California Endangered Species Act. Under eco-ethics, every deplorable human is commanded to care about nobler species like the road kill scavenger, the California Condor. In time, the ESA zealots may recover the Unicorn, lost in ancient fables or more likely the Black Plague, the 1918 flu, and/or small pox.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA routinely extorts outrageous concessions, green blackmail, “mitigations,” of cash, land and project modifications from property owners. Only the very wealthy or large corporations can afford the consultants and lawyers required. Governments routinely grant exemptions for crony capitalist friends and privileged projects, e.g. sports stadiums, solar and wind projects, public transit, “bullet” trains and subways.

CEQA limits economic growth and stops or delays vital housing, roads, bridges, dams, canals, refineries. CEQA delays efforts to clear away kindling, dead, dying and dry trees and brush, to prevent catastrophic firestorms. In 2018, like policies killed 88 people in Paradise California and statewide destroyed 10,000 homes, business and cars.

Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65). Unreal, but usefully scary, Prop 65 requires warning labels and regulations on nearly 1,000 chemicals. ‘The State of California has determined,’ presumes, chemicals and their users are guilty for causing cancer or birth defects. Yet the American Cancer Society says California lacks a scientific basis for its cancer warnings.

California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32). A few “experts” of science and economics command and control major sectors of the economy. 360 major industries. Carbon is the prime target. Businesses buy and sell, trade, emission allowances. Like Soviet five-year plans, Cap and Trade demands quotas. Carbon emissions are ordered to decline every year. It is a phony market pretending to reflect the supply and demand for greenhouse gases.

California’s Environmental Apparatchiks

California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal EPA). The second highest building in Sacramento, capital of California, is the headquarters of the **California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal EPA)**. Cal EPA’s 5,000 employees have their own safe spaces from Nature, cars and citizens. They have bike racks and no parking. Caught using a *verboten* rodenticide to kills rats infesting the CalEPA environs, EPA caved under pressure. Rats, fleas, plague, hantavirus and typhus all breathed a sigh of relief.

The EPA building is the home of six omnipotent deep state bureaucracies: California Air Resources Board (CARB), State Water Resources Control Board (WRCB), Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHMA), Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) and Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

The **California Air Resources Board (CARB)**, the eco-state’s Air and Space Force, has summarily convicted carbon in air pollution for causing lung cancer and chronic obstructive lung disease (COPD). In fact, compared to historical and geological time, carbon is now in very short supply, a drought.

Condemning the “economic poisons” of capitalism, CARB’s claims about air pollution are suspect. Smoking, not air pollution, explains almost 90% of deaths from lung cancer and COPD. Similarly, fine particulate matter (PM), dirt blowing in the wind ruins visibility, irritates existing lung conditions, but rarely kills. Bacteria, viruses and fungi, e.g. pneumonia, influenza and mold

do kill. Compared to unhealthy individual behavior—smoking, dirty homes (cockroaches, rats, dust, mites), obesity, alcoholism—chemical pollutants are insignificant. The air inside the most sanitary homes is two and five times more polluted than the air outside.

California works tirelessly to drive people out of the mobility and safety of their cars. The Board blames the car for air pollution and death from lung diseases. Yet individuals are responsible for their own unhealthy lifestyles including reckless and drunken driving. The environmentalists care little about individual responsibility and freedom. California law aims to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT), freedom.

California steals 80% of taxes on gasoline. California builds or repairs few roads and bridges. They recommend sidewalks, bike paths, buses, trains, telecommuting, car pools. Preferring “smart” growth, high-density housing, California opposes affordable suburban housing. Life in high-rise Soviet style housing projects, like rats in cages, is filthy and frightful.

In 1990, California ordered carmakers to produce electric cars, aka “Zero Emission” Vehicles (ZEV). Policy overlords expected to jump start innovation and repeal the laws of physics, the limited energy storage capacity of batteries.

California Energy Commission. The **Commission** has stopped Big Oil’s evilly profitable access to both America’s largest shale reserves in the Monterey Shale and off shore crude oil reserves. The Commission has also succeeded in banning or tearing down nuclear and hydroelectric power plants producing cheap, clean and reliable electricity. The Commission has commanded all new single-family homes and apartments have solar panels by 2020.

The Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System (392 MW) got special permissions to kill Desert Tortoises. Taxpayers paid millions to relocate handfuls of turtles. subsidized wind projects kill Golden Eagles, hundreds of thousands of birds and millions of bats.

California leads the nation in self-imposed power blackouts and bankrupted utilities. The state schedules rolling blackouts and approves blackouts to prevent wildfires. These actions cover up California’s inadequate supply of electricity caused by its war on oil, coal, nuclear and hydroelectric energy.

The **Bureau of Automotive Repair** (BAR) leads a totalitarian assault up your cars’ tailpipe and your pocketbook. Almost 100% of cars today have low emissions. Hence, California’s annual SMOG tests are a scam for collecting more taxes on Californians’ “perverse love of their cars,” freedom. Paying cash for clunkers separates poor people from affordable transportation.

The regulation of diesel particulate matter (PM), based on the flawed study of a CARB fake Ph.D., kicks thousands of small independent truck owners out of business.

The **South Coast Air Quality Management District**, SCAQMD, the eco-states' Army, Southern Command, has perfected bureaucratic art of exercising the death penalty on all stationary sources of air pollution. The District placed a moratorium on all oil production off the California coast after the Santa Barbara oil spill. Eliminating one bad smelling GHG, sulfur dioxide, has only succeeded in reducing regional hazy skies. A few days of wildfire, a volcano eruption or a steroid easily wipes out a full year's emissions from all automobiles.

The all-powerful District has driven tens of thousands of the smallest mom and pop enterprises (dry cleaners, body shops, independent gas stations) out of business. While heavy metals and solvents from oils smell bad, there is little evidence their concentration in water are health risks (parts per billion and trillion). The independents once competed on gasoline prices with Big Oil.

In short, The District has waged a war on economic opportunities for the poor, the young and the middle class.

The **Water Resources Control Board** (WRCB), "control" being its Prime Directive, exercises near absolute power over California's water, both its supply and quality. The Board has halted the building of major water storage, new dams, for forty years. It is working to tear down existing dams. The Board is diverting water from humans to fish.

The water Board and the **Department of Water Resources** steal voter approved bond monies. Time and again, California voters are deceived into believing phony promises to build new water storage. Yet only 12% of bond funds are spent on new water storage.

Water Quality. WRCB's second absolute power is water quality. It defines clean water as it wishes. It hypes up public fear of tap water, some of it the cleanest water on earth. Most violations of state clean water regulations and laws are clerical, technical, minor, even trivial and frivolous infractions presenting little or no danger to public health or the environment.

Less than one per cent of all the violations of the U.S. Safe Drinking Water Act involve organic chemicals like pesticides. A full 70 per cent of dangerous clean water violations are disease organisms, requiring increased use of chemicals, chlorine and a hot sun, to keep water safe.

The primary achievement of the WRCB is scaring citizens, corporations and local governments out of money to pay off lawsuit-chasing attorneys, environmental consultants, prevailing wage unions and state certified crony capitalist contractors to build water treatment plants releasing water cleaner than it comes out of the sky, rivers, lakes or wells.

California's Chemistry Police.

California trumps up dangers of chemicals through its Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR). Toxic chemicals cause less than 3% of cancer.

Within the **Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA)** California's Ministry of Politically Correct Science, is the overlord for the health risks of about 1,000 chemicals. OEHHA and others have "determined" fire-fighting foam causes cancer or reproductive harm. Note the chemicals concentrated in chocolate cake are 250 times greater than typical risk guidelines for toxic chemicals.

Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). Born, nurtured and grown to one thousand employees, the DTSC arose out of public outrage over alarming stories of hazardous toxic chemical waste sites and road spills. Easily deceived citizens blame their bad health upon some dump, factory, farm, or refinery close by. The Superfund solution has been totalitarian, never ending and immensely profitable to lawyers and remediation companies.

DTSC has taken the lead in seeking safer alternatives to toxic chemicals used in nail salons. California's has thousands working in hazardous waste teams responding to spilled milk and overturned trucks.

California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR). DPR is a complex bureaucracy dedicated to smothering regulation and the nation's most stringent laws banning and restricting the use of the Devil's own pesticides. California is the breadbasket of the world. There is no link between disease and pesticide residues on food. Recently listed food recalls of the Federal Drug Administration and the Center for Disease Control are entirely for microbes, pathogens, bacteria and viruses, not pesticides. Glyphosate, Roundup, found in Ben and Jerry's ice cream would take very mighty doses—200,000 pints of ice cream to kill—roughly six pints a day for 100 years. One will run out of either ice cream or life before dying from Roundup.

The pesticide free world, willfully, if silently, protects deadly, killer, species of pests and microbes—fungi, malarial mosquitos, Bubonic Plague rats, Ebola fruit bats, *E. Coli*, salmonella, listeria, *vibrio cholera*, etc. The ban on DDT protects the deadliest predator on earth, the mosquito, transmitting deadly malaria killing **1 million every year**—a child dies from malaria every 30 seconds. Mosquitoes also spread dengue fever, yellow fever, encephalitis and West Nile virus.

California has experienced hysterical episodes over Malathion, Methyl Bromide, chlorpyrifos as well as Roundup.

The **California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)** prohibits the "taking" of the lives or habitat of any endangered or threatened species of wildlife. With the help of the feds, it has driven many loggers, farmers, miners (gold, sand, gravel), cowboys and land owners out of California. ESA's absolutist takes or reduces the value of private property without just

compensation and due process of law. Along with CEQA, the ESA has halted the building of adequate numbers of homes, roads, dams etc.

The **California Coastal Commission**, the eco-states' Marine Corp specializes in driving private property owners off their own land and out of their homes. The Commission also usurps the powers of elected local officials. The Commission's near-dictatorial powers extend in the "coastal zone." That's 1,100 miles from the Oregon to Mexico border seaward three miles and as many as five miles inland.

The **California Resource Agency**, and related entities are devoted to preserving *all* of California's natural resources. The federal and state government owns about 52% of California's 103 million acres. Not good enough, the Resource Agency has declared 75% of California is wildland. Unfortunately, about 28% of such sacred ground is still in private hands. Conservancies are "voluntarily" absorbing private land into woodland, wildlife, nature, or "agricultural" preservations. Access for recreation, logging, mining, farming, motorized recreation etc. is limited or outright prohibited. Banning logging and burns (controlled and natural), allied with bark beetles have killed 129 million trees fueling catastrophic firestorms. Many owners squat as serfs on their own homesteads in the Kings' forests.

Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) works hard for a perfectly waste-free, "Zero Waste" regime. Otherwise, California's 100 million acres might run out of space for landfill. A trash gestapo collects a tax, a "California Redemption Value" of a mere five or ten cents on each of ten billion or so pop, beer and juice cans and bottles a year. Fewer and fewer Californians are feeling virtuous about giving their free labor picking rags, sorting trash, fondling "post-consumer" garbage, and diving into dumpsters. No wonder so much meticulously sorted trash quietly goes directly to a landfill. It takes a lot of indoctrination, technology and phony analyses to justify massive recycling. More people recycle than vote. How's that for environmental indoctrination?

California's education system, a wholly owned subsidiary of the California Teachers Association (CTA), successfully maintaining the second highest teacher salaries, has driven math, English, science and civics out of California schools keeping the serfs too ignorant, tired or intimidated to object to eco-tyranny.

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Mid career Dr. Canfield applied for a position with the California Forestry Association fighting the destruction of California's timber industry by state and federal protection of the allegedly endangered Spotted Owl. The eco-terrorist Unabomber, Ted Kaczynski, murdered Gilbert Murray the better man the Forestry Association hired.

Canfield has been researching and writing about environmental issues for over thirty years as a college professor, candidate, legislative staffer, consultant, journalist, and public information

officer. Listening to the complaints of hundreds of Californians, he has first-hand knowledge of California's environmental tranny.

As a child, the author swam in an orange pond of an abandoned open pit coalmine down near the Ohio in southern Indiana and came away with a hard head and harder teeth. He worked three California summers spraying asbestos laden plaster upon the ceilings of new homes and businesses and came up 25 years later with a bad heart and lungs...from decades of heavy smoking. He interned with the special Projects Office of the Navy building Polaris nuclear submarines. He worked a summer at a piece-work plastics factory in Sweden.

As a Public Information Officer for the Department of Water Resources (DWR), he attended symbolic public meetings. In one series, he felt angry citizens were close to lynching the unresponsive DWR bureaucrats before them. Why had the DWR spent millions to study, but had no plans for new flood control dams, levees, flood plains? Why did DWR believe its computer models instead of the flood experience of citizens before them. A lynching appeared quite justified.

For over thirty years, he has supported building a water, power and flood control dam at Auburn to protect and serve the Sacramento region. Environmental groups vigorously opposed, claiming to protect the Delta Smelt, while fronting for rafting companies and the commercial salmon industry.

In 1990, the author was campaign manager opposing a statewide ballot initiative, Prop 117, of nearly a billion dollars to provide habitat for Mountain Lions. Today Mountain Lions roam California farms and urban areas munching on livestock, pets, Long Horn Sheep and an occasional jogger.

On a long tour of the Klamath River watershed, he attended a rally in southern Oregon of angry homesteading farmers losing water to bottom feeding, bony suckerfish and Coho Salmon.

For failing to care for levees because DWR protected elderberry beetle habitat on levees, DWR was successfully sued for the deaths and destruction following a flood in Linda California.

Working for the County of Placer where environmentalists, e.g. Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Tree foundation, opposed cutting trees or clearing brush and pine needles to prevent wildfires. Thereafter, the Agora fire destroyed 242 homes and 67 businesses in South Lake Tahoe.

Working for the City of Colfax, he observed a locust of lawyers suing city for petty paperwork violations of clean air law costing the tiny thousands to fix and millions to build a new water treatment plant producing cleaner water than pristine Sierra runoff.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



EARLY WARNING – SLO CITY TO DISINCENTIVIZE GAS FIRED HEATING & APPLIANCES ON TUESDAY, SEPT 3, 2019

On July 16, 2019 the City of Berkeley adopted regulations prohibiting the use of natural gas for heating, cooking, hot water and other uses in new construction low rise buildings. It is considering expanding the ban to all new buildings in the future. Many other cities, including Los Angeles and San Jose, are in the process of adopting anti-natural gas provisions.

The City of San Luis Obispo, as the wanna be Berkeley of the Central Coast, will consider revisions of its local building code at its City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. The revisions do not seem to be an outright ban, but instead a set of requirements which insert all electric installation for new construction as well as major renovations and expansions. Some of the initial questions that we have posed to the City include:

1. On new homes, multi-family structures, and commercial buildings, the new regulation does not seem to prohibit outright installation of gas services for heating, hot water, cooking, etc., but requires that sufficient electrical service capacity and structural features be installed to run the building as if they were to be all electric or will become all electric in the future. Is this the case?

2. The requirement pertains not only to new structures but also additions and renovations. What percentage over the size of the original structure triggers these provisions on renovation/expansion of existing structures?
3. Will all new construction and major renovations require installation of solar as a general requirement?
4. Is it public policy thought that by requiring builders or homeowners to expend the funds for the electrical version, they will be discouraged from installing natural gas or propane because of double the expense?
5. Has the City calculated the additional cost impacts of these regulations on:
 - a. A typical new 2700 sq. ft. single family home?
 - b. A typical 20-unit attached apartment house or condo?
 - c. A 1200 sq. ft. ADU?
 - d. Or some other equivalent examples?
6. There are some requirements on fenestration insulation. What do these mean and what do they cost?
7. Since the City appears to be requiring installation of all the front end features for total electric buildings, is it contemplating requiring conversion of existing structures to all electric at some future time, perhaps as a condition of clearing escrow at the point of sale? It would seem that this will be necessary to achieve major CO₂ reduction goals in a mature community which is largely built out, such as SLO City.
8. Is the overall public policy purpose designed to reduce the amount of metric tonnes of CO₂ generated over some accumulative time period? If so, what is the amount and the time period based on the City's various development estimates? A nice 20-year graph projection would be helpful here.

We will report back on these and other provisions as the meeting date approaches.



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