



REQUIRE COOLING TOWERS at DIABLO CANYON NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

WHEREAS, the California State Water Board is required by law to comply with federal Clean Water Act Section 316(b), which states that the location, design, construction and capacity of cooling water intake structures must reflect the best technology available to protect aquatic life, and on May 4, 2010, the Board adopted a policy regulating the use of seawater for cooling purposes at power plants in California entitled The Statewide Policy on the Use of Coastal and Estuarine Waters for Power Plant Cooling; and

WHEREAS, the policy establishes clear standards to implement the Clean Water Act in a consistent manner and thereby reduces the harmful effects associated with the cooling water intakes on life in the ocean and estuaries, and is applicable to all currently operating coastal utilities including Diablo Canyon which was granted a temporary exemption; and

WHEREAS, Diablo Canyon's antiquated, "once-through cooling" system's intake and effluent of 2.5 billion gallons of water a day from the Pacific Ocean amounts to 80% of the marine damage of all California coastal power plants combined; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party urges the California State Water Resources Control Board to issue a ruling requiring that cooling towers be built to replace the antiquated and environmentally damaging "once-through cooling" system at PG&E's Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant in order to meet the state's marine protection standards, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party calls upon the Governor, our other state government representatives, and our environmental protection agencies to urge and support such a ruling.

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