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San Onofre Nuke Dump Hearing Continued to Sept 8, 2017 (2pm)

Settlement Negotiations “Have Proceeded in Earnest”

SAN DIEGO (2017-07-06) -- Citizens' Oversight announced today that a stipulation has been filed on July 5 to continue the date for the next court hearing, originally scheduled for July 14, 2017, to Sept 8, 2017 at 2pm. The case is being heard by Judge Judith F. Hayes, San Diego Superior Court.

Ray Lutz, founder of Citizens' Oversight, said, “We are committed to getting the best possible outcome for the community in this very difficult situation. Leaving 3.6 million pounds of extremely toxic high-level nuclear waste only about 100 ft from the sea wall and inches over the predicted high-water mark, is a ridiculous plan. This location must be the worst possible place, putting the delicate ocean ecosystem and surfing mecca at risk. It is our goal to move this waste from the coast ASAP.”

Citizens' Oversight filed a lawsuit just after the California Coastal Commission granted a permit to build the new facility in October, 2015, the case being handled by the law firm Aguirre & Severson, LLP.

Citizens' Oversight has conducted a series of town-hall type meetings to educate the community on the issue and gather input and ideas for inclusion in the settlement process. Talks have been held in Oceanside, Vista, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Dana Point, and San Juan Capistrano. “We can't do this alone,” said Lutz. “I am encouraged by the outpouring of support and the settlement process so far, but I can't go into detail, unfortunately, because the evidence code requires that settlement negotiations are confidential.”

The stipulation is attached to this press release.

More information can be found at this web page: <http://copswiki.org/Common/StopNukeDump>

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