

**Citizens' Oversight Projects (COPs)**

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NEWS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Citizens Oversight to announce two major projects at Public Event on Sunday, 9/24, Oceanside**

### **Move the Waste to a Safer Place!!**

OCEANSIDE (2017-09-23) – Citizens' Oversight sued Southern California Edison and the California Coastal Commission, resulting in a settlement agreement to move the waste from San Onofre to a safer place. A public event will be held in Oceanside, at the Oceanside Pier Amphitheater, on Sunday, September 24, at 4pm (music) and 5pm (speeches, press conference, rally) where two new initiatives will be announced to provide oversight and chart a course for the future of the nuclear waste dilemma.

The CA Coastal Commission (CCC) approved a permit to build a nuclear waste storage facility (ISFSI) only 100 ft from the fragile ocean, inches over the high-water mark, and near a 7.4 mag fault. Citizens' Oversight filed a lawsuit and a comprehensive SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT was announced on Aug 28 that establishes a process to plan to MOVE THE WASTE to a safer place!

#### **YOU ARE INVITED!**

- > **WHEN: Sunday Sept. 24, 2017, 4pm to 6pm+**
- > **WHERE: Oceanside Pier Amphitheater**
- > **SPEAKERS (5pm) INCLUDES: Ray Lutz, Attorney Michael Aguirre, candidates & public officials**
- > **MUSIC (4pm): Tes Kempner & Friends: Musical Medicine for the Soul**
- > **Music may continue after the program ends at 6pm**

#### **Invited speakers include:**

- Darrell Issa, Congressman, District 49
- Rocky Chavez, California State Assembly from the 76th district
- Doug Applegate, Candidate for Congressional District 49
- Paul Kerr, Candidate for Congressional District 49
- Mike Levin, Candidate for Congressional District 49
- Pete Beauregard, Candidate for Congressional District 50
- Michelle Cassel Gomez, CA 76 State Assembly Candidate
- Elizabeth Warren, CA 76 State Assembly Candidate
- Dave Myers, Candidate for San Diego County Sheriff
- Also invited: Surfriider, San Clemente Green, No Nukes at Sano

**MUSIC (4pm & 6pm):** Tes Kempner & Friends: Musical Medicine for the Soul

- 4:05pm Tes Kempner <http://www.reverbnation.com/yes2tes>
- 4:10pm Gaby Aparicio <http://www.gabrielamusic.com>
- 4:35pm Kelly Zander of Mozaik
- 6:00pm Shane Hall <http://www.shanehallofficial.com>
- 6:30pm Prem <http://www.premmaurel.com>
- 7:00pm Possible 15-20 minute jam, participants inspired... w/Special Guest Raina Baina, backup percussion!

Ray Lutz, Founder of Citizens Oversight said, “We believe this settlement agreement starts a historic process, something no other plant in the United States has done -- to seriously work to develop a plan to move the waste to a safer place. We believe this is a win for everyone involved, especially the millions of people otherwise at risk in Southern California due to a possible nuclear waste accident.”

Citizens Oversight will be formally announcing two major initiatives at this event:

1. **SETTLEMENT OVERSIGHT PANEL** – Applications will be accepted from members of the public to serve on the Settlement Oversight Panel to continuously monitor the settlement, provide advice to make sure SCE does their part to try to move the waste, and engage with the public. This panel will be empowered to reach positions on issues on an advisory basis to Citizens Oversight and the public at large.

2. **1000-YEAR DRY STORAGE CHALLENGE** – It is now apparent that Yucca Mountain and the deep geologic repository approach to dealing with nuclear waste on a long-term basis has been a failure and it will not solve our near-term nuclear waste problem. Yet, we need a better place for waste from many shut-down nuclear plants around the country. Citizens’ Oversight will announce a new project, the “1000-year dry storage challenge.” This project will call for designs to safely store nuclear waste from shut-down nuclear reactors, most likely in monitored surface installations that are far superior to the (much more temporary) “Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installations (ISFSI)” currently in use around the country, with the goal that they could safely contain the nuclear waste for up to 1000 years. This project is distinct from the settlement, because it is focused on the longer-term future of waste storage, and will drive the national conversation on our nuclear waste future.

**OTHER HIGH POINTS:**

- > Information about the settlement and its roll out.
- > Public officials, Candidate introductions, short speeches
- > Social Networking and discussion of ideas for the future
- > Music Entertainment, dancing, etc.
- > Tabling/ booths for activist orgs, candidates, radio, etc.
- > Action postcard campaign to influence APS, the owner of Palo Verde Nuclear plant.

**CALL OUT TO**

- > Anti-nuclear Activists,
- > Shut San Onofre Activists
- > Surf community (Vets are sponsoring AM paddle out)
- > Beach Lovers, Water Protectors, Faith community
- > Native American Leaders, Union workers
- > Candidates and political leaders (we are nonpartisan!)
- > Anyone who wants to spend their time making a difference!

VISIT: <http://CitizensOversight.org>

RSVP: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1724797367815777>

More Info: Project: <http://copswiki.org/Common/StopNukeDump>  
Event: <http://copswiki.org/Common/M1788>

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

WHAT: San Onofre Settlement Event – MOVE THE WASTE TO A SAFER PLACE!

WHERE: Oceanside Pier Amphitheater, 92054

TIME: 4 pm, Sunday, 2017-09-24 (social networking) 5pm (formal event)

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