



**SUPERVISOR LISA BARTLETT, FIFTH DISTRICT**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now Coalition Gains Support of the County of Orange**

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ORANGE COUNTY, CA (April 27, 2021) – Earlier today, the Orange County Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a Resolution brought forth by Supervisor Lisa Bartlett authorizing the County of Orange’s participation in the *Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now* coalition.

*Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now* is a newly formed coalition, co-chaired by Orange County Supervisor Lisa Bartlett and San Diego Supervisor Jim Desmond, dedicated to advancing efforts to relocate the spent nuclear fuel from San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS).

“I am honored to serve as Co-Chair of *Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now*, and proud to have the support of my colleagues on the Orange County Board of Supervisors, as we take on the monumental task of demanding action by the federal government to fulfill their obligation and deliver a solution” said Supervisor Lisa Bartlett.

For more than two decades, the federal government failed to meet its legal and contractual obligations under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, to take possession of and dispose the spent fuel at SONGS. Nearly \$41 billion dollars has been paid into the Nuclear Waste Fund, managed by the U.S. Dept. of Energy, with almost \$1 billion coming from SONGS customers.

“It is completely unacceptable that 123 canisters of spent nuclear fuel are currently housed along our coastline with no federal solutions for offsite consolidated interim storage, or a permanent geological repository, anywhere in sight!” said Bartlett. She continued “I am committed to making every effort and turning every stone to bring about the federal action our residents deserve.”

Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now will work to unite local governments, utilities, environmental groups, labor leaders, Native American Leaders, business organizations, and community members to support the relocation of spent nuclear fuel to a federally licensed facility. The coalition will advocate for necessary federal legislation, funding, and administrative policies and programs that will be critical in advancing our goals of removing spent nuclear fuel from SONGS.

For additional information and to support the coalition, please visit <https://www.spentfuelsolutionsnow.com/>

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*Supervisor Lisa Bartlett represents the Fifth Supervisorial District which includes the cities of Aliso Viejo, Dana Point, Irvine (portion of), Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, as well as the unincorporated communities of Coto de Caza, Emerald Bay, Ladera Ranch, Las Flores, Rancho Mission Viejo, Stonecliffe and Wagon Wheel*