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ACT Now; Don't React Later - We need your help!

Attention is finally being given to removing nuclear waste from San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station by Orange, San Diego and Riverside County officials. You can be sure that the effort will continue long after the 2022 election by getting involved and signing up to create a coalition to focus on getting Congress to pay attention to us. Go to:

<https://www.spentfuelsolutionsnow.com/> and add your name to the growing list of supporters and sign up to get email updates.

To clarify, if I thought this situation was dangerous, I would not be living in Dana Point, where I have called home for the past 40 years. I also would not be living in anywhere in So Cal for that matter.

So, establishing that I firmly believe the current storage is safe, the fact remains that the waste materials cannot remain stored at San Onofre forever, if for no other reason than the current structures are scheduled to be removed by 2028, the land is leased from the Navy and they want it back, and the public in general, would like the Congress to live up the 1982 [1] promise to find permanent storage for the spent fuel nationwide. There are multiple sites across the nation that need a consolidated interim storage solution and eventually a permanent home for spent nuclear fuel.

Important information to get up to speed: The Orange County Realtors prepared a great presentation for members and are willing to share the video with you: <https://vimeo.com/536583959>

Why should San Onofre get attention before other states? Answer: because the plant is decommissioned and being torn down as we speak. See map of stored waste sites in the USA: <https://www.nrc.gov/images/reading-rm/doc-collections/maps/isfsi-facility-types.png>

A few concerns that require comprehensive action:

- Agreement upon a site for Interim Storage nationwide.
- The order of spent fuel to be shipped.

- Shipping accommodations, by who, how and where.

Cost to ratepayers and/or taxpayers.

[1] Note: Under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, the federal government was required by law and executed contracts with nuclear power providers to begin taking possession of and disposing spent nuclear fuel back in 1998.

Action not Reaction Needed to Save our Heritage - Join our Coalition no matter where you live

South Orange County is becoming one of the last vestiges for horses in suburban areas. Can you imagine communities such as San Juan Capistrano without them? Well, due to litigation against our stables, and costs of everything related to stable management rising, many of our stable owners are, or have thought of, throwing in the towel and selling land for development. This travesty is happening statewide, including property in San Diego near the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

So, get on board and help us find solutions that allow stable owners the opportunity to remain in business while allowing pet lovers of every age to learn about these docile, loving and majestic pets, enjoy the sport, entertainment, fellowship, ambiance, community identity and bonding that horses lovingly provide.

Litigation stems from Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations regulations: CAFO regulations were written due to the major environmental issues that are caused by the byproducts of dairies, feedlots and swine farms. The CAFO regulations were not written with horses in mind, and in particular stabled horses. Our animals are stabled, manure is disposed of in an environmentally sensitive and approved manner. However, they are legally considered livestock, and without an amendment and/or exemption from Congress horses remain under CAFO regulations.

So, in the meantime we need your help. Join the San Juan Capistrano Equestrian Coalition today, no matter where you live and help keep our Southern California lifestyle intact: <https://sanjuanequestrian.org/>

PPP - Not Taxable for “Some” Businesses

April 29, 2021 the Governor approved partial “tax conformity” with the IRS with regard to the Paycheck Protection Program as long as you used the funds for uses allowed under the PPP program and you fall within certain state guidelines:

[Assembly Bill 80](#), authored by Assemblywoman Autumn Burke (D-Marina del Rey), would specifically give businesses that have received at least a 25% reduction in gross receipts since 2019, are not publicly traded, and other criteria, will not be taxed by the State for PPP funds. “In addition to the state tax deductibility of 100% of allowable business expenses paid by using PPP loans, AB 80 will also include deductibility for all Emergency Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) forgivable loans due to the recently passed Consolidated Appropriations Act.” (California Globe 4-20-21).

While tax conformity with Federal law is somewhat ministerial, and advanced by FTB staff, and negotiated in the Legislature, it's always nice to note any bill that is unanimously supported in the Assembly and the Senate. You see, there is some things we all agree upon. For the full text of the bill see:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB80

Life is not a Dress Rehearsal

Now that we are all coming out of our COVID cocoon, people are happy to be outdoors as well as mingling again. Rumor has it that by June 15, we ought to be out of the woods entirely thanks to vaccines and natural immunity in our communities. So, I will be updating you on events in and around South OC, but in the meantime check your City and Chamber of Commerce website and enjoy!

About Diane

Diane Harkey served from 2015-19 as an elected Member of the State Board of Equalization from Southern California, from 2008-14 as a member of the California Assembly and from 2006-07 as the Mayor of Dana Point.

In each office, Diane capitalized on her private and public-sector experience. She promoted the rights and interests of Southern California taxpayers, employers and municipalities in dealing with state mandates and taxes. She always puts the people first.

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