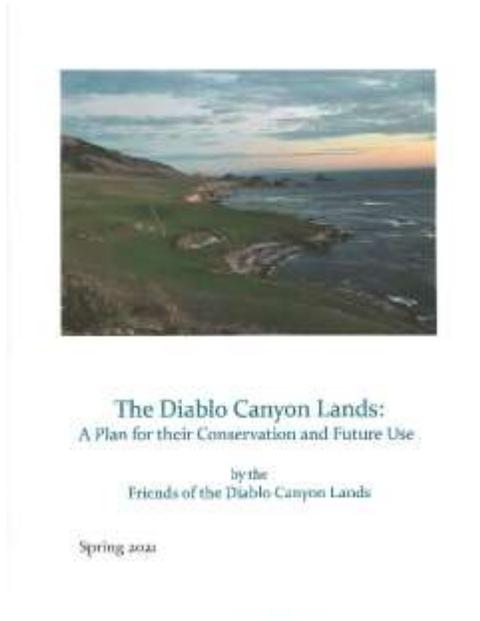


Saving Diablo



In January, the Public Utilities Commission issued its “Guidelines to Implement the CPUC Tribal Land Transfer Policy” to guide utilities when, say, they are in the process of closing down a nuclear power plant surrounded by 12,000 acres of utility-owned pristine coastal real estate.

The Draft Guidelines “apply to Investor-Owned Utilities seeking CPUC approval for the future disposition of all fee interest conveyances of real property...to Tribes by offering Tribes a contractual right of first offer.”

The document states:

“These guidelines do not address whether an Investor Owned Utility should place an easement on utility-owned land before disposing of that land. The Commission will consider whether an easement should be placed on any particular land on a case-by-case basis when the Utility asks for authority to dispose of the land.”

Conservation easements must be placed on the Diablo Canyon Lands prior to the transfer of those lands to any entity. To supply this missing piece from the transfer policy and guidelines, a conservation framework for the Diablo Canyon Lands has been submitted to PG&E by the Friends of the Diablo Canyon Lands, comprised of more than thirty representatives of environmental and conservation groups; equestrians, mountain bikers, and hiking groups; federal, state, and local entities/agencies; economic development proponents; and communities adjacent to the Diablo Canyon Lands.

The conservation plan was prepared in response to the utility’s request last year for public input regarding the future uses and management of the Diablo Canyon Lands as part of the 2021 Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding process with the California Public Utilities Commission. The NDCTP is prepared every three years by PG&E and submitted to the Public Utilities Commission for approval, serving as a blueprint for plant decommissioning and the future of the surrounding lands.

We are asking for conservation of the ecological, cultural, and scenic resources, with managed and sustainable public access, in a manner that honors the legacy of the Northern Chumash. This position is consistent with the Strategic Vision of the Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel, the 2000 DREAM Initiative, and the CPUC’s Tribal Land Transfer Policy.