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There’s no doubt that oil getting out of Oregon is bad news for the U.S. and 11 other Pacific Rim nations that would come before Congress this year — would be bad news for our air, climate, jobs, and communities. Here’s why:

**New rights for fossil fuel corporations to challenge climate protections.**

The TPP would undermine efforts to address climate disruption and keep fossil fuels in the ground by empowering multinational fossil fuel firms to use the investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) system to challenge environmental safeguards in private trade tribunals. Corporate lawyers, not states, make the decisions in these tribunals, which are not accountable to any domestic legal system.

The TPP’s extraordinary rights for multinational corporations virtually replicate those in past pacts that have enabled corporations to launch nearly 700 cases against more than 100 governments. These corporations have challenged, for example, a moratorium on fracking in Quebec, a court order to pay for oil pollution in Ecuador, and restrictions on a coal-fired power plant in Germany. TransCanada is now asking an unaccountable ISDS tribunal to order the U.S. government to pay $515 million for rejecting the Keystone XL oil sands pipeline.

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**The TPP would nearly double the number of multinational fracking corporations that could challenge new U.S. fracking restrictions in unaccountable ISDS tribunals.**

**The TPP would enable oil and gas corporations with limited amounts of worth of U.S. offshore oil, gas drilling restrictions.**

**Increased climate-disrupting emissions.**

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For rejecting the Keystone XL oil sands pipeline.

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**Rep. Capps: Please Say No to the TPP**

**Adelaide’s Significant Impact**

**Save Adelaide v. SLO County means hope for rural residents seeking protection from proliferating “event centers”**

Our effort to protect the rural agricultural nature of the Adelaide area began when the County approved an Event Center on Vineyard Drive involving the construction of three buildings and a permit to host 25 events of 200 people each year.

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No one objected to the local wine industry. How-

ever, everyone in atten-

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pressed concerns and love for that barn. But people also spoke of larger con-

cerns that this project and related projects were posing for Adelaide’s rural com-

munity, including the traffic, the limited water supply, noise, trash, and the destruction of wildlife, overburdening of Cal Fire, and drunk driv-

The Adelaide area was being scarred by some as a prime invest-

ment opportunity for major corporations to commercially-

fiscated corporations.

Along with that major effort, local residents felt County planners had ignored the area’s agricultural way of

of tariffs, or import taxes, on palm oil would encourage oil palm cultivation and more climate-disrupting deforestation.

Encouraging fossil fuel exports and fracking. Under the TPP, the U.S. Department of Energy would be required to auto-

matically approve all ex-

ports of liquefied natural gas (LNG) to all TPP countries.
Sierra Club General Meeting

In Deepest Borneo

7-9 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 21st

Randi Kraft, natural Cal Poly professor, regular as with slides and memories of the first-ever Sierra Club trip to Borneo in 2011. With her wife and a dozen other adventurers, Randi rode, hiked and hiked past jungle rivers and deep rainforests, seeing much wild life on the ground and overhead. In addition, her group connected with indigenous people studying the widespread encroachment of palm-oil plantations. Environmental news begins the meeting.

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Info: Sue Morgan, 549-4035.

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Holding workshops with the Alliance and other stakeholders leading up to the Diablo Canyon relicensing decision was crucial. We actually did it a year and a half before TMI, in 1999. Post-TMI, that would have been too late to make a difference. After all, that documentary experience showed us that if we had moved to Morro Bay in 1979 instead of waiting a decade to make one, it would have been possible to write poetry and produce video material directed at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), which was holding a public hearing in that same year. We thought, if we could do it for TMI, we might be able to do it for Diablo.

That’s why, when the Diablo license was renewed in 2001, we realized that the state agencies responsible for their continued operation were no longer a matter of the state legislature. It was now up to the state’s Energy Commission to determine the cost and reliability of electric generation—and this was at the heart of a significant Supreme Court decision from 1978, which put the state—specifically, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)—in the lead role on nuclear safety issues.

There were several groups working on Diablo, and I thought, well, maybe there would be a good place to train people in community—

Some funny things happened on the way to closing the nuclear power plant.

From the moment of its founding in 2001, the Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility has focused relentlessly on the gap between the goals of our movement and the economic case for shutting down Diablo's nuclear power plants. For over two years, David Weisman, the Alliance’s first executive director, had planned to step down from his last year in 2015 with the Alliance and return to civilian life by the end of June 2016. As fate would have it, his personal plans wound up coinciding with the Alliance’s receipt of an invitation to host a panel at a national conference that same month to negotiate the decision not to relicense the plant. The deal was announced ten days prior to the date of the scheduled departure. Life seldom provides much of that kind of timing to us, so I moved to La Jolla to look back over the last decade or so on one active career as we set that one piece of business in the past and welcomed our next leader.

Howcyanic is the near-simultaneous timing of your personal plans with an announcement that Diablo would not seek to relicense Diablo?

Well, as far as I can tell, it was the way the wind was blowing. And I don’t know that I would say I’m “retired” from this work. Unlike PG&E’s offer to its workers, there was no “tension bonus” or severance package to entice me to leave the Alliance. I will still make myself available to participate in the future whenever I’m able, probably in the years before I’ve finally stopped being on the road.

However, we had begun to see the writing on the wall even for the ultimate non-nuclear reactor, Diablo for the last three years—now almost over the last year. We ever have the chance to prepare for this all on a footing page of the Alliance.

A spot for us in the role of the SLO New Times in December 1994 was hardly a forecaster, yet I can now say in retrospect that this was a very significant moment in the Alliance’s history. Our 50-state conference called to shut down Diablo in the wake of their failed steam generator replacement project. As John once noted, “When bringing down a big bloop to ease the stress at slow’s end.” By 2015, CEO Edpy’s statements that were much less future were becoming even more dire.

Farthermore, we had been using the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) report from 2015 which noted the continued operation of Diablo was a “marginal back-up power from Diablo would be im-

paded to building a grid more reliant on intermittent energy sources. Greater flexibility was the goal, and the industry was ramp up or down quickly to re-

Now, as the Alliance’s Executive Director, I have been looking for the decision not to relicense Diablo is a major victory for.

We need to continue our work on closing the wind and solar power, and become our friend!

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Phillips 66 attempts to shape the words they want into the Planning Commission’s mouth

At the end of its May 16 meeting, the proposed Phillips 66 rail terminal in Nipomo, the County Planning Commission’s only staff planter is to gather more information on the project from Phillips and draft tentative findings of approval and a “Statement of Overcoming Considerations” for the commission’s consideration to consider at its September meeting. While the request from the company is “neutral,” one does not normally request conditions of approval for a project unless it has been virulently attempted to approve the project, which the commission did not do – the request is usually made by the company right on the “攒”

A Statement of Overcoming Considerations is the key to approval of a problematic project, one that would project that would impose significant, unavoidable environmental impacts – impacts that cannot be reduced to a level of insignificance no matter how many mitigation measures are tacked onto the permit – cannot be reduced to a level that the project’s benefits outstrip its impacts.

On August 15, Phillips 66 attorneys aggressively served the County their own Statement of Overcoming Considerations. It was calmly muted, pared-down, the Planning Commission to facilitate the ease with which it can be deepened into the Sept. 22 staff report. Unsurprisingly, the document, the commission of all the arguments Phillips has been making on behalf of its project since hearings began in February – arguments that the County Planning staff, the County’s environmental consultant, and the Environmental Improvement Plan that Phillips has now declared itself the winner of the environmental consultation process within and without – reflects the ease with which it can be deepened into the Sept. 22 staff report.
### County stays on track for permanent oak woodlands protection

On August 16, the Board of Supervisors voted to extend the project’s terms and agreements with several environmental organizations necessitated by the June clear-cut of some 8,000 oaks to the property of Justin Vineyards and Winery. At that time, after being purchased by Beverly Hills billionaires Stuart and Lynda Resnick, Justin was purchased by Beverly Hills billionaires Stuart and Lynda Resnick, a major tax break under the Williamson Act.

But the project is not without its challenges. The project initially included a mitigation plan for 250 events of 200 people each; enlargement of this meeting area, demolition of the Barn, and construction of a metal and glass “bam-like structure.” Additionally, county planning officials had insisted that the approved soil disturbance fee be for a “mony,” even though Justin did not produce wine or grow grapes. This enabled the applicants to qualify for the additional County wine events and privileges, including production of 5,000 cases of wine and waiver modifications of design standards and setbacks. On the objections to the project, the approval was without modifications on January 25, 2015. We filed an appeal, accompanied by the mandatory $400 fee. This appeal failed for the same reason that there had been previous appeals on similar matters.

Due to the non-compliant approach, the consultant advised the County to properly and efficiently Planning and Environmental Services to proceed with the appeal.

At that time, we thought the only thing left to do was the correction of deficiencies and appeals to the County. However, the second hearing seemed merely for the presiding Hearing Officer, even though we maintained substantial evidence of potential impacts of the project.

Nevertheless, the project was approved with five fewer events and a provision, earlier time for noise abatement.

In our appeal, this time joined by a second, the project was approved is action is required!

### New legislation drafted

This legislation offered provisions, including the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

### Designation of Trade-Related Agreements

The trade negotiating and implementation process for the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) was concluded on November 4, 2015, with the formal filing of the text of the agreement. The TPP, which began as a bilateral agreement between Chile and New Zealand in 2003, was concluded after 12 years of negotiations.

### Key Features

1. **Trade Liberalization:**
   - Reduced barriers to trade in goods and services.
   - Increased market access for investors.

2. **Intellectual Property Rights:**
   - Strengthened protections for patents, trademarks, and copyrights.

3. **Environmental and Social Standards:**
   - Requires signatories to implement and enforce high environmental and social standards.

4. **Investor-State Dispute Settlement:**
   - Allows investors to sue governments for changes in regulations that affect their investments.

### Impact

The TPP is expected to have significant impacts on the global economy, particularly in terms of trade liberalization and investment.

### Further Reading


### Conclusion

The TPP represents a significant shift in the global trading system, with implications for trade, investment, and international relations. The agreement is currently being debated in various countries, with concerns over its potential impacts on labor rights, environmental standards, and national sovereignty.

### Additional Resources

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For more information on the Sanctuary campaign, see chumashsanctuary.com.

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In gratitude (CHNMS panelists R. Webb, Andrew Christie and Fred Collins took a cue from Carol Georgi as she accepts the Bill Denneen award.)

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CONVENE - COLLABORATE - ACT
The 3-day Deep Ecology Collaboration takes place October 21-23, 2016 at the Warner M. Obama Conference and Retreat Center, which is on a beautiful 120-acre nature reserve in the heart of San Luis Obispo County. Participants will address the biodiversity crisis, evapotranspiration, and globalization through the lens of Deep Ecology principles.

Topic Leaders Include:
- Robert Griffin - professor of Indigeneous Victoria BC, Canada environment psychologist researcher
- Matt Wilk - cultural editor, and protest oftotally of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA
- Derek James - author of Deep Green Resistance Strategy to Save the Planet
- Angelica Wilk - author of Evil, a novel, and a podcast of mental health to Ecology
- Dave Lowen - activist, author, co-founder of Earth First and the Wildlands Project
- Ellen Col - educator, author of images of animals, and editor of Silk in Tunnel

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Next issue deadline is September 16. To get a rate sheet or submit your ad and payment, contact: Sierra Club, P.O. Box 15755, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406 or sierracalib@gmail.com
All our hikes and activities are open to all Club members and the general public. Please bring drinking water to all outings and any suggestions for hikes or outdoor activities, questions about the Chapter’s outing policies, or would like to be an outings leader, call Outings Chair Joe Morris, 549-6335. For information on a specific outing, please call the outing leader.

Sun., Sept. 18th, 2-3 p.m.
Historic Walk of Olompali State Park.
Guided stroll past Victoria’s ferns, salal, Oregon grape, and violets in Cambria’s East Village to see the ruins of early pioneer. Meet in front of Olompali’s Home, 147th St. Main St.: Leader: Joe Morris, 549-6335.
Fri, Sept. 23rd, 20th-24th.
National Public Lands in Black Rock Desert.
Join us in this beautiful, remote desert area about 100 miles north of Reno for a week project one day and play nuhuh. For further information, call David Brook, 775-843- 6443. Great Basin Group Chapter Desert Committee.
Sat., Sept. 24th, 8:30 a.m.
East Coast: Morro Bay/Ridge/ Lopez Canyon Trail.
Walk M. Long Rd. (Dust Ridge) 4.6 miles from gate near post 3, the full trail where all morros can be examined. Carpool, day trail, fur- ther if group desires, then hike down to an all-day hike or you have op- tions to return early on an all-out-and-back trail. Bring water, lunch, and sturdy hiking shoes. Meet at Santa Rosa Park to carpool to top of grade, or they need seven county bus can meet us at 8:45 a.m. What weather ex- pected, hike will be post- poned for another date. Leader: Carlos Osu- Zavala, 546-3177.

Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park
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