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"Emergency at San Onofre" Kicks Off the Earth Summit Series on 5 Aug 2019

Monthly events at the San Diego Balboa Park Club will focus on sustainable living issues

MEDIA ADVISORY

What: Presentation by Ray Lutz, "Emergency at San Onofre, from Closure to Waste Problem"

When: Monday, August 5, 2019, 6:30 (Gather and Social networking, snacks) 7pm (presentation)

Where: San Diego Balboa Park Club, 2144 Pan American Rd W, San Diego, CA 92101
(Just off President's Way)

Seating is limited, so please arrive early. Donations are accepted (tax deductible).

RSVP: <https://www.facebook.com/events/642674209505541/>

San Diego (July 30, 2019) -- Citizens' Oversight announced the "Earth Summit Series," to be held on the first Monday of each month¹ at the San Diego Balboa Park Club, with a focus on sustainable living. The kick-off event will feature Ray Lutz, engineer and executive director of Citizens Oversight, on the emergency shutdown at the San Onofre nuclear plant and the aftermath, including dealing with the nuclear spent fuel and other radioactive waste.

Lutz has a unique perspective by being on the front lines at the California Public Utilities Commission and Nuclear Regulator Commission during the transition, with Citizens Oversight being the only local organization that intervened in both agencies and was an active plaintiff in two key lawsuits.

Attendees will hear about the options for dealing with the nuclear waste at San Onofre, including what seems to be the only viable proposal: move the waste about five miles inland and store it within the safe boundary of the military base in containers rated for 1,000 years rather than 40, or using "deep borehole" technology to deposit smaller canisters deep underground without moving them from the site. For more information on the "Pendleton" proposal, visit <http://copswiki.org/Common/M1908>

Future meetings will be largely focused on environmental issues and sustainable living, including topics in each of the "four elements" areas of Earth, Wind, Fire, and Water, as shown in the event logo:

Earth: includes Food, Soil, Seeds, Housing, GMO Crops, Composting, Carbon sequestration, Sustainable

¹ Except for September when the event is on Sept 9 due to Labor Day conflict on the first Monday.

business, local economy, economic justice.

Wind: Air pollution, climate change, air pollution from Mexico

Fire: Transition to Renewable Energy, Dealing with Nuclear waste, Transportation

Water: Water management, gray-water systems, rain-water capture, water pollution, ocean health. Tijuana River situation

and finally **Health:** the major health morbidity effects of climate change.

Upcoming events will include Cory Petterson speaking on his experience as an ecologist, Dr. Jeffry Gordon, speaking on the major health morbidity effects of climate change, Dr. Tom English speaking on saving the Earth, EPA and other representatives speaking on the Tijuana River and waste situation. The planning committee will be striving to make the topics as timely as possible and consider proposals, such as the Green New Deal and their implications. Attendees will be encouraged to take direct, grass-roots action to make a difference.

Volunteers are needed to help us make these events a big success.

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