

**CANYON DEMOCRATS CLUB GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**  
Murray Center

January 18, 2022.

- A. **CALL TO ORDER**
- B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- C. **ANNOUNCE QUORUM**
- D. **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**
- E. Note items marked with  will be approved when the agenda is adopted unless a member requests that the consent item is pulled for consideration later in the meeting.
- F. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS**
  - i.  **AGENDA**
  - ii.  **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MONTH**
  - iii.  **Recommended actions from the Executive Board**
    - Resolution against Poseidon’s Huntington Beach facility
    - Support for Katrina Foley for OCBS #5
  - iv.  **MOTION TO ADJOURN**
  - v.  **TREASURER’S REPORT (Ken Johnson, [treasurer@canyondems.org](mailto:treasurer@canyondems.org))**

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***SPEAKER* Jason Mills, ARDA Campaigns**

- G. **Membership discussion time**
- H. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Executive Board made up of the officers and committee chairs meets on Feb. 1st, 7:00pm.

**THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLUB IS **TUES. FEB. 15th****

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## **Resolution to Stop Wasteful, Polluting Desalination Plant in Huntington Beach**

**WHEREAS** ocean desalination is the most expensive and energy intensive source of water in the world, with a cost of nearly four times that of imported water; Poseidon, a private corporation with a pattern of requesting public money for its profit-driven desalination schemes, aims to build a new plant at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars, fueled by natural gas, on the Orange County coast in Huntington Beach; and

**WHEREAS** Orange County taxpayers and rate payers would be faced with increased costs from a new Poseidon plant for many years, a reality now besetting San Diego County where a single Poseidon plant at Carlsbad has raised residents' bills and worsened utility debt for thousands of Californians, while the plant has failed to meet water production goals; and

**WHEREAS** a Poseidon plant would inflict damage to the environments by consuming a natural gas equivalent of 35,000 homes every day and pumping seawater and ocean creatures through its offshore intake system and then spewing out a concentrated, hyper-briny by-product that kills fish and other marine wildlife; and

**WHEREAS** the harm this plant will cause undermines California's Marine Life Management Act, The Marine Life Protection Act, and the California Ocean Protection Act; and

**WHEREAS** the energy demands from and consequences to the ecosystem from desalination drove the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) to the conclusion that desalination is a "maladaptation," defined as a strategy aimed at averting climate destruction that in reality aggravates the crisis; and

**WHEREAS** the costs to taxpayers and ratepayers from the Poseidon scheme threatens the human right to clean, safe, and affordable drinking water, which was achieved in 2012 through AB 685, and SB 200 which was enacted in 2019.

**WHEREAS** the oil spill off Huntington Beach in early October 2021 highlights the vulnerability of Poseidon's operation to a recurring environmental hazard that would force it's shut down just as red tides of Algae compelled the Carlsbad plant to cease processing in 2020. These factors cast further doubt on the reliability and sustainability of such a plant.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Canyon Democrats of South Orange County declare that any new Poseidon plant is an environmental and social injustice and strongly oppose any such installation on the California Coast, including but not limited to Huntington Beach; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** we shall protect the California Coast; prioritize less costly, less polluting sources for water, as well as better conservation methods, and oppose any permits for any desalination plant; and we shall communicate this opposition to elected officials, Democratic entities, and civic organization allies to prevent the injustice of such a plant from materializing.