



City of Hermosa Beach

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April 13, 2022

The Honorable Assemblymember Luz M. Rivas, Chair
California State Assembly Committee on Natural Resources
1020 N Street, Room 164
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: AB 2140 (Muratsuchi, AI) Once-Through Cooling Policy: Powerplants. Notice of SUPPORT (As introduced on 2/15/2022)

Dear Chair Rivas:

On behalf of the City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach, this letter confirms our support of Assembly Bill 2140 (Muratsuchi). The City of Hermosa Beach has worked for many years to expedite the end of operations at the AES Redondo Beach power plant located at 1100 North Harbor Drive in Redondo Beach. AB2140 proposes a pathway to eliminate any more extensions of operations at the plant, which may allow its closure and the eventual transformation of the site to a more beneficial use that will benefit the community, both locally and regionally.

The cities of Redondo Beach and Hermosa Beach have worked diligently for many years to ensure the AES Plant cease its operations and help transition the site to a more beneficial use. Redondo Beach spearheaded these efforts and the City of Hermosa Beach worked closely with Redondo toward the same goals. The site is located directly across the street from Hermosa Beach's southern border and has been a grave concern in our community for its deleterious effect on our environmental health and quality of life. The plant and its acres of radiating power transmission lines have been highly visible sources of noise, visual and air pollutions for not only our cities but the region as a whole.

The tireless efforts of the City of Redondo Beach have been vital in finally bringing the imminent closure of this locus of blight. Currently, the facility is scheduled to close at the end of 2023 and a private party has purchased the property with the aim of redevelopment. The City of Redondo Beach was additionally awarded a State grant of nearly \$5 million to purchase portions of the land to become open park space and established an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District to benefit the site's future development.

AB2140 is thus another important step in this long-term path towards a future that is free of fossil fuels and potential oil spills on our beaches. Please accept our support of this important legislation and feel free to contact our City Manager, Suja Lowenthal, with any questions at suja@hermosabeach.gov.

Sincerely,

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Mayor of Hermosa Beach

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