



## CONSENT-BASED SITING PUBLIC MEETING

Sacramento, California  
April 26, 2016

### Speakers and Panelists

#### Professor of Sociology James David Ballard



Dr. James David Ballard is a Professor of Sociology at California State University in Northridge (CSUN), California.

He is the author of over 100 articles, book chapters and various governmental documents primarily focused on transportation-related terrorism attacks, radiological terrorism and attacks against nuclear waste shipments/storage facilities.

Dr. Ballard received the Outstanding Faculty of the Year award at CSUN in May of 2012, the Outstanding Faculty award and CSUN Center on Disabilities Recognition award in May of 2009, and he was nominated for Grand Valley State University Teacher of the Year award in 2002.

Dr. Ballard received his doctorate from the University of Nevada Las Vegas. His concentrations included political sociology, criminology and deviance. He received his Masters of Arts in General Studies: Economics and Political Science and a Bachelors in Science in Sociology from Jacksonville State University.

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#### Executive Director of Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility Rochelle Becker



Rochelle Becker has been active on nuclear safety issues in California for 35 years. She co-founded the Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility in 2005 to focus on her experience working with elected representatives and oversight agencies – both state and federal. Rochelle has testified before the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, California Energy Commission, Regional Water Quality Control Board, as well as the state legislature and Congress. She is

currently intervening on license renewal issues at the CPUC and sits on the state's review committee analyzing water-related impacts from aging reactors.

Rochelle was instrumental in gaining the support of California's Attorney General (AG) and the County of San Luis Obispo for federal appeals and continues work with the county and AG's office.

Rochelle met with NRC Chairman Gregory Jaczko in March of 2010 to request the agency stay PG&E's request for a license renewal and work in collaboration with California's oversight agencies to investigate new seismic information. While in our nation's capitol she also met with then Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy Peter Lyons to discuss the risks of storing thousands of tons of highly radioactive waste on California's fragile coast.

Rochelle has also worked with organizations on safety issues at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS). Since Fukushima, she has done dozens of interviews and the media is following the Alliance's focus on state jurisdictional concerns. The Alliance is closely monitoring Southern California Edison's efforts to push towards license renewal at SONGS.

Rochelle has been quoted in articles and published Op Ed's in local, state and nationwide newspapers. She is often interviewed radio and television network and outlets including NBC, CBS, ABC, NPR's California Report, KPFA, KPFK, NOW, Newsweek and the New York Times.

Rochelle has won several environmental awards over the years. Rochelle's non-environmental community activism includes: founding the birthday program for homeless children at the Santa Barbara County's after school program in Santa Maria; working on Child Abuse issues in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo County; president of the Camp Fire Board, and Executive Director of the March of Dimes in Santa Maria.

Rochelle graduated from the University of San Francisco. She lives with her husband of 49 years in Grover Beach, and also in San Diego.

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#### **Nez Perce Tribal Member Gabriel Bohnee**



Gabriel Bohnee is a Nez Perce tribal member and an environmental specialist at the Nez Perce Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Office. Bohnee became involved with the effort to clean up the Hanford site after learning about the site as an intern in 1993. Bohnee discusses his tribe's connection with the land surrounding the Hanford site and the importance of the Columbia River and its resources for the Native Americans indigenous to the area.

Bohnee also explains the importance of cleaning up the Hanford area so that future generations of Nez Perce can use the land and resources like they had in the past.

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#### Acting Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy John Kotek



John Kotek currently serves as Acting Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The Office is responsible for conducting research on current and future nuclear energy systems, maintaining the government's nuclear energy research infrastructure, establishing a path forward for the nation's spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive nuclear waste management program, and a host of other national priorities.

Prior to his appointment as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, John was the Managing Partner of the Boise office of Gallatin Public Affairs, a public affairs and strategic communications consulting company. John advised energy, natural resources and other clients facing complex communication and government relations challenges.

From 2010-2012, John served as Staff Director to the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future, which recommended a new strategy for managing nuclear waste in the United States. John led the development of the Commission's final report to the Secretary of Energy, engaged in regular communications with Congressional and White House staff, and served as media spokesperson.

From 2003-2006, John was Deputy Manager of DOE's Idaho Operations Office. In that role he was responsible for development and management of the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) contract and interface with the INL cleanup effort. Before joining DOE in July 2003, John worked for Argonne National Laboratory as the Generation IV and Nuclear-Hydrogen Programs Manager. He directed Argonne's participation in the Generation IV technology roadmapping project, an international effort focused on evaluating and developing the next-generation of nuclear energy systems. In 2002, John was the American Nuclear Society's Glenn T. Seaborg Congressional Fellow. John served in the Office of Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

John started his career with DOE's Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology. He held several positions during his nine years with DOE-NE, including Associate Director for Technology, Associate Director for Management and Administration, and Chief of Staff.

John holds a Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Illinois and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Maryland.

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#### Executive Director of the Nicholas Endowment

#### Daniel T. Stetson



Dan became the Executive Director of the Nicholas Endowment in January, after having served on the board for eight years. Established in 2002, the Endowment was created through the generosity of Dr. Henry T. Nicholas III and Stacey Nicholas. Dr. Nicholas was one of the founders of Broadcom. As a private foundation, The Nicholas Endowment is dedicated to providing support to charitable organizations that exemplify its mission and vision.

Currently, Dan is also serving as Secretary of the Community Engagement Panel for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. This volunteer panel was convened by Southern California Edison to serve as a conduit for public information and to encourage community involvement and communication during the decommissioning process.

Last year Dan retired from the Ocean Institute where he served as President and CEO since 2005, after having joined the Institute in 1992 as Director of Maritime Affairs. The Ocean Institute is a national award winning educational non-profit located in Dana Point, California that provides inspiring marine science and maritime history immersion programs for over 100,000 K-12 students annually.

Immediately prior to his 23 year tenure at the Ocean Institute, Dan consulted for the law firm of Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro in Los Angeles representing a foreign shipping company involved in an oil spill incident. Dan managed the compensation process for over 2,000 claimants from the largest oil spill in the harbor's history. While the spill was originally attributed to his client's cargo ship, Dan's efforts led to the discovery of evidence that the majority of the spill was actually from a previously unidentified ship. Dan testified as an expert witness in the criminal court proceedings. 100% of his client's multimillion dollar cleanup and claims expenses were recovered.

Dan has a BA from UC Santa Barbara and an MBA from California State University, Fullerton. He is a veteran of the US Coast Guard. In 2008, as part of CSUF's 50th Anniversary Celebration, Dan was honored as one of the "62 Alumni at The Top" for his accomplishments and impact on the community. Together with Roxanne, his wife of 30 years, Dan is an avid diver, sailor and tennis player.

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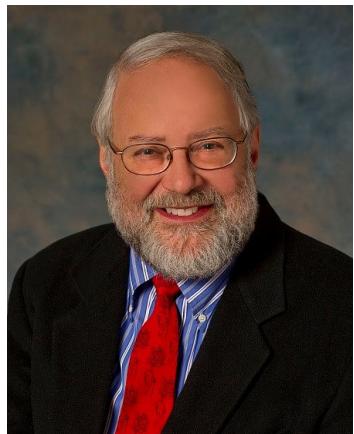


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#### Chair to the California Energy Commission

#### Robert Weisenmiller



Chair Robert Weisenmiller was appointed as member and Chair to the California Energy Commission in January 2011 by Governor Jerry Brown and re-appointed in January 2015.

He fills the Engineer/Scientist position on the five-member Commission. Commissioner Weisenmiller brings more than 30 years energy experience to the Commission including expertise in electricity and gas markets and California regulatory policies. Chair Weisenmiller has served as an expert witness in more than 100 state and federal regulatory commission proceedings and has authored numerous publications on electricity and natural gas markets.

Before his appointment, Chair Weisenmiller, a co-founder of MRW & Associates, used his expertise to assist businesses, financial institution, regulatory commissions, and public agencies in strategic planning, policy development, analyzing energy markets and regulations, rate design and implications of utility mergers.

Chair Weisenmiller's career also included a previous period of public service with the Energy Commission as Advisor to Commissioner, Manager of the Special Projects Office, and Director of the Office of Policy and Program Evaluation in the period between 1977 and 1982. Chair Weisenmiller holds a Doctorate in Chemistry and a Masters in Energy and Resources from University of California Berkeley and received his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Providence College.

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