

RESOLUTION NO. 8396

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CLOSING
THE SOUTH BAY POWER PLANT
AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE**

WHEREAS, since 1960, the South Bay Power Plant ("the Plant") has operated as a steam electric power generating facility located at the far southeast shore of San Diego Bay, surrounded by sensitive mudflat. The Plant has provided energy to the San Diego region since that time; and

WHEREAS, the Plant uses a once-through wet-cooling system that draws cooling water from San Diego Bay, and the heated cooling water is discharged back into the Bay, which can endanger fish and other marine life; and

WHEREAS, the Plant is permitted to release chemicals in the discharged water, including copper, nickel, zinc, chromium and chlorine, and the high temperatures can intensify the effects of chemical pollution on marine life; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, the San Diego Unified Port District purchased the Plant with the intention of decommissioning and dismantling the aging facility and ultimately clearing the land for public use; and

WHEREAS, two of the four units have been shut down by the California Independent Systems Operator. The remaining two will operate through 2010 and will continue to be in use until such time as replacement capacity within the SDG&E service area is available; and


WHEREAS, the cities of San Diego and Chula Vista have requested that the City of Coronado join in the effort to decommission and dismantle the Plant to provide that for in the future, there can more appropriate uses for its bay front location.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Coronado supports the closing of the South Bay Power Plant as expeditiously as possible as soon as it is no longer required to maintain the power grid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council instructs staff to send copies of this resolution to the Cities of Chula Vista and San Diego, the San Diego Unified Port District, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the California Independent Systems Operator.

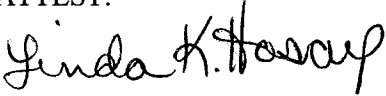
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of January 2010, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: DENNY, DOWNEY, OVROM, WOIWODE AND TANAKA
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE



Casey Tanaka, Mayor
City of Coronado, California

ATTEST:



Linda K. Hascup, City Clerk