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Abstract: Records collected and created by the Coastal Alliance on Plant Expansion (CAPE) from 1986 to 2018 relating to the expansion of the Morro Bay power plant.
Language of Material: English
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Biography/Administrative History
The Coastal Alliance on Plant Expansion formed in 1999 as residents of San Luis Obispo County became increasingly concerned by the Morro Bay power plant expansion intended by Duke Energy Corporation who purchased the plant from PG&E in 1998. The original plant has been active since 1953. The Alliance focused on understanding the true past, present, and future impacts of the plant on the environment, property values, and health of the community and area. Other specific aspects for concern regarding the plant were the increase in large particulate matter which is extremely hazardous to health, the effect on protected marine life, and the plant as aesthetic eyesore blocking the scenic view of Morro Rock and a large portion of the ocean view. Dynegy Inc. acquired the plant in 2007 and closed the plant in 2014. In 2018 Dynegy Inc. was being considered for purchase by Vistra Energy which would leave control of the plant and property in their hands. Removal of the underwater oil pipes that run offshore and provided fuel to the plant before the switch to natural gas was proposed in 2018 as part of the decommission.
Scope and Content of Collection
Organizational records relating to the operational and advocacy activities of the Coastal Alliance on Plant Expansion (CAPE). Records relate primarily to the activism protesting the expansion of the Morro Bay power plant and related corporations involved with the plant, and environmental protection and community impacts related to the plant. Includes documentation maintained by supporters regarding matters influencing or affecting the Morro Bay Power Plant, such as local elections and political activities, which was outside the scope of CAPE. Also includes a record of the CAPE website which was closed circa 2016. Records collected and created by CAPE between 1986 and 2018. The CAPE website, http://www.morrobaypowerplant.org/, has been preserved and is included in this collection. The website content is available at: https://wayback.archive-it.org/6816/20160127233658/http://www.morrobaypowerplant.org/ The collection is unprocessed. Please contact Cal Poly Special Collections and Archives for further information.
Indexing Terms
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Nuclear power stations
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PG&E
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