

Update on the Status of the CPUC Proceeding on the Closure of Aliso Canyon

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Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council Meeting
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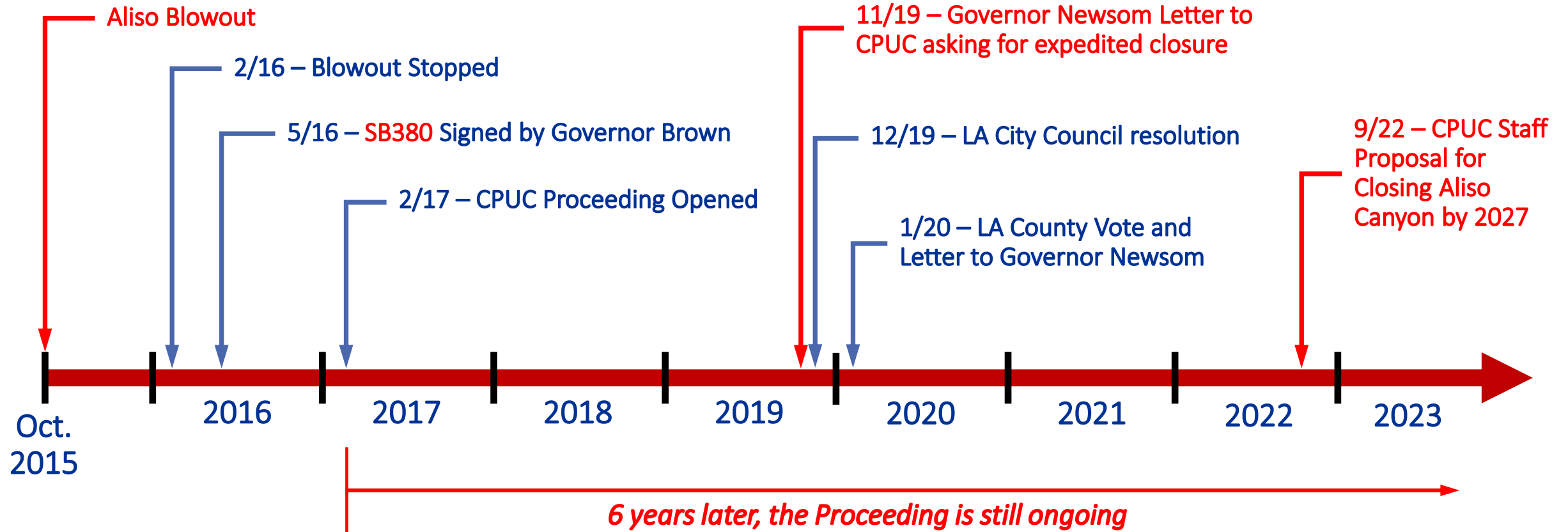
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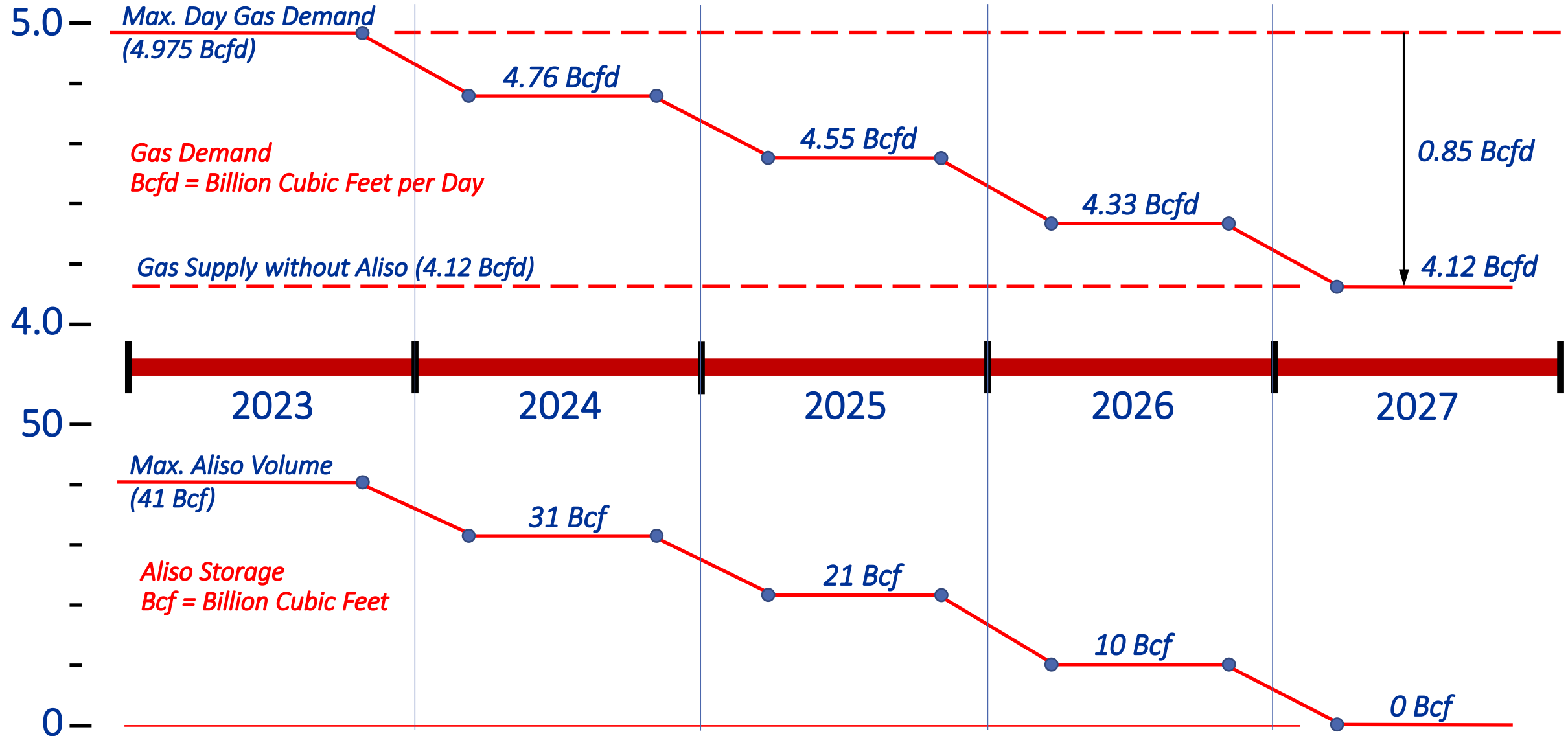
Timeline



CPUC Proceeding I.17-02-002

- ❖ CPUC's "Investigation" proceedings are very tedious, and similar to a court proceeding
- ❖ Each proceeding is assigned an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) and one of the five PUC Commissioners
- ❖ An individual stakeholder entity may join a proceeding as a "Party" to the proceeding
- ❖ I applied to become a Party in this proceeding as a Resident of Porter Ranch
- ❖ There are 40 other parties in this proceeding, but only a handful are active right now
- ❖ Most active parties are the ones who want to keep profiting from Aliso, and they apply a lot of pressure on the PUC to keep Aliso open
- ❖ A lot has happened in the Proceeding, and I have participated in numerous in-person and virtual meetings, and submitted many comments on proposed actions, decisions, and reports (along with many other Parties).
- ❖ But the latest **Staff Proposal** is a game-changer because it finally drew a roadmap for how to close Aliso by 2027 and the Assigned Commissioner put it out for comments

The (Proposed) Roadmap for Closing Aliso by 2027



What Now?

- ❖ Opening Testimonies on the Staff Proposal were submitted on December 12, 2022
- ❖ 12 Parties (including me) submitted Opening Testimonies.
- ❖ Rebuttal Testimonies are due next week (January 18, 2023), & I am working on mine.
- ❖ Sur-rebuttal Testimonies are then due February 8, 2023
- ❖ Not sure what the process will entail after that
- ❖ Ultimately, the Closure Plan will need to be Approved by a Vote of the Commission

Will they really close Aliso?

- ❖ We have to remain hopeful
- ❖ This is a train on a long journey through treacherous terrain
- ❖ Many powerful (and very resourceful) entities don't want it to reach its destination
- ❖ They will do what they can to derail it, and they have a good chance of succeeding
- ❖ But that's no reason to give up

What can the PRNC and Community Do?

- ❖ Need to keep making good noise
- ❖ The City has been quiet in the proceeding... wake it up!
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- ❖ Send letters to the PUC
- ❖ Send letters to the Governor's office
- ❖ Submit comments on the PUC proceeding website
- ❖ Give public comment at every PUC voting meeting

“In the confrontation between the stream and the rock, the stream always wins; not through strength, but through perseverance”

~ Anonymous

Thank You!

Questions?

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