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California Beach Moisture and the Dripping Faucet of the Canyon

Submitted for consideration by The Herald.

The Institute recently completed a broad survey of beach-sediment moisture along the California coast. The original purpose was ordinary: characterize grain size, retention, salinity, and biological content across beaches subjected to different wave climates and coastal development. Most sites behaved as expected.

A small group of central-coast samples did not. In the broader Diablo Canyon area, sediments retained moisture longer than predicted from grain size and ambient conditions alone. The effect was not confined to a single beach, outfall, drainage, or apparent point source. Minor chemical and biological differences were also present, but none alone explains the retention pattern.

Diablo Canyon is an operating nuclear power station, which makes it an obvious object of suspicion and therefore a poor place to begin reasoning. We have found no evidence that plant operations are the cause. The anomaly does not map cleanly onto the facility, its discharge structures, or prevailing littoral transport in a way that would justify that conclusion.

The Church record contains a line that has acquired new relevance: 'The dripping faucet of the Canyon provides nectar to the Veiled.' Until recently, I considered the phrase metaphorical and not especially useful. I am less certain now. The wording does not say the Canyon poisons, illuminates, or opens anything. It says it provides nectar - a small, repeated environmental contribution capable of sustaining something already present.

Our working interpretation is correspondingly modest. Some local condition may be affecting how water interacts with mineral surfaces, microorganisms, or both. If the effect is related to the Veil, it may be less dramatic than a rupture and more persistent than one: a place where an ordinary environmental process is slightly favored, repeated, and biologically available.

Additional drainage, shoreline, and sediment work is underway. No excavation or plant access is proposed. The important question is whether the moisture anomaly follows geography, hydrology, geology, or something that merely uses those systems as a convenient place to remain.

Respectfully,
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