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**From:** charlene\_little1@cox.net  
**Sent:** Friday, June 21, 2013 3:00 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Continuance of Gas Project Hearing

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I am hereby requesting a continuance of the public hearing for the SoCal Gas Company La Goleta Storage Field Enhancement project for the following reasons:

1. The most contentious issues of this project are the drilling and creation of four new wells. There was no mention in the public notice describing this hearing on June 25, 2013, of the drilling and new wells to be created. "Exploration" could be a limited exercise which would not cause public concern. This notice was only published in the Santa Barbara News Press, ignoring the huge readership of concerned citizens who read the Independent. People who would like to have been better informed were left out of this consideration.
2. The phrase "without the use of hydraulic fracturing" is repeated three times in the short document. Knowing that this phrase is like a buzzword for concerned citizens to be wary of the project, and to ignore the scope of the drilling and increased capacity for natural gas storage is obscuring the dimensions of the project. There are many factors associated with other types of drilling that should be made clear to the public, such as the amount and depth of the drilling, hazardous materials, human errors and failure of equipment. At more than 4,000 feet below the surface, accurate predictions cannot be made of what disturbances will be caused by the drilling and repeated removal and replacement of the highly volatile natural gas.
3. Since the scarcity of water is a critical issue for the residents of the surrounding area, the question of using 120 million gallons of water for the drilling of the four wells, and subsequent requirements for water should be further explored and discussed. What impact will this have on the citizenry?
4. The close proximity to the mobile home park in a residential area adjacent to the project, coupled with the closeness of the expansive and highly populated UCSB complex was brushed over and not given due consideration.
5. We are in a state of ever-changing climate conditions at an accelerated pace which is going to have a substantial effect on all of us. As a mother, grandmother and great grandmother, I do not believe there are significant enough reasons to enact a zoning change by the California Coastal Commission for a project that will only further our dependence on fossil fuel energy. We are at a point in our human history where we need to act in ways that are compatible with sustaining this marvelous planet that we live on and take care to not further jeopardize all of its inhabitants.

For these reasons, I would like to see a continuance of the public discussion of the SoCal Gas Project in order to give all interested parties a chance to receive adequate notice and preparation to attend. I think a two week continuance would be sufficient and would hope that there could be a new mailing to the interested party list to further describe the project.

Respectfully submitted,

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