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Subject: Re Item #3: Planning Commission's recommendation for denial of the ExxonMobil Interim Trucking for Santa Ynez Unit Phased Restart Project.
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Please enter the attached resolution of the San Luis Obispo City Council into the record of the 3/8/22 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Thank you,

Andrew Christie, Director
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RESOLUTION NO. 10975 (2019 SERIES)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING A PROPOSAL TO TRUCK OFFSHORE OIL ALONG SANTA BARBARA, SAN LUIS OBISPO, AND KERN COUNTY HIGHWAYS AND TO OPPOSE A PROPOSAL TO BUILD A COASTAL OIL PIPELINE SERVICING AGING OFFSHORE DRILLING PLATFORMS

WHEREAS, City of San Luis Obispo values our state's ocean and coastal waters, which provide habitat to a vast array of wildlife, including fish, whales, sea turtles, and birds that depend on a healthy and clean environment; and

WHEREAS, San Luis Obispo's residents and its visitors enjoy our beaches and the Pacific Ocean for recreational, commercial, and educational activities, all of which support our local economy; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 a pipeline serving offshore drilling platforms burst near Refugio State Beach which fouled beaches and coastal waters for miles, causing irreparable damage to the environment and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the operating company of the aforementioned pipeline was recently convicted on multiple charges for failing to properly maintain that pipeline, failing to timely call emergency response agencies, and killing marine mammals, seabirds, and other marine life; and

WHEREAS, that company has a long history of spills and enforcement actions against it; and

WHEREAS, newly constructed pipelines pose significant risk of spills, with the risk increasing dramatically from pipelines after 20 years; many of the pipelines that will connect to this one are past 20 years of age; and

WHEREAS, oil truck accidents cause fires and explosions, injure and kill people, and spill hundreds of thousands of gallons of crude a year onto roads and into waterways; and

WHEREAS, burning the 4 million barrels of oil intended for trucking in a year would result in over 1.7 million metric tons of carbon pollution -- the same amount as burning nearly 2 billion pounds of coal; and

WHEREAS, both the trucking and pipeline routes would pass through critical habitat for several species protected as threatened or endangered under the federal ESA, including red-legged frogs, California tiger salamanders and Southern California steelhead, which are highly susceptible to toxic crude oil; and

WHEREAS, these proposals would ensure ongoing operations of aging offshore drilling platforms into the foreseeable future, which is fundamentally inconsistent with California's legislation and executive orders focused on deep decarbonization and carbon neutrality; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the City of San Luis Obispo approved Resolution No. 10836 supporting a ban on new drilling, fracking, and related techniques, opposing new or expansion of existing oil and gas leases, and supporting a phase-out of all oil and gas extraction.

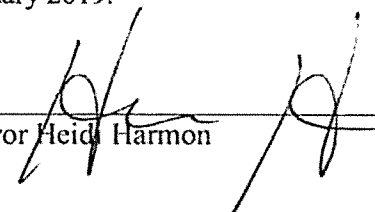
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of San Luis Obispo that:

SECTION 1. The City of San Luis Obispo opposes any proposal to truck offshore oil along Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Kern County highways and opposes any proposal to build coastal oil pipelines that service the aging offshore drilling platforms.

Upon motion of Council Member Christianson, seconded by Vice Mayor Pease, and on the following roll call vote:

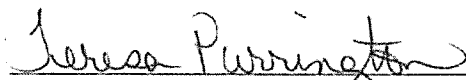
- AYES: Council Members Christianson, Gomez, and Stewart,
Vice Mayor Pease and Mayor Harmon
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None

The foregoing resolution was adopted this 15th day of January 2019.



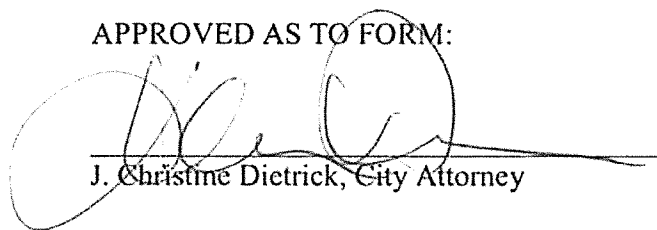
 Mayor Heidi Harmon

ATTEST:




 Teresa Purrington, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



 J. Christine Dietrick, City Attorney

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, this 24th day of January, 2019.



 Teresa Purrington, City Clerk