



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** CEO  
**Department No.:** 012  
**For Agenda Of:** June 16, 2015  
**Placement:** Departmental  
**Estimated Tme:** 30 minutes  
**Continued Item:** NA  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department County of Santa Barbara Legislative Program Committee  
Director(s):  
Contact Info: Terri Maus-Nisich, Assistant County Executive Officer, 568-3400

**SUBJECT:** Potential Advocacy Position of Legislation: SB 788 (McGuire) – California Coastal Protection Act of 2015

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: No

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: NA

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Option 1:

- A. Take an advocacy position of support, watch, or oppose on SB 788 (McGuire) – California Coastal Protection Act of 2015; and
- B. Direct staff to forward, and authorize the Chair to sign a letter stating the Board’s decision to the legislative author, members of the legislature including, but not limited to, the county legislative delegation, and appropriate committee chairs; and
- C. Determine pursuant to CEQA Guideline 15378(b)(5) that the above action is not a project subject to CEQA review because it is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Option 2:

- A. Take no position on SB 788 (McGuire) – California Coastal Protection Act of 2015; and
- B. Determine pursuant to CEQA Guideline 15378(b)(5) that the above action is not a project subject to CEQA review because it is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors to consider taking a position on SB 788 (McGuire) – California Coastal Protection Act of 2015. On June 1, 2015, the Legislative Program

Committee directed staff to bring SB 788 to the Board of Supervisors for consideration and to provide background on the Board's previous support for this issue.

**Background:**

The California Coastal Protection Act of 2015 would remove an exemption in the California Coastal Sanctuary Act of 1994 that would authorize new oil extraction. In 1994, the California Legislature intended on placing a ban on new offshore oil development with the Sanctuary Act. Included in the legislation is the authorization of the State Lands Commission to enter into a lease for the extraction of oil or gas from state-owned tide and submerged lands in the California Coastal Sanctuary if the commission determines that the oil or gas deposits are being drained by means of producing wells upon adjacent federal lands and the lease is in the best interest of the state. This language creates a loophole that could potentially allow new oil leases.

SB 788 would repeal the loophole language, and thereby ensure a complete ban on new offshore oil and gas leases.

In 2014, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors established precedent by supporting this issue with SB 1096 (Jackson) Marine Protection in the California Coastal Sanctuary Act. The prior legislation is the same policy issue. Furthermore, the legislation is supported under the Community Sustainability principle of the 2015 Legislative Platform.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: SB 788 Fact Sheet

Attachment B: SB 788 Legislative Counsel's Digest

Attachment C: SB 788 Bill Analysis

Attachment D: SB 1096 Marine Protection Support Letter, Minute Order, Board Letter

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