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Daly, Julia Rutherford

From: DanModisette <DanModisette@skyengineering.net>
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2016 8:52 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: FW: PACE vote next Tuesday

Clerk of the Board,

Please distribute to the Supervisors and enter into the public record.

I am writing to request that you vote to approve CPACE next Tuesday. I attended the Santa Maria CPACE hearing and felt that a majority of the BOS understood the benefits that CPACE could bring to Santa Barbara County. While it appeared that CPACE might be approved, the decision to postpone for further discussions was understandable given the concerns of the SB Co Auditor/Controller, Mr. Theodore Fallati.

I have been in contact with Mr. Fallati and am pleased to pass on that some of his objections had been muted, as expressed in a conversation he had with Emily Goodwin, Ygrene Financial. One mitigation, that I believe will be on offer on Tuesday by the CPACE providers, is that the accounting expenses incurred by the Co of SB will be paid by the future CPACE agreements.

SKY Renewable Energy has six projects in SB County with four being delayed by a lack of affordable financing. As an example, SKYhas two golf courses which are stable business with strong financial statement successful owners. Golf courses are not a high profit stream type of business and since the Great Recession commercial financing is dependent upon a substantial income/profit stream. This makes financing more difficult and more expensive.
CPACE is dependent upon equity in the property of the business so these business would qualify for the less expensive financing and the resulting savings.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Daly, Julia Rutherford

From: Marguerite Borchers <margieborchers@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2016 11:59 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: PCEC Orcutt Hill Oil Project - Deny Appeal

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

I urge you to DENY PCEC's appeal, and support the Planning Commission's decision to protect our County from further damage from PCEC's oil seeps and spills. I agree with all four points below:

1. *PCEC's oil project is one of the dirtiest and riskiest oil operations in the County – last year PCEC was #1 in the County for oil spills.*
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4. *The project's uncertain benefits, like short-term construction jobs, do not come close to outweighing its significant impacts.*

Most Sincerely,

Margie Borchers

Santa Barbara

Daly, Julia Rutherford

From: Suzanne Steed <suzannesteed@mac.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2016 12:03 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; sbcob
Subject: DENY PCEC appeal

Dear Honorable Supervisors,
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Sincerely,

Suzanne and John Steed
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Daly, Julia Rutherford

From: Sandra S Mezzio <sandymv@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2016 12:04 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: PCEC Orcutt Hill Oil Project - Deny Appeal

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Sincerely,

Sandra Mezzio
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Daly, Julia Rutherford

From: John Dutton <John.Dutton@patagonia.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2016 12:34 PM
To: sbcob; jwolf@countyofsb.com
Subject: PCEC Orcutt Hill Oil Project - Deny Appeal

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Sincerely,

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Daly, Julia Rutherford

From: Greg B. <branambuilders@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2016 12:36 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: PCEC Orcutt Hill Oil Project - Deny Appeal

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Sincerely,

Greg Branam

Grammatical errors courtesy of iPhone

Daly, Julia Rutherford

From: nicholanapora@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2016 12:57 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; sbcob
Subject: PLS DENY PCEC's appeal

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Sincerely,

Nichola Napora

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Daly, Julia Rutherford

From: Rich Moser <rich@transcendentalastrology.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2016 2:01 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Pleas deny the Orcutt Hill Oil Project

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

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Daly, Julia Rutherford

From: Hod <hgray@specialneedsproject.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2016 3:10 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: PCEC Orcutt Hill Oil Project - Deny Appeal

Honorable Supervisors,

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Sincerely,

Hod Gray
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Daly, Julia Rutherford

From: susan shields <shields3033@netscape.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2016 5:40 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny Appeal of PCEC Orcutt Hill Oil Project -

To the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

I am a local resident and concerned about the environment in our county. I support the Planning Commission's decision to protect our land against pollution resulting from the operations of PCEC. This company appears to operate a dirty and risky form of oil production as evidenced by the large number of uncontrolled oil seeps and spills that have occurred already and are likely to occur in the future. The serious impacts of this project cannot be denied and are not outweighed by any benefits in terms of short-term employment.
I urge you to deny the appeal.

Susan Shields
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Daly, Julia Rutherford

From: christy harter <christine.m.harter@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2016 8:55 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please Deny PCEC's Appeal

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

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Sincerely,

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Daly, Julia Rutherford

From: Thorsten von Eicken <tve@voneicken.com>
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2016 12:06 AM
To: sbcob; Wolf, Janet
Subject: please deny PCEC's oil project

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Sincerely,

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Daly, Julia Rutherford

From: Hector Seguel <Hector.Seguel@patagonia.com>
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2016 9:09 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: PCEC Orcutt Hill Oil Project - Deny Appeal

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Sincerely,

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HECTOR SEGUEL I 415-497-2170 I 259 W. SANTA CLARA STREET, VENTURA, CALIFORNIA 93001 - PATAGONIA, INC.

"ANY FEEDBACK IS GOOD FEEDBACK" H.

Daly, Julia Rutherford

From: Ken Hough <kennethahough@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2016 11:11 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Revised SBCAN letter on PCEC
Attachments: 10.28.16 Letter to Board of Supervisors.pdf

If it is not too late, please substitute this letter for the one I sent a couple of hours ago.

Thanks.

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October 28, 2016

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: PCEC Orcutt Hill Resources Enhancement Plan Project (Deny)

Dear Supervisors:

Santa Barbara County Action Network is a countywide grassroots organization working to promote social and economic justice, to preserve our environmental and agricultural resources, and to create sustainable communities.

Nineteen months ago, on March 26, 2015, SB*CAN* submitted a letter commenting on the Draft EIR for this project. Our letter spoke to the Class I significant and unavoidable impacts of the project on biological resources and water resources related to oil spills, seeps and surface expressions.

Fourteen months later, on May 9, 2016, SB*CAN* wrote to the County Planning Commission noting that in spite of some efforts to reduce the impacts, they all remained Class I significant and unavoidable impacts. Accordingly, we urged that the project be denied. So did the Sierra Club Los Padres Chapter.

In June 2016 the Sierra Club and SB*CAN,* recognizing the dangers to the community and the environment posed by this proposal, retained the Environmental Defense Center to represent the interests of our members. Other groups, notably SB350 and Safe Energy Now! North County, worked to inform their memberships of the importance of this dangerous proposal.

Following expert analysis and testimony by EDC and letters and testimony from many volunteers from SB*CAN*, Sierra Club and many other community groups, the Planning Commission voted to deny the project. The Statement of Overriding Considerations before the Commission at its first hearing presented reasons why the Commission could find that the destruction of habitat that supports endangered species and the risks to our water resources were acceptable. These were speculative economic benefits including, ironically, the jobs to be created for grading on Orcutt Hill—grading that would remove habitat that supports endangered and threatened species.

The benefits did not outweigh the risks in the eyes of the Commission. SB*CAN* urges you to uphold the Commission's denial of the project.

Sincerely,

Ken Hough
Executive Director

Daly, Julia Rutherford

From: Katie Davis <kdavis2468@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2016 11:15 AM
To: sbcob
Cc: James Hines
Subject: Re: PCE Orcutt Hill Resources Enhancement Plan Project (Deny Appeal)
Attachments: Sierra Club PCE Supervisors Nov 1 Hearing.pdf

Please see attached public comment for Nov 1 hearing on PCE Orcutt Hill Resources Enhancement Plan Project.

Thanks,

Katie Davis
Chair, Santa Barbara Sierra Club
805-451-4574

SIERRA CLUB
Los Padres Chapter

PO Box 31241
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October 27, 2016

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu St, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
Attn: Michael Allen, Clerk of the Board, sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

Re: PCE Orcutt Hill Resources Enhancement Plan Project (Deny Appeal)

Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

Any expansion of drilling is irresponsible given the dangerous impacts of the current project. PCE is one of the top polluters in the county with 23 spills totaling 12,857 gallons of oil and wastewater spilled over the past five years, more than Greka's total over the same time period. And this is in addition to the unprecedented seep problem, the explosive well casing blow-out problems and surface cracks. These are the polar opposite of "theoretical" problems. They are documented on site and egregious.

The mitigations offered by PCE do not change the fundamental problems with the project.

1. The CTS application seeks to protect ponds that are already protected under the Endangered Species Act and, if granted, would allow CTS takes not currently permitted. The truth is that we don't know how many of this endangered species have been lost already as underground burrows filled with oil aren't detectable. We do know approving any expansion in the field presents significant and unavoidable risks to them, which is unique to the area and not true of all oil projects.
2. Funding research into how Lompoc Yerba Santa can be propagated lets PCE off the hook without actually guaranteeing that any Yerba Santa loss is remedied. Efforts with the Botanic Gardens to propagate Yerba Santa thus far have failed. The EIR concluded significant impacts. Seeps and spills could cause the loss of the entire species given the important role of the plants at this location.
3. Mitigating an extra 1,000 tons GHG is insignificant compared to 100,788 tons a year they would produce, the majority of which (61,800 tons) are claimed as a baseline that would go completely unmitigated. PCE's air emissions have been hidden and understated given the lax oversight of the LUP for PCEC's 2005 pilot project and the 2006 MND for their original project. The offer of additional mitigation is a deflection from the fact that these highly polluting steam generators would worsen air quality. If emissions are actually more in-line with the comparable SME project, they could be twice as high as claimed.
4. A union contract is a political move that changes none of the facts regarding lack of over-riding concerns and only highlights PCE's preference for non-union labor when no one is looking. There are no permanent jobs associated with this project and it makes no sense to approve a bad project just for the construction jobs, particularly when the risk of a major spill or long-term environmental harm would fall to taxpayers given PCE's limited resources. (The Refugio spill cost will be well over $200 million.)

PCE's addition of "new" mitigations is just an attempt to provide the appearance of middle ground where there is none. There is no mitigation that eliminates the Class 1 impacts. Rather, the discussion of the Careaga and CTS exclusion zone options show how problematic this field is. PCE's existing operations are in these zones so if it really made sense to avoid them as they now offer to do, their existing operations should be shut down as well. The original project was approved without knowledge of the biological or cultural resources at risk, or the risks to water or air quality and GHG emissions. If we had known about these problems and known the seeps, spills and failure rate of steam injection, would the project have been approved at all?

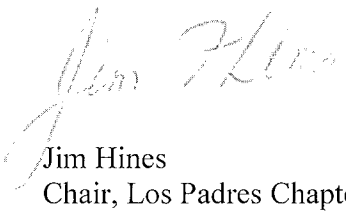
It is particularly outrageous to include mitigations that don't qualify as such as "benefits" in the "Statement of Overriding Considerations." It flies in the face of all logic to claim that a project with Class 1 significant and unavoidable negative impacts to biologic species should be approved because of the over-riding "benefits" to those same species.

In terms of, "contributing to domestic oil and gas production," keep in mind that we currently export 400,000 barrels of petroleum products every day from the west coast. That is over 100 times the 3,600 barrels a day that would be produced by this project. The oil produced here would not be restricted to domestic use and could go anywhere.

While Orcutt hill has been an oil field for a long time, it has not been a diatomite cyclic steam site for very long at all. This operation presents new and worse impacts, and the exclusion zones don't prevent these impacts. (20 of the seeps occurred outside the Careaga tar zone.) We should not accept these risks as a matter of course. It is wrong to normalize Class 1 impacts by incorrectly claiming that all oil projects have them. "Significant water quality impacts" should never be taken lightly in a region as arid and drought-stricken as ours. Preserving and protecting water quality must always be the primary concern as codified in the County's Land Use and Development Code.

Please deny the appeal and adopt the "seep can only" alternative along with some form of public notice of new seeps and spills.

Thank you very much for your consideration,



Jim Hines
Chair, Los Padres Chapter of the Sierra Club

Daly, Julia Rutherford

From: Lois Werner <Lois@montecitowater.com>
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2016 11:25 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Letter of Support for Santa Maria
Attachments: 10-28-16ClerkOfBd.pdf

Please see the attached letter from Montecito Water District President Richard Shaikewitz in support of the acquisition by the City of Santa Maria of the suspended Table A State water, for consideration at their meeting November 1. Copies have also been emailed to the individual Supervisors.

Lois Werner, Administrative Assistant
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MONTECITO WATER DISTRICT

October 28, 2016

Santa Barbara County
Board of Supervisors

Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors:

I am the President of the Montecito Water District and Vice Chair of the Central Coast Water Authority. I urge you to support CCWA's request for approval to reacquire the suspended 12,214 AF of Table A water. I believe this will be on you docket on Nov. 1. I have been the MWD's representative to the CCWA for 10 years. This is necessary to help four water agencies protect themselves during this terrible drought.

All of the CCWA participants work together. When there is little rain and little water, we help each other. Santa Maria, the largest CCWA participant over the years, even though they have lots of ground water, has had difficulties using it. Their groundwater needs to be blended with other potable supplies before it can be used. This has been discussed at CCWA meetings off and on for years. They need extra State Water Project Water to help purify their groundwater. At times they don't need all of the State water. When that occurs, they are very generous, and share it with other Districts in need.

Montecito has little groundwater, and we are frequently in need of extra water. Recently Santa Maria sold us 2000 AF of their table A water at a very reasonable price, and with no return component. They are the largest water user in Santa Barbara County, and a regional leader. Last year the water agencies in Santa Barbara County only received 20% of Table A water. This year the allocation is 60%. None of us have ever received 100%.

This is not about obtaining water for new hookups. Four water districts need the extra table A. In drought times it will lessen the burden on all of us; in good times there may be some extra water available to share.

Each water agency guarantees to protect the county if one of the other agencies fails to meet its financial obligations. From what I have seen, Santa Maria is the strongest of all the water agencies. All of us are carrying bond debt except Santa Maria. This acquisition will help the entire County water situation.

I urge you to support the acquisition of this 12,214 AF of table A water.

Sincerely,

Richard Shaikewitz
President

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Daly, Julia Rutherford

From: Maginot, Allison <Allison.Maginot@sen.ca.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2016 11:41 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: From the Office of Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson - Comments Regarding PCEC Orcutt Hill Resource Enhancement Plan
Attachments: PCEC Letter2016-10-28_09-28-50.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter from Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson in regards to Pacific Coast Energy Company's proposed Orcutt Hill Resource Enhancement Plan.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly via email or phone.

Thank you,
Allison

Allison Maginot
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October 26, 2016

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: **Opposition to Pacific Coast Energy Company's Proposed Orcutt Hill Resource Enhancement Plan**

Dear County Supervisors:

As the State Senator representing the 19th Senate District, which includes the proposed Orcutt Hill Resource Enhancement Plan project area, I am writing in opposition to Pacific Coast Energy Company's (PCEC) appeal and to support the Planning Commission's decision to protect Santa Barbara County from further damage caused by PCEC's oil seeps and spills. I have long been a believer that if you don't drill, you can't spill. PCEC's proposal to expand their cyclic steam operation, by adding 96 new cyclic-steamed wells and 48 replacement wells, represents a step backwards in the fight for green energy and greater environmental protection.

Over the past eight years, PCEC has needed nearly 100 emergency permits from the County due to oil seeps and spills. Keeping this track record in mind, the Santa Barbara Planning Commission carefully considered this project and rejected it because of the significant impacts it will have to air quality, endangered and sensitive species, critical habitat and water quality. The type of oil extraction utilized by PCEC – cyclic steam injection – has a high well casing failure rate, which has led to eruptive well failures at Orcutt Hill.

The proposed project site is biologically diverse and I believe we should all be fighting to protect the sensitive natural resources and species that are native to this part of Santa Barbara County. For example, the endangered California Tiger Salamanders that are present in the project area have the potential to be negatively impacted by oil seeps, as well as the rare and imperiled plants that are native to this area. The environmental review found significant and unavoidable risks to our precious water resources, particularly the creeks on the project site that flow to the San Antonio Lagoon and Pacific Ocean. Our experience with the recent Refugio Oil Spill should serve as a poignant reminder of the imminent risk associated with oil drilling and production in Santa Barbara County. We simply can't afford to increase the chances of a similar incident occurring in such a sensitive habitat.

The State of California has long been a leader in the fight against climate change. Just this year, I voted to support Senate Bill 32, which will require California to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030. In order to achieve this ambitious goal, we should be working collectively to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and to shift towards utilizing increased sources of green energy. PCEC's proposed project moves us even further away from the type of future Californians are striving for.

For all of these reasons, I strongly urge the Board of Supervisors to deny PCEC's appeal. The potential environmental harm associated with expanding PCEC's cyclic steam drilling operations on Orcutt Hill represents too great a risk. Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you need further information, please feel free to contact my District Representative Allison Maginot in my Santa Barbara District Office at 805-965-0862.

Sincerely,

HANNAH-BETH JACKSON
Senator, 19th District

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Daly, Julia Rutherford

From: Irv Beiman <bu3690@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2016 2:11 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: PCEC Orcutt Hill Oil Project - Deny Appeal

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

As a Management Consultant with 20 years experience in a highly toxic environment in CHINA, I have seen what polluted water does to otherwise healthy citizens! Believe me, it is not pretty.

I urge you to DENY PCEC's appeal, and support the Planning Commission's decision to protect our County from further damage from PCEC's oil seeps and spills.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,
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