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Public Comment - Group 3

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From: Benjamin Bird <benjaminbird1997@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 4:41 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Oil Free Santa Barbara

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Dear Clerk of the Board,

Please, please aid in transitioning away from oil and gas, and allow Santa Barbara to become a steward of clean, renewable energy. The future is being stolen from us. Do the right thing.

Best,
Ben Bird

Katherine Douglas

From: Bob Crocco <robert.crocco@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 4:58 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Drilling Phase Out

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Dear Santa Barbara Officials,

- Please authorize County staff's two-step plan to phase out existing and new oil drilling, and to add the project to Long-Range Planning's Annual Work Program
- Our community deserves clean air. Phasing out oil and gas will reduce air pollution and protect public health for everyone.

Thank you,
Bob Crocco
93105
Sent from my iPad

Katherine Douglas

From: Gary Goetz <gag888@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 4:59 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Ban New Oil Drilling and Phase Out Existing Operations

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Dear County Supervisors,

Please authorize County staff's two-step plan to phase out existing and new oil drilling, and to add the project to Long-Range Planning's Annual Work Program. Our community deserves clean air.

Phasing out oil and gas will reduce air pollution and protect public health for everyone. Many local oil projects use dirty, carbon-polluting techniques like steam injection and are one of the major sources of GHG emissions in the County. Phasing out these operations is critical to fighting climate change.

Oil and gas operations inject wastewater underground, threatening clean water. In the Cat Canyon oil field alone, a state study identified 291 wells that pose a risk of contaminating the Santa Maria groundwater basin, which is relied upon by 190,000 community members in North County. Phasing out oil and gas will protect our precious groundwater.

There is local precedent for phasing out oil and gas operations. The County, and later Goleta, engaged in a process aimed at permanently shutting down the Ellwood Onshore Facility after a set period and once investment costs were recovered.

State legislation went into effect this year that empowers the County to pass an oil and gas ban and phase out ordinance that protects public health and the environment from the impacts of fossil fuel extraction.

Please keep the Pacific coast as clean and safe as possible for all forms of life.

Thank you.

Gary Goetz
gag888@hotmail.com
Former resident of Ventura, CA
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Pavcific Grove, CA 93950

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From: BILL WOODBRIDGE <bill.woodbridge@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 5:45 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Phasing out existing and new oil drilling

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Thank you for speaking up to ensure Santa Barbara County moves away from dirty fossil fuels toward clean renewable energy and protects our communities, climate, and our natural resources.

Bill Woodbridge

Goleta

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From: Lisa Guravitz <lguravitz4sbwpc@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 5:59 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Oil Drilling

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Dear County Supervisors

I am writing to urge you to authorize County staff's two-step plan to phase out existing and new oil drilling, and to add the project to Long-Range Planning's Annual Work Program. It is imperative that we be proactive in protecting our coast.

I will follow this issue closely.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Lisa Guravitz
Carpinteria

"Sometimes the fight takes a while. That doesn't mean we won't win."

Kamala Harris

Katherine Douglas

From: Margot Davis <wally97@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 6:10 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Put an end to fossil fuel production in Santa Barbara county

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To board of supervisors for Santa Barbara county: I am a senior citizen homeowner living in Ventura county 48 years. Please put an end to fossil fuel production in Santa Barbara county. Take the lead as the environmental protectors we need . Thank you very much for your consideration of my request.
Margot davis 148 W. Simpson Ventura, CA 93001 Sent from my iPhone

Katherine Douglas

From: Winter Adams <livewinter2005@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 7:33 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Comment on Agenda Item 3 10/22

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Dear Board of Supervisors.

Please vote in support of agenda item 3, the Santa Barbara County Oil and Gas Phase-Out Ordinance. My name is Winter Adams, I'm a third year environmental studies major at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Oil should be phased out in Santa Barbara County due to the environmental and public health implications.

Reducing oil production would help Santa Barbara County meet climate goals and avoid millions in climate-related damages. An oil and gas phase-out ordinance would also directly support the state goal to phase out oil production no later than 2045. A state study indentured 291 existing wells that may serve as pathways for the migration of toxic substances in that field. In addition, there have been documented oil spills into creeks, rivers, and watersheds. Cleanup of these oil spills would be costly, physically difficult, and a public safety hazard.

An oil phase-out will improve air quality, and help protect public health. For instance, according to the California Air Resources Board, oil production was the largest facility source of PM2.5, Benzene, Formaldehyde, VOCs, Nitrogen Oxide and Sulfur Oxide in Santa Barbara County in recent years. These pollutants have serious negative health impacts such as cancer, asthma, heart disease, and other serious conditions, both acute and chronic. The remaining hard-to-extract oil threatens our drinking water supplies.

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From: Vivienne Chankai <vchankai@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 7:34 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Comment on Agenda Item 3 10/21

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

My name is Vivienne Chankai and I am an Environmental Studies student at UCSB. I urge you to please vote in support of moving forward with a Santa Barbara County Oil & Gas Phase-Out Ordinance that includes the following key provisions:

- 1.
- 2.
3. Prohibit New Extraction or Production
4. Facilities: No new permits
5. for oil and gas drilling, redrilling, deepening of wells, or accessory production facilities shall be issued.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
9. Nonconforming Use Designation:
10. Existing oil and gas operations
11. shall be classified as 'nonconforming uses' and will be subject to an amortization period before mandatory cessation and removal.
- 12.
- 13.
14. Just Transition Support Policies:
15. Commission a workforce development
16. study and subsequent programing to assist oil and gas industry workers in transition to other employment sectors, with particular support for transition to clean energy jobs.

As Santa Barbara builds a better climate future, we need to ensure that this transition is completed for the health for our environment and community. Thank you and I urge you to vote in support.

Sincerely,
Vivienne (Vivi) Chankai, undergraduate
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vchankai@ucsb.edu
831-346-7158

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From: Ayla Amezcua <aylaamezcua@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 7:37 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Comment on Agenda 3

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Good Evening Board of Supervisors,
I am Ayla Amezcua, a student from UCSB studying Global Studies.

I urge you to support of moving forward with a Santa Barbara County Oil and Gas Phase-Out Ordinance that includes the following:

Oil production kills and harms endangered and sensitive plants and animal species. The Central Coast's Mediterranean biome is a hotspot of biodiversity. The region contains numerous endemic, federally listed, and sensitive species which require protection

The remaining hard-to-extract oil threatens our drinking water supplies. For instance, oil companies are seeking exemption from federal drinking water protections in Cat Canyon to inject toxic wastewater below the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin, which provides drinking water to 200,000 people

Under AB 3233, local cities and counties are allowed to pass ordinances, regulate, limit, or prohibit proposed and existing oil and gas operations within their jurisdiction – we encourage the County to exercise their authority under AB 3233 to phase out oil and gas operations.

Sincerely,
Ayla

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From: Saleen Goytia <saleengoytia@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 7:37 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Comment on Agenda Item Three

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Saleen Goytia and I am a concerned student at the University of California, Santa Barbara. I urge you to support moving forward with the Santa Barbara County Oil & Gas phases Out ordinance that includes the following:

Reducing oil production would help Santa Barbara meet climate goals and avoid millions in climate related damages.

The remaining hard-to-extract oil threatens our drinking water supplies. For instance, oil companies are seeking exemption from federal drinking water protections in Cat Canyon to inject toxic wastewater below the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin, which provides drinking water to 200,000 people.

As a student at Santa Barbara University, I feel a strong sense to ensure that the environment is taken care of because I feel as though that is an unspoken core value at UCSB.

Sincerely,
Saleen Goytia

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From: rodega@umail.ucsb.edu
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 7:39 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Comment On Agenda Item 3

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To whom this may concern,

My name is Robin Odega, and I am a student at UCSB and member of the Environmental Awareness Board. I am emailing you regarding the SB Board of Supervisors meeting coming up this Monday. I am asking to please vote in support of moving forward with a Santa Barbara County Oil & Gas Phase-Out Ordinance.

One reason to vote in support of an oil and gas phase-out is the economic benefits to the environment and climate. A phase-out policy could prevent the release of over [340,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide by 2045](#), with avoided climate damages valued at around [\\$21.8 million](#). An oil and gas phase-out ordinance would also directly support the state goal to phase out oil production no later than 2045.

Another reason to vote in support is because of public healthy and safety. Oil projects are located in high fire hazard zones and increase wildfire risks. Also, wastewater injections can trigger earthquakes. Phasing out oil will help prevent future natural disasters from causing damages in Santa Barbara.

In conclusion, for economic, public health and safety reasons, I am asking you to please vote in support for an oil and gas phase-out for Santa Barbara County. Your support will be very much appreciated, and I thank you for taking time out of your day to read this email.

Best,

Robin Odega

Katherine Douglas

From: Fran Davis <francespdavis@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 8:05 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: phase out of oil and gas in Santa Barbara Co.

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Board of Supervisors:

Please adhere to state legislation that empowers the county to pass a ban on oil and gas and phase out ordinance that will protect public health and environment from the impacts of fossil fuel extraction. You now have legal permission to do so, as well as a moral and civic obligation to end this needless endangerment to our health and water supplies.

Fran Davis
249 Moreton Bay Lane
Goleta, CA 93117

Frances Pettey Davis--author *Red Summer*

<https://www.amazon.com/Red-Summer-Frances-Pettey-Davis/dp/B0FCV5S5LV/>

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From: jim yarbrough <jyarbro2003@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 8:06 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Phase out oil and gas

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I endorse the following statement, see below. I do not live in SB County but I live on the Central Coast in Ventura County and decisions you make have an impact on the entire Central Coast and beyond.

Jim Yarbrough Newbury Park, CA 91320

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From: Samanyu Agrawal <samanyu@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2025 9:42 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Santa Barbara County Oil & Gas Phase-Out Ordinance

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Dear Oversight Board Members,

My name is Samanyu and I am writing this as a resident of SB county. I am asking that you vote in support of the Santa Barbara County Oil & Gas Phase-Out Ordinance to prohibit new extraction facilities, removal of nonconforming operations, and support policies for clean energy.

First, this is a public health issue. Oil facilities are the largest source of toxic air pollutants like Benzene, Formaldehyde, Sulfur Oxide, PM2.5 and more. Oil companies also pollute water and increase fire hazard. Efforts for clean energy also create jobs, further improving public well-being.

The main concern is the environmental aspect of stopping oil production. The EPA even notes that the groundwater is irreversibly polluted, and letting oil facilities continue will only make it worse. Oil has leaked into creeks, rivers, watersheds and even a superfund site. This doesn't even mention the emissions that I'm sure you are aware of.

Please vote to phase out Oil & Gas production. This is not just an issue of global warming, but also one of local well-being. It is our duty as people to work towards a better world, and the current fuel industry has been knowingly destroying our world for over a century. This phase-out ordinance in Santa Barbara is one good step towards a better future for all.

Thank you for your time,

Samanyu Agrawal

Katherine Douglas

From: Nicholas Solakian <nsolakian@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2025 6:20 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: FREE US FROM FOSSIL FUELS

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Thank you for speaking up to ensure Santa Barbara County moves away from dirty fossil fuels toward clean renewable energy and protects our communities, climate, and our natural resources.

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Katherine Douglas

From: MAUREEN TUNNEY <motunney@me.com>
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2025 8:10 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: No more oil drilling!

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To Whom It may Concern,,

We have had too many oil spills and leaking pipes and we need to find alternatives.

Please STOP! There are alternatives that do not benefit Sable oil

Protect our health, water, soil and climate now.

Maureen Tunney
Resident of Ventura CA

Katherine Douglas

From: Gerry Shepherd <gerry@gbshepherd.com>
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2025 8:13 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Comment - Oil & Gas Production Agenda Item

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Please oppose this ridiculous effort to abolish oil/gas production in Santa Barbara County.

Gerry Shepherd

gerry@gbshepherd.com
805-588-1066

Chairwoman Capps & Honorable Board Members,

On behalf of our over 350 members of the SBCTAC, our organization is strongly opposed to the board's efforts to end oil and gas production in Santa Barbara County. While this may be politically popular for several of the board members, it is bad public policy, contrary to the direction Governor Newsom has recently urged the state to support, and will subject the county to potentially hundreds of millions of dollars in financial exposure as a result of the litigation that is certain to take place if you adopt the options before your board.

Before addressing these two options, I would like to remind the board of the concerns Governor Newsom has expressed regarding California's lack of energy and the concerns for Californians facing gasoline prices of \$8-\$10 a gallon if California does not change course and work with the oil & gas industry to bring domestic sources of oil & gas to California pumps. In his letter dated April 21, 2025, to the Vice-Chair of the California Energy Commission, Mr. Siva Gunda, he specifically stated, "...it is imperative that we continue to ensure a safe, affordable and reliable supply of transportation fuels over the next two decades." (For a copy of the entire letter, click this link: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Newsom-Gupta-Letter-4.21.pdf>)

With that directive by Governor Newsom in mind, I would like to address those two options.

Option to authorize staff to initiate work on developing an ordinance to prohibit drilling of new oil & gas wells...

I respond to this option with a simple question...Why? Why would you want to abdicate your responsibilities and discretion to prohibit you from being able to support an oil or gas project that has

nominal environmental impacts, can generate hundreds of jobs, provide the county with millions of dollars in property taxes, and can lead to additional benefits to our local schools and lead to the protection of open space? By retaining your discretion, you can consider all the facts and then make the decision your constituents elected you to make.

Indeed, the voters on several occasions have voted to NOT remove the discretion from the board and opposed efforts to impose a blanket ban on oil & gas development. The voters have expressly stated they want the Board of Supervisors to do their job and consider oil & gas projects like you would any other projects. To adopt an ordinance imposing a blanket ban totally ignores the will of the very same voters who elected you into office.

The SBCTAC asks the board to honor the will of the voters and to retain your discretion so that you can decide each project on its own merits and keep open the option that projects that make sense and that your constituents want approved can go forward.

Finally, to move in this direction would be completely contrary to the direction the Governor directed above, which is imperative to the State of California in regards to our energy needs.

Option to initiate work on preparing a Request for Proposals to undertake an amortization study to determine an appropriate period to phase out existing oil and gas facilities/operations...

Needless to say, this option, if pursued, is completely contrary to the direction Governor Newsom has directed.

However, more importantly, this option is nowhere near as attainable as you may have been led to believe, and could, if implemented, subject the county to hundreds of millions of dollars in Taking Claims from all the operators that will certainly pursue damages for the wrongful taking of their vested property rights. If County Counsel is doing their job, they have no doubt advised you in Executive Session of these facts.

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To shed a realistic light on this issue and what you are contemplating, I would like to share with you what has happened in the City of Los Angeles and County of Los Angeles that pursued the same option you are considering today. To oppose the City and County efforts, several interested parties opposing the implementation of an amortization ordinance retained the well-respected law firm of Manatt, Phelps & Philips to stop the ordinance from being implemented.

The results of Manatt's efforts have realized the following.

Both ordinances were the subject of expensive and protracted litigation, and as of today, both ordinances have been rescinded and are no longer in effect.

The LA County ordinance was voluntarily rescinded by the county's Board of Supervisors. The City of LA ordinance was voided by LA County Superior Court Judge Curtis Kin. *NOPEC, et al. v. City of Los Angeles*, 23-STCP-00085 (Sept. 6, 2024). Judge Kin ruled that the ordinance was preempted by state law because it impermissibly banned "methods of production in existing wells." *NOPEC*, at 11. Judge Kin found that the City's ordinance impermissibly "restricts the [State Oil and Gas] Supervisor's 'express, statutorily-conferred authority to decide what oil production methods are suitable in each case,'" and therefore was implicitly preempted by Public Resources Code section 3106. *Id.*, at 12. In his ruling, Judge Kin relied on the California Supreme Court's ruling in *Chevron U.S.A. Inc. v. County of Monterey* (2023) 15 Cal.5th 135, 140 (*Chevron II*), holding that a similar ordinance in Monterey County was likewise preempted. If Santa Barbara County, after wasting hundreds of thousands of dollars in amortization studies, goes forward with its own ordinance, you will face exactly the same preemption issue, as I can guarantee you the interested parties will legally challenge the County of Santa Barbara, just as they have in the City and County of Los Angeles.

Under Public Resources Code Section 3106(d), *et seq*, the state has vested **complete** authority in CalGEM to "supervise the drilling, operations, maintenance, and abandonment of wells so as to permit owners or operators of wells to utilize all methods and practices known to the oil industry for the purpose of increasing the ultimate recovery of underground hydrocarbons and which, in the opinion of the supervisor, are suitable for this purpose in each proposed case." Pub. Resources Code § 3106(b). AB 3233 doesn't negate this express vesting of authority in the State. The County cannot circumvent the preemption issue by relying on AB 3233. The Legislature cannot, and has not, made Public Resource Code section 3106 inoperative, nor has it taken the issue out of the State's hands. Judge Kin, and the California Supreme Court in *Chevron II*, found that the Supervisor's duty to regulate hydrocarbon extraction and methods and practices was a matter of **statewide** concern. (This is consistent with exactly what the Governor has directed!) Thus, the Legislature cannot remove jurisdiction over the matter and assign it to cities or counties, as it has improperly attempted to do with AB 3233.

If the Board of Supervisors chooses to move forward with the proposed ordinance, the industry will sue, and the law will be overturned – at significant cost to the County.

In addition to the preemption issue discussed above, the Board's plan to initiate an amortization study to determine an appropriate phase-out process for oil and gas operations in the county is fraught with risk. First, as the Board is well aware, such a study will itself cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

However, those hundreds of thousands of dollars do not guarantee that the results of the study will protect the County. As just one example, the City of LA conducted three (3) separate studies, which all reached somewhat different conclusions and still left significant analytical gaps, including the failure to consider transfer of ownership costs, costs of regulatory compliance, or ongoing capital investment, and significant assumptions about operating costs, plugging and abandonment costs, and price forecasts. These major omissions and faulty assumptions leave the City's costly amortization studies open to legal attack, while doing nothing to protect the City from inverse condemnation and takings claims by operators who contest the amortization timelines the studies produced, if and when they are applied to try to force operators to shut down production.

And ultimately, notwithstanding the preemption issue and all the amortization studies the county may undertake, if your board ultimately adopts and enforces the amortization ordinance, you will be faced with Taking Claim (5th Amendment) lawsuits by EVERY existing oil & gas operator. These claims will be in the hundreds of millions of dollars that could literally bankrupt the county. Whether or not a taking has occurred will not be decided by you, nor by local judges, nor even the California Supreme Court. It will end up going all the way, if necessary, to the US Supreme Court, which your County Counsel will advise you that the current court and its decisions have been very supportive of the property owner in Taking Claims.

Do you really want to take that risk? The responsible thing to do is to avoid thousands of hours of staff time being wasted and millions of dollars of taxpayer dollars being spent, and take no action. Allow the existing oil & gas operators that have vested rights to continue to operate and retain your discretion on a case-by-case basis to decide whether new gas or oil projects should be approved.

Sincerely,
Mike Stoker
President & CEO, SBCTAC

Katherine Douglas

From: Nancy Krop <ngkrop@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2025 10:44 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Yes on County Staff's Plan to Phase Out Oil Drilling

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for all your hard work to create a healthy livable community.

Please authorize County staff's two-step plan to phase out existing and new oil drilling, and to add the project to Long-Range Planning's Annual Work Program

The Santa Barbara community deserves clean air. Phasing out oil and gas will reduce air pollution and protect public health for everyone.

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Oil and gas operations inject wastewater underground, threatening clean water. In the Cat Canyon oil field alone, a state study identified 291 wells that pose a risk of contaminating the Santa Maria groundwater basin, which is relied upon by 190,000 community members in North County. Phasing out oil and gas will protect our precious groundwater.

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Nancy Krop

Sent from my iPhone

Katherine Douglas

From: Dennis Allen <dallen4191@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2025 11:08 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Support the orderly phase out of oil and gas

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Please support the action plan for an orderly phase out of oil and gas in Santa Barbara County. Support for this plan will offer certainty to landowners and business and head off costly proposals that waste County staff and elected officials' time and well as that of applicants.

Thank you for continuing to move our County toward a better environment with cleaner air, water, soils, and better health.

Dennis Allen

Katherine Douglas

From: Joel Shefflin <joelshefflin@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2025 11:18 AM
To: sbcob; Joel Shefflin
Subject: I support the efforts to eliminate Big Oil in the Santa Barbara Channel

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Please vote to continue the transition to a Clean Santa Barbara channel.
Leave the oil to the Middle East!!

We are blessed with an extraordinary environment in
Santa Barbara, we are obligated to protect and preserve for our children and
future generations, not suck it dry for a few drops of oil.

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From: Rebecca Tucker <becca.tannebring@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2025 12:37 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please Phase out drilling in SB County - Oct 21 BOS Meeting

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First - thank you for all you do for our community.

I am writing to urge you to please ***phase out fossil fuel drilling in SB***. Climate action is critical to our health today, and for my children and their future. We've already been so clearly and directly impacted in our community by oil spills, climate driven massive wildfires and associated public health, property and environmental impacts we cannot continue to add to our problems with more or continued drilling.

Thank you,
County of SB Resident since 2008

Rebecca Tucker

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From: Roberta Rudnick <rudnick@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2025 12:54 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: looking towards a better future

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I write to voice my strong support of phasing out oil and gas operations in Santa Barbara County and prohibit any new drilling. The science is clear: atmospheric CO₂ is rising at a fast rate due to the burning of fossil fuels, leading to global warming and triggering extreme weather events. If we wish to leave a habitable planet for our children (and all future generations) we must look to alternative sources of energy.

Furthermore, we in Santa Barbara have a first-row seat to see the devastation wrought by oil spills. I urge you to vote to phase out existing oil and gas operations and stop any new drilling/exploration in our county.

Thank you for listening and thank you for your service to our community.

Sincerely,

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From: BILL WOODBRIDGE <billwoodbr@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2025 12:59 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Oil & gas phaseout ordinance

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Dear Supervisors,

Thank you for directing Santa Barbara County staff to draft an oil and gas phaseout ordinance. Let's keep moving forward! Please prioritize completing the ordinance and amortization study ASAP! Doing so is critical for our health, the air we breathe, our atmosphere and to achieve our goals for reduction of CO2 emissions from our county to reduce global warming and horrendous storms.

I join the 50+ organizations calling for this phaseout to:

- Fix the loophole in the County's Climate Action Plan
- Limit the most climate-damaging oil production
- Improve air quality and health outcomes
- Improve the safety of our drinking water supplies
- Improve road safety and trucking accidents
- Safeguard wildlife and endangered species

Thanks you,

Bill Woodbridge

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From: Jonathan Ullman <jonathan.ullman@sierraclub.org>
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2025 2:47 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: More than 100 signatories urge support for a fossil-fuel phase out on Agenda Item 3 on Oct. 21

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The following 102 signatories urge your support for a fossil-fuel phase out on Departmental Agenda Item 3.

Dear Supervisors, Thank you for directing Santa Barbara County staff to draft an oil and gas phaseout ordinance. Please prioritize completing the ordinance and amortization study. I join the 50+ organizations calling for this phaseout to: - Fix the loophole in the County's Climate Action Plan - Limit the most climate-damaging oil production - Improve air quality and health outcomes - Improve the safety of our drinking water supplies - Improve road safety and trucking accidents - Safeguard wildlife and endangered species - Prevent disasters

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To: sbcob
Subject: Authorizing plan to end fossil fuel extraction in Santa Barbara County

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- Please authorize County staff's two-step plan to phase out existing and new oil drilling, and to add the project to Long-Range Planning's Annual Work Program
- Our community deserves clean air. Phasing out oil and gas will reduce air pollution and protect public health for everyone.
- Many local oil projects use dirty, carbon-polluting techniques like steam injection and are one of the major sources of GHG emissions in the County. Phasing out these operations is critical to fighting climate change.
- Oil and gas operations inject wastewater underground, threatening clean water. In the Cat Canyon oil field alone, a state study identified 291 wells that pose a risk of contaminating the Santa Maria groundwater basin, which is relied upon by 190,000 community members in North County. Phasing out oil and gas will protect our precious groundwater.

This is so important; please act immediately!

Thank you,
Sylvia Sullivan
resident of Goleta