



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: April 11, 2017
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: NA
Continued Item: NA
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department *DB on behalf of*
Director(s): Legislative Program Committee
Contact Info: Dennis Bozanich, Deputy County Executive Officer, 568-3400
SUBJECT: Proposed Advocacy Support position on H.R. 731 (Carbajal) – California Clean Coast Act

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: NA

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Take a support advocacy position on H.R. 731 (Carbajal) – California Clean Coast Act; and direct staff to authorize the Chair to sign a letter stating the Board's support position to the congressional author, members of Congress including, but not limited to, the federal legislative delegation, and appropriate committee chairs; 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 support position on House Resolution (H.R.) 731 (Carbajal) – 115th Congress – California Clean Coast Act. On March 6, 2017, the Legislative Program Committee directed staff to bring H.R. 731 to the Board of Supervisors on the Administrative Agenda to request the Board's support for this legislation.

Background:

House Resolution (H.R.) 731 – 115th Congress – California Clean Coast Act was introduced by Congressman Carbajal on January 30, 2017. H.R. 731 is also known as the California Clean Water Act and proposes to permanently prohibit oil and gas leasing in areas of the outer continental shelf (OCS) off

the coast of California. Specifically, the legislation would prohibit the conduct of oil and natural gas pre-leasing, leasing and related activities, if enacted. The bill has been sent to the House of Representative's Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

The adopted 2017 County of Santa Barbara Legislative Platform includes the Community Sustainability and Environmental Protection Principle which does, in part, recognize the need to work through partnerships to "*maintain and protect . . . coastal areas and bio-diversity.*" This appears to be similar to a goal of HR 731 but isn't a specific reference to banning offshore oil and gas production.

Due to the lack of this specific reference, the Legislative Program Committee voted on March 6, 2017 to refer the consideration of a support position to the Board of Supervisors Administrative Agenda. If approved by the Board today, the County's federal advocates will prepare letters of support and submit them to all relevant House members, including but not limited to the legislative author and co-sponsors, committee members, subcommittee members and others as necessary.

Attachments:

Attachment A: H.R. 731 – California Clean Coast Act

Attachment B: County of Santa Barbara Legislative Analysis Form

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