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Recommended Response to the California Department of Conservation Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources

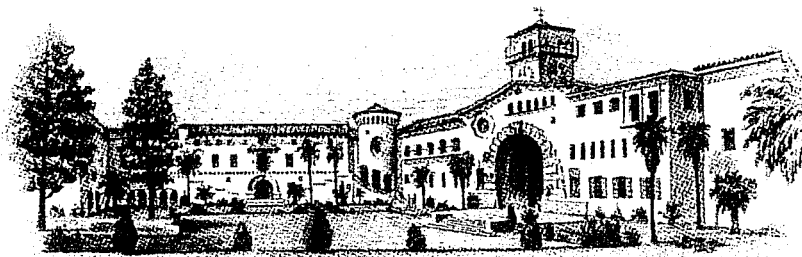
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February 19, 2013

Ms. Patricia A. Abel, District Deputy
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RE: Barham Ranch Field Boundary Change

Dear Ms. Abel:

Thank you for your recent notification of the change in the Barham Ranch oil field boundary under consideration by your office. We understand that this is the first such consideration by your office since 1993 when the County and your Department entered into the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Recognition of the importance of such boundary changes to the County's land-use planning and permitting processes, with emphasis on providing an avenue for public input, was a paramount reason to coordinate efforts between the two jurisdictions.

The Board has considered this notification at its hearing of February 19, 2013, and determines that additional review is necessary regarding the effects of the proposed boundary change. The Board suggests that the Department consider a joint public workshop. If significant concerns regarding the proposed boundary change are expressed by the public, the County will consult with the Department. Accordingly, a joint workshop in the town of Los Alamos would be most appropriate, and provide additional venue for the two jurisdictions to explain what the boundary change means in the context of our individual regulations, and to listen to the public.

Please contact Doug Anthony, Deputy Director, Planning and Development Department, to discuss further. We thank you again for the continued, cooperative working relationship our jurisdictions have enjoyed over the years.

Sincerely,

Salud Carbajal, Chair