

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Salud Carbajal <saludcarbajal@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2016 2:32 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Fwd: Please DENY PCEC Appeal Tomorrow

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From: Fran Farina <Fran@farinalaw.net>
Date: October 31, 2016 at 2:23:50 PM PDT
To: "Salud Carbajal (saludcarbajal@gmail.com)" <saludcarbajal@gmail.com>
Subject: Please DENY PCEC Appeal Tomorrow

Salud:

It's unfortunate that you have such a heavy agenda at tomorrow's Board of Supervisors, but if you don't have time to read EDC's letter on why the PCEC project appeal should be denied, I'd ask that you focus on why there are no overriding considerations to justify approving the project, there remain multiple Class I impacts, and the only approval should be for the Seep Can proposal.

Thank you.

Fran Farina

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From: Nancy VanAntwerp <nancyvan@cox.net>
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To: SupervisorCarbajal@sbcbos1.org
Subject: **Deny PCEC's appeal**

Dear Supervisor Salud Carbajal,

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

1. PCEC's oil operations have resulted in 99 uncontrolled oil seeps and 24 oil spills. If the project or any alternative is approved by the Board, the seeps and oil spills will likely continue.
2. None of PCEC's "new information" presented at the last hearing avoids or significantly decreases the projects numerous Class I impacts to endangered species, habitat or water quality.
3. The project's uncertain benefits, like short-term construction jobs, do not come close to outweighing its significant impacts on our environment and limited water resources.

Sincerely,
Nancy VanAntwerp

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From: Carbajal, Salud
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2016 3:08 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Fwd: PCEC's appeal November 1, 2016

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Date: October 31, 2016 at 2:56:38 PM PDT
To: Doreen Farr <dfarr@countyofsb.org>, Janet Wolf <jwolf@sbcbos2.org>, "supervisorcarbajal@sbcbos1.org" <supervisorcarbajal@sbcbos1.org>, "peter.adam@countyofsb.org" <peter.adam@countyofsb.org>, "steve.lavagnino@countyofsb.org" <steve.lavagnino@countyofsb.org>
Cc: "sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us" <sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>
Subject: PCEC's appeal November 1, 2016
Reply-To: Pam Wall <ows.pam99@yahoo.com>

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

Please accept this request in response to the PCEC appeal as I am unable to attend the Board meeting November 1, 2016. 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.

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.
2. PCEC's oil operations have resulted in 99 uncontrolled oil seeps and 24 oil spills! If the project or any alternative is approved by the Board, the seeps and oil spills will continue.
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4. The project's uncertain benefits, like short-term construction jobs, do not come close to outweighing its significant impacts.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Pamela Wall
Resident of Santa Barbara County

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Carbajal, Salud
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2016 3:34 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Fwd: Cyclic Steam water use
Attachments: Water for Cyclic Steam Injection.docx; ATT00001.htm

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From: Renee ONeill <chasingstar2701@yahoo.com>
Date: October 31, 2016 at 3:28:45 PM PDT
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Subject: Cyclic Steam water use
Reply-To: Renee ONeill <chasingstar2701@yahoo.com>

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

Attached, please find my letter concerning PCEC's appeal. The amount of water used for just one cyclic steam injection well, is astonishing!

Please do not let yourselves be deceived by these indifferent oil people.

Warmest Regards,

Renée O'Neill

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

I implore you to deny PCEC's appeal and beseech you to support the Planning Commission's decision to protect our county (and ultimately, state) from further devastating impacts from the oil industry; specifically, further damage from PCEC's negligent practices.

The following article presents a perspective of **just how much precious water is used for Cyclic Steam Injection**. This is a grave concern to everyone in our county and state.

<http://californiansagainstfracking.org>

“METHODOLOGY:

Data is beginning to emerge about the alarming amounts of water being used and wasted by the oil industry in California. Below, is an estimation of the amount of water used, based on data provided by the oil and gas industry to state and regional agencies.”

“THE NUMBERS:

Cyclic *Steam Injection*. According to a recent report from the California Department of Conservation's Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR), **an average of 480,000 barrels of water per day (roughly 20 million gallons/day)[1] is injected for cyclic steam projects in California**. Not all of this water is fresh water because certain operations reuse some amount of water during the process. **Because the industry refuses to disclose how much freshwater they use in the process, and they are not required to do so**, we looked at the amount of freshwater purchased by the oil industry in Kern County, where over 2/3 of California's oil reserves are located, to estimate how much freshwater is used in the cyclic steam process. In 2008, about 15 percent of the total amount of water injected in Kern was fresh water, purchased from the State Water Project via local water districts. [2]

We based our **estimates on the conservative assumption** that only 10 percent of the 20 million gallons of water injected per day is fresh water that could otherwise be conserved or used for municipal and agricultural purposes, which **amounts to roughly 2 million gallons each and every day**. The true number is likely to be higher because some cyclic steam projects recycle far less water. For example, the Indian Pilot Wells Project in San Benito County estimated that over one million gallons of freshwater would be needed for each of 15 separate wells, and that *all* of the water would be extracted from the Bitterwater Valley Groundwater Basin.[3]”

“We each have a role to play in ensuring that we do not pass a world beyond repair on to our children. Everyone must do their part, and as long as we unite to protect the one planet we have, we can leave it in better shape for future generations. On Earth Day (and every day), let us all accept our individual responsibilities to care for the world we live in, and let us marshal our best efforts toward building a safer, more stable, and more sustainable world.” ~Barack Obama, 2016 April 21st, quoted from The White House Office of the Press Secretary

Sincerely Appreciative of Your Help,

Renée O'Neill

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From: Carbajal, Salud
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From: Tamara Casanova Suzuki <revtamarasuzuki@gmail.com>
Date: October 31, 2016 at 3:36:55 PM PDT
To: SupervisorCarbajal@sbcbos1.org
Subject: **Deny PCEC's appeal**

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Sincerely,
The Reverend Tamara Casanova Suzuki, Minister
Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Goleta

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From: Carbajal, Salud
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2016 3:53 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Fwd: PCEC Appeal of Planning Commission Denial of the Cyclic Steaming Proposal in the Orcutt Hills
Attachments: PCEC BOS Letter (1).doc; ATT00001.htm; Sta Barbara Co O&G DEIR Comments (1) (1).pdf; ATT00002.htm

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From: Timothy Krantz <timothykrantz@gmail.com>
Date: October 31, 2016 at 3:51:56 PM PDT
To: SupervisorCarbajal@sbcbos1.org
Subject: PCEC Appeal of Planning Commission Denial of the Cyclic Steaming Proposal in the Orcutt Hills

Hello Supervisor Carbajal:

I am an Environmental Science professor from the University of Redlands with experience working on oil and gas remediation projects, including the Guadalupe Dunes (Unocal) oil spill and clean up back in the 1990s. I have serious concerns about the proposed cyclic steam injection wells proposed for expansion by PCEC in the Orcutt Hills. Please take the time to read my letter to the Board of Supervisors and, more importantly and in more detail, my letter to the Planning Commission with regard to this proposal. If you have any further questions in these regards, please do not hesitate to contact me at (909)797-4583 (Home) or (909)748-8590 (office).

Thank you for your consideration of this very important issue pending before you tomorrow.

Sincerely,
Tim Krantz

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October 29, 2016

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

RE: Orcutt Hill Resource Enhancement Plan—Appeal of the Planning Commission Denial

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

Please find attached to this letter comments submitted to the Planning Commission on the Orcutt Hill Resource Enhancement Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (the DEIR). These comments supported the Planning Commission's ultimate decision to deny the application of Pacific Coast Energy Company (PCEC) for expansion of cyclic steam injection wells in the Careaga oil field near Orcutt. The Planning Commission's Findings for Denial of the PCEC application are well-founded and are based on facts presented in the DEIR, Final EIR, and in the public hearings on the project.

The Potential for Oil and Wastewater Spills is Very High

There have been more than 99 accidental seeps and 24 oil spills from PCEC's operations since the 2006 approval of cyclic steam injection in the Orcutt Hills. This proposal calls for doubling the number of wells in this already spill-prone oil field, in addition to nearly two miles of above-ground pipelines. The Careaga formation lies at the headwaters of the Orcutt-Santa Maria River watershed. Thus, if there are surface or subsurface releases/spills of oil and wastewater from the PCEC wells or pipelines, the contaminants will flow into drainages and into groundwater, potentially threatening municipal and agricultural water supplies downstream.

The potential for fracking and steam injection to induce earthquakes is well documented to the degree that Oklahoma now exceeds California as the most seismically active state in the U.S., according to the American Seismological Association. The San Andreas Fault is only 50 miles from the Orcutt field. Whether or not an earthquake was induced by the project injection wells or was caused by an unrelated event on the SAF, the potential for multiple and simultaneous pipeline breaks is high.

Potential Costs of Remediation and Damages to Water Resources far exceed Revenues to the County

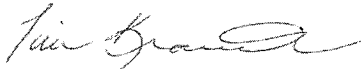
The Refugio oil spill in May 2015 resulted in over \$96 million dollars in direct cleanup costs by Plains All American Pipeline Company and an estimated \$74 million in related damages to the County. The potential revenues of the PCEC project of \$2.7-4.7 million (by their own estimates) annually are paltry in comparison to the costs of a single event, let alone a multiple pipeline breach which could happen in the case of an earthquake. Furthermore, the short-term benefits of 35-75 temporary construction jobs are minimal in comparison to the direct and indirect risks related to this proposed project.

Even if the PCEC cyclic steam injection wells were to run the course of their operations without mishap, these benefits are short-term and would benefit only a handful of PCEC employees and contractors; whereas the risks of environmental impacts to biological and water resources are long-term and will affect the citizens of North County now and for generations to come.

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors simply cannot accept these substantial risks to so many of their constituents for the benefits of so few.

For these reasons, and for the reasons detailed in my attached correspondence to the Planning Commission, I strongly urge the Board of Supervisors to **Uphold the Planning Commission's denial of the Orcutt Hill Resource Enhancement Plan**. It is the only responsible decision with regard to the health and well-being of the citizens of North County.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Timothy Krantz

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March 26, 2015

RE: Comments on Orcutt Hill Resource Enhancement Plan Draft EIR

Mr. Glenn Russell, Director
County of Santa Barbara
123 East Anapamu St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101-2058

Dear Mr. Russell:

Please find attached the following comments on the Orcutt Hill Resource Enhancement Plan DEIR (the DEIR). I am a professor of Environmental Studies at the University of Redlands, with 18 years of experience teaching, among other things, Environmental Impact Assessment (NEPA/CEQA and other regulatory requirements) and Physical Geography (Earth Science, including geology, groundwater, and hydrospheric/atmospheric physical processes). Before moving to Redlands to teach, I worked for Levine-Fricke—an environmental engineering firm specializing in remediation (clean-up and mitigation) of oil, gas and chemical releases (spills)—where I was the Senior Associate Scientist in charge of the ecological restoration group for the firm. Most pertinent to this proposed oil well expansion DEIR, I worked on the Guadalupe oil release west of Santa Maria, where Unocal had knowingly injected as much as 12 million gallons of “diluent” (solvents), including highly carcinogenic benzene and kerosene, into the well field to make the heavy crude that remained in the field more soluble for removal. In that case, the lighter, more volatile benzene floated to the surface of the water table, flowing through the Guadalupe Dunes (including the Guadalupe Dunes County Park), emerging on the beaches where children made sand castles and fishermen were casting their lines from shore. Ultimately, Unocal agreed to a settlement agreement, paying more than \$40 million in penalties and installing a HDPE barrier behind the foredunes to intercept the diluent plume and pump and remove the contaminants before they hit the beach. This “pump and treat” operation is still in place and will need to be maintained for many years as the hazardous materials continue to flow under the Guadalupe Dunes for decades to come.

The Project

The proposed project (the Project) calls for installation and operation of 96 new wells in addition to 96 existing wells within the Orcutt Hill field, construction of as many as 48 “replacement wells” at other approved well sites (pods); installation of approximately 10,000 linear feet of new interconnecting above ground pipelines; and will require the construction of roads, pads, and other operational equipment needs to construct, operate and maintain the oil production area. The Project area, within which the network of pods and roads extend, is 4,024.7 acres—6.3 square miles—a substantial area situated across

the drainage divide as one descends toward the communities of Orcutt and Santa Maria to the north.

Comment 1—The DEIR fails to analyze the true area of potential environmental effects of the Project.

The actual acreage of the Project property is tucked into the second paragraph of the Introduction, but is not mentioned again with regard to the “potential affected area” of the Project. The discussion focuses on the well pad developments and footprints of those facilities as if there are no surface impacts or disturbances in between them. Even in technical sections of the basis of the DEIR, such as the Biological Resources impact assessment, the DEIR states that “The proposed Project is located within an approximately 285-acre portion” of the 4,000+-acre parcel. The analysis goes on to say that this is the “study area” [quotes in the document], plus “an approximately 500-foot radius” from the 96 existing cyclic steam injection wells already in operation in the Orcutt field.

Clearly, this represents a grossly narrow focus of the DEIR, and the potential impacts on Biological Resources are not limited to the footprints-plus-500-feet from well pads, not to mention roads and pipelines. Impacts of noise, air quality, hydrology and other environmental impacts are not limited to the well-pads.

For this reason, I strongly suggest that the entire focus of the DEIR and its analysis of the range of potential environmental impacts, as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), should include the entire 4,024.7 acres of the Orcutt Hill oil field operations, but should also include the potential impacts to the watershed of the Project operations, including potential surface and groundwater impacts to the communities of Orcutt and Santa Maria to the north, as well as the Barka Slough and San Antonio Lagoon to the west.

Comment 2—The DEIR does not adequately analyze the potential of oil spills and release of other hazardous materials into the Orcutt watershed.

As the DEIR states on page 4.8-1, the Project site “is located on the top and flanks of two ridges” of Newlove Hill and Graciosa Ridge. The potential of releases of oil and product water from pipelines, trucks, and well heads is not adequately analyzed in the pertinent sections of the DEIR. A potential pipe rupture, or multiple pipe rupture in the case of an earthquake, could release oil and/or product water on the surface and into groundwater. Being situated at the top of the drainage divide between northwards-flowing groundwater towards the Santa Maria River and aquifer; and the southwestwards-flowing surface and groundwater towards the Barka Slough and ultimately, the Pacific, the potential impacts of surface or subsurface releases must be analyzed.

Comment 3—The DEIR does not adequately address the potential impacts of increased oil seeps and “surface expressions” of oil/product water.

The following language is taken directly from the DEIR with regard to oil seeps and surface expressions:

“The proposed Project also includes the potential for ground disturbance due to the installation of new seep cans with an unspecified associated ground disturbance per

installation. The existing conditions within the Project Site include the occurrence of seeps and surface expressions. Seeps are slow oil seepage to the ground surface. Seeps do occur naturally unrelated to oil activities and have occurred historically at the PCEC lease for over 100 years (Orcutt 1901; DOGGR 2013). However, **the frequency of seeps occurring at the site increased substantially since PCEC started their steam injection program in 2005**, but has subsided somewhat due to the implementation of revised field practices developed with DOGGR (see section 4.8, Hydrology and Water Quality).”

These “seeps and surface expressions”—let’s just call them what they are—“oil spills”—are a mix of oil and gas compounds, extremely saline brine solutions of produce water, and backflow of to the surface from injection wells. The installation of seep cans and other containment measures at the well pads only mitigate the immediate areas of the drilling or injection operations. Most of these releases are the result of cracks in the well head or casings, broken pipes or other pressurized equipment failures. Releases of oil or other hazardous chemicals must be individually evaluated and site remediation measures must be implemented. This is another very practical reason why the “study area” must include the entire 4,025-acre property.

Comment 4—The DEIR does not adequately evaluate other environmental impacts relative to surface and groundwater pollution, increased seismic risks, air pollution, or noise pollution associated with cyclic steam injection oil production.

The Applicants for the proposed Project would have you, the elected or appointed representatives of Santa Barbara County, believe that cyclic steam injection is a clean and environmentally benign operation; that it is different from “fracking” and other “Enhanced Oil Recovery” (EOR) methods in that it does not involve injection of toxic chemicals into the groundwater. They say they will only inject steam under great pressure into the deposits, and then bring up the “product water” and oil, separate the oil and re-inject the wastewater back into the ground where it came from. They say, “Don’t worry about municipal groundwater pollution. We are injecting to depths well below the municipal aquifers used for agriculture and humans.”

The facts of cyclic steam injection oil production are different. The fact is that a high percentage of well-casings, pipelines and equipment fail because over a very short lifetime as a result of the high-pressures and caustic brine solutions involved in the process. The DEIR pre-supposes that the depth of reinjection of wastewater is so deep that there will be no communication of oil, gas, caustic brine and other chemicals will remain at depth. The fact is that the Orcutt Hills field and Project site straddles at least two fault lines and is adjacent to several others, such that the geologic strata that might separate a deeper aquifer from a nearer-surface municipal aquifer are highly fractured in the Project vicinity, such that no one can guarantee that product wastewater and oil residues may not rise to the surface aquifers through such faults and fissures that underlie the Project area.

Furthermore, the linkages between significant seismic events and steam injection are well established. The American Seismological Association hosted a special session dedicated to EOR and increase seismic risk just this last May, announcing that the State of Oklahoma now outranks California as the most seismically-active State of the Union; and the San Andreas Fault is only about 50 miles away as the crow flies!

In conclusion, I strongly urge you to remand the DEIR back for significant modifications in the above-referenced regards; or deny the project as it stands.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tim Grant".

Dr. Timothy P. Krantz

Professor of Environmental Studies
University of Redlands
1200 E. Colton Avenue, Lewis 121
Redlands, CA 92374

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Carbajal, Salud
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To: SupervisorCarbajal@sbcbos1.org
Subject: Deny PCEC's appeal

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From: Peggy Beebe <pbeebe999@gmail.com>
Date: October 31, 2016 at 4:03:18 PM PDT
To: SupervisorCarbajal@sbcbos1.org
Subject: Please Consider Denying PCEC's Appeal

Dear Supervisor Carbajal,

I am unable to attend tomorrow morning's hearing, but I would like to encourage you to support the Planning Commission's decision to deny PCEC's proposed alternative project to expand their drilling operation to include more wells. I am concerned about oil seeps, water and air pollution.

I was at the last hearing and I know the decision tomorrow will be difficult. I believe turning down the project is the right thing to do for all of us who share water, soil and air.

Sincerely,
Margaret Beebe
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Lompoc, CA 93436

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Kovacs, Naomi
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2016 4:34 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: O'Gorman, Mary
Subject: ExParte 11/01/16 PCEC - Orcutt Hills Appeal

Ex Parte

From: Alicia Roessler [<mailto:aroessler@environmentaldefensecenter.org>]
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2016 10:08 AM
To: Wolf, Janet; O'Gorman, Mary; Kovacs, Naomi
Cc: Linda Krop; Brian Trautwein
Subject: FW: Qs re Staff Presentation for PCEC

Questions posed to staff today regarding the proposed staff presentation.

Alicia Roessler, Staff Attorney
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From: Alicia Roessler
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2016 10:06 AM
To: Cattle, Peter; 'Briggs, Errin'
Cc: Linda Krop; Brian Trautwein
Subject: Qs re Staff Presentation for PCEC

Hi Peter and Errin,

In reviewing staff's presentation to the PCEC appeal to the Board tomorrow, a few questions came up that we were hoping you could address before the hearing tomorrow:

- 1) CTS Map Conservation Area Map, p. 15 of Presentation – This map identifies a “proposed onsite mitigation area” for the CTS HCP or Conservation Easement yet, the area is not located on the Project site, nor is it being called or identified as “mitigation” in the Staff Report. This map and this phrasing appears to be inaccurate and misleading to the BOS and the public, unless the proposed CTS conservation area is being considered as “mitigation “ by the County, and/or the boundary of the Project site has changed. Please let us know if either has occurred.
- 2) The well numbers in the “modified” Careaga Exclusion Alt and the “modified” Careaga (88) and CTS Exclusion Alt (53) do not add it to an 80% and 60% reduction as identified in the Matrix on p.10 of the Staff

Presentation, they also don't reflect what the FEIR says, or what the proposed Conditions of Approval allow either. For the Careaga Alt. 80% of the 96 wells would only allow 77 wells at most, and 60% of the 96 wells for the combined alt would actually allow 58 wells, not 53. Is there an explanation for these numbers other than a conversation with PCEC's CEO? These numbers seem misleading if presented to the BOS in this manner.

- 3) PCEC proposed Conservation Easement – We hope staff can clarify if PCEC is proposing a CTS conservation easement with the County, or a draft HCP with USFWS. It seems the two are being used interchangeably without definition, which seems confusing for both the public and the BOS. Please advise as to what is actually being proposed.

Many thanks,
Alicia

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From: Kovacs, Naomi
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2016 4:35 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: O'Gorman, Mary
Subject: ExParte 11/01/16 PCEC - Orcutt Hills Appeal
Attachments: 15-16 Impound BOS Ltr 5.17.16 as filed.pdf

Ex Parte

From: O'Gorman, Mary
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2016 3:52 PM
To: Kovacs, Naomi
Cc: Wolf, Janet
Subject: Ex Parte- Breitburn Assessment appeal settlement

May 3, 2016 BOS letter re Impounded Assessments [including PCEC/Breitburn]



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 568-2240

Department Name: Auditor-Controller
Department No.: 061
For Agenda Of: May 17, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Theodore A. Fallati, CPA
Director(s) Ext 2100
Contact Info: Ed Price, CPA
Ext 2181

SUBJECT: Impoundment of Various Taxing Entities' 2015-16 Property Tax Revenue

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Approve and authorize the Auditor-Controller to impound \$4,850,126 of 2015-16 current year taxes from various entities' property tax revenues to mitigate potential losses from large assessment appeals filed by taxpayers (majority vote);
- b. Approve Budget Revision Request No 0004440 to establish appropriations of \$1,821,493 in multiple County departments and funds for an increase in nonspendable fund balance funded by property tax revenues that have been impounded due to assessment appeals filed by taxpayers (4/5ths vote); and
- c. Determine that the decision to approve and authorize the impoundment is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, because it is a government fiscal activity which does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical effect on the environment.

Summary Text:

California Government Code § 26906.1 authorizes the Auditor-Controller, with the approval of the Board of Supervisors, to impound disputed revenues of any tax upon secured or unsecured property levied and collected by the county for the county or any revenue district when a claim or action is filed for the return of the revenues. The significant Assessment Appeals cases described under the Background section below are being recommended for impounding of taxes. This action does not require the Board to conclude that refunds are reasonably likely in whole or in part.

The impounded tax revenues will be held in an interest bearing fund. The Auditor-Controller will continue to impound the revenues until the final disposition of the claim or action, or a refund of the tax is no longer anticipated. If, under final disposition, it is determined that the taxes were properly levied against the property, the Auditor-Controller will release the impounded taxes to the County or district.

By separate correspondence we will inform all impacted entities.

Background:

For the past several years the Board of Supervisors approved the impounding of property taxes for the significant Assessment Appeals cases. As these cases have not yet been settled and new significant Assessment Appeals cases have been filed it is again recommended that a portion of the property taxes in dispute be impounded for 2015-16 as following:

Oil and Energy

New for 2015-16 are appeals filed by ERG Resources, LLC, a petroleum and gas company with operations in Cat Canyon. Our analysis based on the best information available at this time indicates \$1,087,850 of 2015-16 taxes are in dispute. We feel it would be prudent to continue with impounding 50% (\$543,925) of these taxes as for others in this industry group.

ERG Resources, LLC, also filed additional appeals in 2015-16 on changed assessments related to a change in ownership event in December 2011. These changed assessments (some which will result in prior year escape assessments) have been noticed by the Assessor but due to the new property tax system implementation have not yet been billed. Consequently since these taxes have not yet been billed nor collected, they are not subject to impoundment. Once these items are billed, collected and appealed we will come to your Board for additional impound requests if deemed appropriate.

In prior years Breitburn Energy, a petroleum and gas company and one of the county's largest taxpayers, had filed significant assessment appeals disputing regular taxes for 2010-11 and 2011-12. Pacific Coast Energy Holdings, LLC, the successor to Breitburn Energy has filed appeals for fiscal year 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16. On May 3, 2016 the taxpayer and the Assessor agreed upon taxable values for tax years 2010-11 through 2015-16 resulting in a combination of refunds to be issued and escaped assessments to be billed. The escaped assessments exceed the refunds.

Aerospace

United Launch Alliance (ULA), a 50-50 joint venture between Lockheed Martin Corporation and The Boeing Company providing space launch services for the US Government and one of the county's largest taxpayers, has filed significant assessment appeals on its leased land and launch facilities and its business property on Vandenberg Air Force Base. Appeals filed in 2011-12 and 2012-13 dispute regular

and escaped assessments billed on the unsecured roll of which \$2,890,961 of those disputed taxes were previously impounded.

In 2014-15, taxes resulting from escaped assessments spanning seven tax years (2007-08 through 2013-14) totaling \$33 million (\$24.6 million of taxes plus \$8.4 million of interest penalties) were billed to, appealed by, and as requested by ULA were put on a payment plan over 4 years as allowed by law. As taxes collected on payment plans are held in trust and are not distributed until the entire bill plus associated interest is collected, these disputed taxes are effectively impounded. Should resolution of the appeal take more than four years we will analyze at the time of final payment the need to impound those collected taxes prior to distribution. In addition to the escapes for prior years, 2014-15 regular taxes of almost \$4.9 million were also billed and appealed of which \$2,245,100 was impounded.

Again for 2015-16 ULA filed appeals on \$2,900,223 of disputed taxes. New for 2015-16 are appeals filed by Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (SpaceX) of \$2,156,349. Per their website, SpaceX designs, manufactures and launches advanced rockets and spacecraft.

While we feel it is unlikely that the entire amount in dispute would be required to be refunded to either taxpayer, we do feel it would be prudent to set aside via this impound a portion of these revenues. We feel impoundment of 75% (ULA \$2,175,167, SpaceX \$1,617,262) of the disputed 2015-16 tax amounts for these appeals is warranted.

Residences & Estates

New for this year the Fairway BB Property, LLC, an oceanfront estate in Montecito and one of the county's largest taxpayers filed appeals for 2015-16 and prior years. We feel it would be prudent to impound 50% (\$513,772) of the disputed 2015-16 taxes of \$1,027,544.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No.

The impounding of property taxes establishes accounts receivables for multiple departments and funds under the control of the County. Accordingly nonspendable fund balance must be increased to reflect these property tax accounts receivables. Budget Revision Request 0004440 funds this increase of nonspendable fund balance with the property tax revenues that have been impounded.

Fiscal Analysis:

The schedule below delineates the impacts to the affected taxing entities for the proposed 2015-16 impounds as well as those taxing entities under your board's control requiring budget revisions for nonspendable fund balance increase.

Proposed 2015-16 Impounds by Taxing Entity and
 Related BOS Controlled Taxing Entities Requiring Budget Revisions for
 Nonspendable Fund Balance Increase
 As of April 25, 2016

Fund	Aerospace	Oil & Energy	Residences & Estates	Total Impound Request	Included in BJE 0004440
0001 General	\$ 902,404	\$ 132,422	\$ 120,942	\$ 1,155,768	\$ 1,155,768
2280 Fire Protection Dist	542,201	78,337		620,538	620,538
2400 Flood Ctrl/Wtr Cons Dst Mt	12,276	1,795	1,647	15,718	15,718
2500 Los Alamos Flood Zone Number 1		1,453		1,453	1,453
2510 Orcutt Flood Zone Number 3				-	-
2610 So Coast Flood Zone 2			7,058	7,058	7,058
2670 North County Lighting Dist		770		770	770
3050 Water Agency	15,811	2,258	2,119	20,188	20,188
3210 Santa Maria Public Airport Dst		6,788		6,788	N/A
3290 Lompoc Cemetery District	31,648			31,648	N/A
3300 Los Alamos Cemetery District		640		640	N/A
3320 Santa Maria Cemetery District		1,784		1,784	N/A
3650 Montecito Fire Protection Dist			82,969	82,969	N/A
3750 Lompoc Healthcare Dist	79,075			79,075	N/A
4090 Santa Barbara MTD			1,471	1,471	N/A
4160 Mosquito & Vector Mgt District	854	103	114	1,071	N/A
4500 Cachuma Resource Cons Dist	3,680	340	-	4,020	N/A
5100 Montecito San Dist-Running Exp			2,830	2,830	N/A
6101 Blochman Union Sch Dist-Gen		27,597		27,597	N/A
7301 Montecito Union Sch Dist-Gen			73,666	73,666	N/A
7401 Orcutt Union Sch Dist-Gen		25,897		25,897	N/A
8201 SBUSD General			92,280	92,280	N/A
8301 SMJH District-General		130,391		130,391	N/A
8901 Lompoc Unified Sch Dist-Gen	1,328,803			1,328,803	N/A
9401 Allan Hancock CC Dist-Gen	239,609	34,826		274,435	N/A
9610 SBCC Dist-Gen			32,271	32,271	N/A
9801 County School Service	165,537	23,848	22,175	211,560	N/A
9802 Education Revenue Augmentation	470,531	74,676	74,230	619,437	N/A
Grand Total	\$ 3,792,429	\$ 543,925	\$ 513,772	\$ 4,850,126	\$ 1,821,493

N/A - Not applicable as Fund not under BOS control

Attachments:

BRR/BJE 0004440
 Schedule of Proposed Impounds by Taxpayer and Taxing Entity

Authored by:

Ed Price, Property Tax Division Chief

Budget Journal Entry

Budget Journal Entry

Document Number: BJE - 0004440
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Budget Revision Request

Agenda Item: Agenda Date: 5/17/2016 Approval: BOS 4/5 Has Board Letter: Yes
 Title: Reserve Fund Balance for Nonspendable Impounded Property Tax Receivables for affected county funds.
 Budget Action: Establish appropriations of \$1,821,493 in multiple departments and funds for an increase in nonspendable fund balance funded by property tax revenues that have been impounded due to assessment appeals filed by taxpayers.

Justification: Under Board Authorization (5/17/2016) the Auditor-Controller is ordered to impound selected current year disputed property taxes. These property taxes are recognized as receivables and due to the nonspendable nature of receivables, fund balance must be reserved accordingly in each affected county fund. The affected departments/funds are: General Revenues/General Fund, Fire/Fire Protection District, Public Works/Flood Zone and Lighting District Funds and the Water Agency Fund.

Budget Revision Request Financial Summary

Fund	Department	Project	Object Level	Source Amount	Use Amount
2280 - Fire Protection Dist	031 - Fire		05 - Taxes	620,538.00	0.00
2280 - Fire Protection Dist	031 - Fire		91 - Changes to Nonspendable	0.00	620,538.00
		Fund: 2280 - Fire Protection Dist, Department: 031 - Fire Total:		620,538.00	620,538.00
2400 - Flood Ctrl/Wtr Cons Dst Mt	054 - Public Works		05 - Taxes	15,718.00	0.00
2400 - Flood Ctrl/Wtr Cons Dst Mt	054 - Public Works		91 - Changes to Nonspendable	0.00	15,718.00
		Fund: 2400 - Flood Ctrl/Wtr Cons Dst Mt, Department: 054 - Public Works Total:		15,718.00	15,718.00
2500 - Los Alamos Flood Zone Number 1	054 - Public Works		05 - Taxes	1,453.00	0.00

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2500 - Los Alamos Flood Zone Number 1	054 - Public Works	91 - Changes to Nonspendable	0.00	1,453.00
	Fund: 2500 - Los Alamos Flood Zone Number 1, Department: 054 - Public Works Total:		1,453.00	1,453.00
2610 - So Coast Flood Zone 2	054 - Public Works	05 - Taxes	7,058.00	0.00
2610 - So Coast Flood Zone 2	054 - Public Works	91 - Changes to Nonspendable	0.00	7,058.00
	Fund: 2610 - So Coast Flood Zone 2, Department: 054 - Public Works Total:		7,058.00	7,058.00
2670 - North County Lighting Dist	054 - Public Works	05 - Taxes	770.00	0.00
2670 - North County Lighting Dist	054 - Public Works	91 - Changes to Nonspendable	0.00	770.00
	Fund: 2670 - North County Lighting Dist, Department: 054 - Public Works Total:		770.00	770.00
3050 - Water Agency	054 - Public Works	05 - Taxes	20,188.00	0.00
3050 - Water Agency	054 - Public Works	91 - Changes to Nonspendable	0.00	20,188.00
	Fund: 3050 - Water Agency, Department: 054 - Public Works Total:		20,188.00	20,188.00
0001 - General	990 - General County Programs	80 - Intrafund Expenditure Transfers (-)	0.00	(1,155,768.00)
0001 - General	990 - General County Programs	91 - Changes to Nonspendable	0.00	1,155,768.00
	Fund: 0001 - General, Department: 990 - General County Programs Total:		0.00	0.00
0001 - General	991 - General Revenues	05 - Taxes	1,155,768.00	0.00
0001 - General	991 - General Revenues	85 - Intrafund Expenditure Transfers (+)	0.00	1,155,768.00
	Fund: 0001 - General, Department: 991 - General Revenues Total:		1,155,768.00	1,155,768.00

Accounting

Fund	Dept	GL Acct	LI Acct	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Prog	OUnit	Proj	Budget Period	Description
0001	991	2420	3010	1,155,768.00		1000			201606	Budget Nonspendable Fund Balance for Impound Rec
0001	991	2530	9300		1,155,768.00	1000			201606	Budget Nonspendable Fund Balance for Impound Rec
0001	990	2530	9100	1,155,768.00		8300			201606	Budget Nonspendable Fund Balance for Impound Rec
0001	990	2530	9602		1,155,768.00	8300			201606	Budget Nonspendable Fund Balance for Impound Rec
2280	031	2420	3010	620,538.00		7777	7000		201606	Budget Nonspendable Fund Balance for Impound Rec
2280	031	2530	9602		620,538.00	7777	7000		201606	Budget Nonspendable Fund Balance for Impound Rec
2400	054	2420	3010	15,718.00		3001			201606	Budget Nonspendable Fund Balance for Impound Rec
2400	054	2530	9602		15,718.00	3001			201606	Budget Nonspendable Fund Balance for Impound Rec
2500	054	2420	3010	1,453.00		3001			201606	Budget Nonspendable Fund Balance for Impound Rec
2500	054	2530	9602		1,453.00	3001			201606	Budget Nonspendable Fund Balance for Impound Rec
2610	054	2420	3010	7,058.00		3007			201606	Budget Nonspendable Fund Balance for Impound Rec
2610	054	2530	9602		7,058.00	3007			201606	Budget Nonspendable Fund Balance for Impound Rec

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2670	054	2420	3010	770.00	3007	201606	Budget Nonspendable Fund Balance for Impound Rec
2670	054	2530	9602	770.00	3007	201606	Budget Nonspendable Fund Balance for Impound Rec
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3050	054	2530	9602	20,188.00	3007	201606	Budget Nonspendable Fund Balance for Impound Rec
Total				<u>2,977,261.00</u>			
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Signatures

Signed By	Signed On	Department/Agency	Approval Level	Valid
Pancho Occhiano	5/5/2016 3:46:58 PM	061 - Auditor-Controller	FACS	Y
Julie Hagen	5/5/2016 3:49:39 PM	061 - Auditor-Controller	Chief Deputy Controller	Y
John Jayasinghe	5/5/2016 3:58:50 PM	012 - County Executive Office	CEO Analyst	Y
Thomas Alvarez	5/5/2016 4:01:42 PM	012 - County Executive Office	Budget Director	Y

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 Nonspendable Fund Balance Increase
 As of April 25, 2016

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3290 Lompoc Cemetery District	13,496	18,152	640		31,648				
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3320 Santa Maria Cemetery District					1,784				
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3750 Lompoc Healthcare Dist	33,720	45,355			79,075				
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Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Kovacs, Naomi
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2016 4:36 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: O'Gorman, Mary
Subject: ExParte 11/01/16 PCEC - Orcutt Hills Appeal
Attachments: Final Breitburn_PCEC Values 2010_2015.xlsx; ATT00001.htm

Ex Parte

From: O'Gorman, Mary
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2016 8:35 AM
To: Wolf, Janet
Subject: Fwd: AAB status

FYI see below and attached

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Taylor, Keith" <Taylor@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>
Date: October 28, 2016 at 8:21:50 AM PDT
To: "O'Gorman, Mary" <mogorman@countyofsb.org>
Cc: "Holland, Joe" <Holland@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>
Subject: FW: AAB status

Hi Mary,

The Assessor settled all outstanding assessment appeals with Breitburn/Pacific Coast Energy Company.
The results are attached.
Let me know if you have any questions.

Keith Taylor
Chief Deputy Assessor
Clerk, Recorder and Assessor
County of Santa Barbara
Phone 805-568-2562
taylor@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

Breitburn/Pacific Coast Energy
Appealed and Stipulated Values 2010-2015

<u>Year</u>	<u>Enrolled Value</u>	<u>Applicant's Opinion</u>	<u>Stipulated Value</u>
2010	263,723,700	137,697,200	202,402,420
2011	265,715,485	132,857,746	248,677,272
2012	271,029,794	-	339,479,790
2013	277,099,889	109,333,800	420,711,569
2014	277,704,907	138,846,459	425,572,256
2015	283,241,200	171,620,603	250,507,296

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Carbajal, Salud
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2016 5:11 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Fwd: PCEC Orcutt Hill Appeal

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Larry Bishop <llbishop1@verizon.net>
Date: October 31, 2016 at 5:10:18 PM PDT
To: <SupervisorCarbajal@sbcbos1.org>
Subject: PCEC Orcutt Hill Appeal

To: Supervisor Carbajal, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu St, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

From: Safe Energy Now! North County

Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

We are writing this letter to address our serious concerns and strong opposition to the PCEC Orcutt Hill Resources Enhancement Plan Project. As citizens of Santa Barbara County, who have already experienced the impact of significant drought and oil contamination, we strongly oppose anything that could further threaten the quality of our air quality, groundwater and the health and well-being of the central coast.

During one of the worst droughts in Santa Barbara history, can we really afford the squandering of 1.8 millions of gallons of fresh groundwater that this project requires? Do we really want to expand the destruction of habitat and endangered plant species that has already occurred under existing operations? Are the speculative and highly limited financial benefits worth the extreme and possibly long term harm and expense to our county this project is likely to incur? The answer, as we hope you will agree, is NO.

The high likelihood of continued seeps and spills from this project, not to mention the possibility of a major spill and long term contamination, pose a serious risk to both wildlife and human health that is hardly worth the temporary jobs or limited economic benefit this project *may* provide.

PCEC Orcutt operations has already experienced repeated equipment failure, resulting in seeps as well as ground upheaval and several surface expressions of oil. Furthermore, the highly polluting emissions from the steam generators would have a strong impact on our air quality. These effects are simply not acceptable to central coast families.

Preserving and protecting the quality of our water, air and the precious natural environment of the central coast must always be our first priority. We simply cannot afford the serious risks that this project imposes on the health of the central coast, now, and for future generations. The mitigations offered by PCEC do not override the very significant Class I impacts the County found for this project. We request that you hold the PCEC accountable for the damage that has already occurred, and urge you to deny PCEC's appeal and request to add more wells, resulting in an even greater threat to the wellbeing of our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Larry Bishop

Safe Energy Now! North County

Amy Anderson

Jane Baxter

Irv Beiman

Larry Bishop

Tess Blake

Janet Blevins

Grace Feldmann

Cheryl Herman

Seth Steiner

Nancy Watson

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Carbajal, Salud
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2016 7:17 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Fwd: DENY PCEC's appeal

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Steven Elliott <stevenelliott638@gmail.com>
Date: October 31, 2016 at 6:55:16 PM PDT
To: SupervisorCarbajal@sbcbos1.org
Subject: DENY PCEC's appeal

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

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

- 1. PCEC's oil project is one of the dirtiest and riskiest oil operations in the County – last year F #1 in the County for oil spills.*
- 2. PCEC's oil operations have resulted in 99 uncontrolled oil seeps and 24 oil spills! If the proj alternative is approved by the Board, the seeps and oil spills will continue.*
- 3. None of PCEC's "new information" presented at the last hearing avoids or significantly decr projects numerous Class I impacts to endangered species, habitat or water quality.*
- 4. The project's uncertain benefits, like short-term construction jobs, do not come close to outv significant impacts.*

Sincerely, Steven T Elliott

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Carbajal, Salud
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2016 8:21 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Fwd: Deny PCEC's appeal

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Christine Milne <csm4gwp@yahoo.com>
Date: October 31, 2016 at 8:08:57 PM PDT
To: "Peter.Adam@countyofsb.org" <Peter.Adam@countyofsb.org>, "SupervisorCarbajal@sbcbos1.org" <SupervisorCarbajal@sbcbos1.org>, "dfarr@countyofsb.org" <dfarr@countyofsb.org>, "jwolf@sbcbos2.org" <jwolf@sbcbos2.org>, "steve.lavagnino@countyofsb.org" <steve.lavagnino@countyofsb.org>
Subject: Deny PCEC's appeal
Reply-To: Christine Milne <csm4gwp@yahoo.com>

Dear Supervisors,

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

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2. None of PCEC's "new information" presented at the last hearing avoids or significantly decreases the projects numerous Class I impacts to endangered species, habitat or water quality.
3. The project's uncertain benefits, like short-term construction jobs, do not come close to outweighing its significant impacts on our environment and limited water resources.

Sincerely,
Christine S. Milne

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Carbajal, Salud
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2016 8:31 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Fwd: Deny PCEC's appeal

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Carol Schwyzer <carolschwzyer@gmail.com>
Date: October 31, 2016 at 8:30:39 PM PDT
To: SupervisorCarbajal@sbcbos1.org
Subject: Deny PCEC's appeal

Dear Supervisor Salud Carbajal,

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

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Sincerely,

Carol Schwyzer
1740 Hillside Rd.
Santa Barbara 93101

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Carbajal, Salud
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2016 10:15 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Fwd: Deny PCEC's appeal

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jeannette Love <jenblove9@gmail.com>
Date: October 31, 2016 at 10:00:19 PM PDT
To: SupervisorCarbajal@sbcbos1.org
Subject: Deny PCEC's appeal

Dear Supervisor Salud Carbajal,

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

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Sincerely,
Rev. Jeannette Love
Serving the Catholic Church of the Beatitudes

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Carbajal, Salud
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2016 10:36 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Fwd: Deny PCEC's appeal

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Diane Fox <dnfox70@gmail.com>
Date: October 31, 2016 at 10:31:15 PM PDT
To: SupervisorCarbajal@sbcbos1.org
Subject: Deny PCEC's appeal

Dear Supervisor Salud Carbajal,

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

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Sincerely,

Diane Fox

Beatitudes Community

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Carbajal, Salud
Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2016 6:49 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Fwd: Please Deny PCEC's Appeal

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Anthony Allina <t.allina@me.com>
Date: November 1, 2016 at 12:25:27 AM PDT
To: Salud Carbajal <SupervisorCarbajal@sbcbos1.org>, jwolf@countyofsb.org,
dfarr@countyofsb.org, peter.adam@countyofsb.org, steve.lavagnino@countyofsb.org,
sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us
Subject: Re: Please Deny PCEC's Appeal

Dear Supervisor,

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.

- 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.
- PCEC's oil operations have resulted in 99 uncontrolled oil seeps and 24 oil spills! If the project or any alternative is approved by the Board, the seeps and oil spills will continue.
- None of PCEC's "new information" presented at the last hearing avoids or significantly decreases the projects numerous Class I impacts to endangered species, habitat or water quality.
- The project's uncertain benefits, like short-term construction jobs, do not come close to outweighing its significant impacts.

Sincerely,

Anthony Allina MD
1146 Nirvana Rd.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Carbajal, Salud
Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2016 6:49 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Fwd: Deny PCEC's appeal

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Denise Williams <conflictresolutionworks@gmail.com>
Date: November 1, 2016 at 12:19:29 AM PDT
To: SupervisorCarbajal@sbcbos1.org
Subject: Deny PCEC's appeal
Reply-To: conflictresolutionworks@gmail.com

Dear Supervisor Salud Carbajal,

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

1. PCEC's oil operations have resulted in 99 uncontrolled oil seeps and 24 oil spills. If the project or any alternative is approved by the Board, the seeps and oil spills will likely continue.
2. None of PCEC's "new information" presented at the last hearing avoids or significantly decreases the projects numerous Class I impacts to endangered species, habitat or water quality.
3. The project's uncertain benefits, like short-term construction jobs, do not come close to outweighing its significant impacts on our environment and limited water resources.

Sincerely,

Denise Williams

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Carbajal, Salud
Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2016 6:49 AM
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From: Michal Lynch <defenders@mail.defenders.org>
Date: October 31, 2016 at 11:59:23 PM PDT
To: Salud Carbajal <SupervisorCarbajal@sbcbos1.org>
Subject: Deny the Pacific Coast Energy Company's oil drilling project
Reply-To: Michal Lynch <michalcathy@cox.net>

Nov 1, 2016

Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors Salud Carbajal

Dear Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors Carbajal,

As a Defender of Wildlife and a resident of Santa Barbara, I am writing to urge you to deny the Pacific Coast Energy Company's oil drilling project.

The project, situated in the environmentally sensitive Orcutt Hills of northern Santa Barbara County, endangers one of the most biologically diverse locations in California - an area that is home to several rare plant and animal species, including the federally protected California Tiger Salamander.

There are already 96 wells on the Orcutt Oil Field, and the area has a history of accidents - to date, there have been 100 uncontrolled oil seeps - seeps that inundate and ruin the homes of California wildlife. If the plan is allowed to move forward, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife predicts another 225 seeps in the next 25 years!

Approving this plan goes against the County's comprehensive conservation plans and policies - and the county's Planning Commission already denied this project once.

The uncertain short-term benefits of approving this plan cannot begin to compare to the significant negative consequences for Santa Barbara's water quality, air quality and wildlife habitat.

As California residents, we should be proud of the hard work our state has done to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions - but developing fossil fuel drilling in a project like this will negate the progress that we've made.

It is imperative that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors deny the Pacific Coast Energy Company's oil drilling project.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ms. Michal Lynch
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