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From: Alexandra Regan <zandersregan@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 4:50 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: May 13 BOS meeting on the Prohibit Oil Drilling ordinance

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I want to express my strong desire to end oil drilling in Santa Barbara County.

I live in Santa Barbara County at 4445 Nueces Dr.

Kind regards,

A. Regan

Katherine Douglas

From: Sarah Kass <sarskass@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 6:07 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: May 13 BOS meeting on the Prohibit Oil Drilling ordinance.

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Dear persons of interest and advocacy,

Santa Barbara has always been a forerunner in environmental ACTIONS and SOLUTIONS....from the first Earth Day, bike buses, public recycling, and the inception of the CEC. We want to be in the lead on this issue and set an example for the rest of the US. We have seen what happens when we allow more drilling and exploitation of the undersea resources for the gain of oil companies. AND we can see the direction the Trump administration is headed (read, "Drill, baby, drill"). As Americans, we need to learn how to manage with less demand on natural resources and dirty energy and find other solutions. Until oil is inconvenient, expensive, or, ultimately, unavailable, there is little incentive to decrease our demand and/or create supply solutions. As Santa Barbaraians, we need to be the stewards who stand up to protect the beloved waters off our coastline. Please, do not allow

ANY new drilling off our coast. Look at the long term. Recognize that what we have in our immediate environment is extraordinary and cannot be replicated. We CAN, however, find other significant means of securing the energy we require.

NO NEW OIL DRILLING!!!

thank you for your service

Sarah Kass

Katherine Douglas

From: Katie Davis <kdavis2468@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 6:30 PM
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Subject: May 13 BOS meeting, agenda #8: oil and gas facilities

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for bringing back these options for reducing oil and gas emissions for consideration. As you can see from the UCSB benefits report, the benefits of phasing out oil production go far beyond just reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Doing so would save lives, improve the health of people living near oil facilities, and safeguard our limited water supplies.

And if all these things weren't overrider factors, oil is not bringing in enough tax revenue to justify its future. There are a variety of numbers in the staff and UCSB reports, you should know this: The final analysis from the Auditor is that the County's share of \$7.1M total billed is (estimated to be about) **\$1.7M or only 0.10% of the County budget**. Alternate uses for the land could likely be of higher value.

Staff recommends a prohibition on new drilling, but that doesn't help the people who currently live near unplugged or active oil wells, or who are vulnerable to the next oil disaster – an oil spill into a watershed, an overturned oil rig, an out-of-control fire, toxic smoke, and it creates wiggle room for companies to seeking to drill more. We need to phase out existing oil and gas facilities as well.

Over the past decade the County has considered and rejected several oil projects because of the **significant and unavoidable impacts to water resources and biological resources** and other impacts. Other projects were withdrawn.

In almost all these cases, the oil projects were expansions of existing operations, meaning that the harms projected with the new projects and rejected by the County, were already occurring in the existing operations. This is another reason to phase out existing oil operations.

Just some of the things we have learned from those projects over the past decade:

- All of the projects proposed, and much current production, is unconventional cyclic steam or steam flooding to access heavy oil. Places with this kind of production, such as in neighboring [Kern County](#), or the [Canadian tar sands](#), generate extremely high greenhouse gas emissions, unhealthy air pollution and uncontrolled oil and steam leaks into watersheds.
- We see it here too. We know from Santa Barbara County's periodic oil updates [like this one](#), that from 2010-2018, there were at least 142 onshore spills totaling 2,044 barrels (85,848 gallons) of oil and wastewater, and hundreds of fire, county and air violations per year in the County.
- From the PCEC project that was rejected in 2016 we learned that they had already had over 100 accidental oil seeps and another 225 seeps were projected if the project had been approved. We

also learned that in 2019 the [USGS found evidence](#) of gases migrating into groundwater due to steaming.

- We learned the PCEC would kill endangered and sensitive species, and impact some of the rarest and most imperiled plant communities in the world. The ERG project rejected in 2019 was proposed in one of the most biologically rich locations in the County. We learned that millions of gallons of local freshwater are required for operations. We learned that the AERA project involved cutting down a thousand oak trees.
- We learned that ERG owed the county \$14 million in taxes, even as they were seeking approval to expand. We learned that in 2013, an oil field worker employed by ERG's drilling contractor, Key Energy Services, was killed at the work site and OSHA detailed serious workplace safety violations.
- We learned that ERG (and the other projects) would truck light crude oil from Kern County to blend with the heavy oil, and then truck the produced blended crude oil out for refining. Each project required hundreds of daily truck trips.
- From the various oil trucking projects proposed, we learned that tanker trucks are one of the [riskiest ways](#) to transport oil: at least 87 tanker truck crashes have occurred in California in the last 22 years, 14 of which were in Santa Barbara County. Most of the County-wide accidents have occurred along the routes proposed for more trucking. Accidents resulted in 59 people injured, 28 people dead, over 100,000 gallons of oil spilled.
- We also learned how much this drilling negatively impacts our climate goals. To give a specific example from the Aera EIR, we learned that one project would have generated per year 302,532 MTCO₂e directly and 30,698 MTCO₂e (from electricity), 3,446 MTCO₂e (from loss of vegetation), 1,582,293 MTCO₂e (from end use) indirectly, for a total of 1,918,969 MTCO₂e. That is more than the 1,474,858 MTCO₂e 2018 baseline for the entire County emissions that the County Climate Action Plan seeks to reduce by 50%.

Over the past decade, we have learned that the harms from oil extraction in the County far exceed the benefits and that our other industries: agriculture, technology, education, tourism, renewable energy, etc. provide the revenue and jobs that power the Santa Barbara economy, without the health harms, risks and costs of oil and gas extraction.

Thank you for taking action to phase out oil and gas.

Regards,

Katie Davis
Energy Chair, Sierra Club Santa Barbara-Ventura Chapter

Katherine Douglas

From: BILL WOODBRIDGE <bill.woodbridge@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 7:12 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Completely phase out oil & gas in S.B. County

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Dear Supervisors:

Emissions from oil & gas operations in S.B. county actually increased from 2018 - 2023, even though the Plains pipeline was shut down and the Las Flores facility was not operating.

1) We need to stop any new oil and gas extraction from S.B. County. What's left to extract is very poor quality, thick oil, requiring immense amounts of our precious water and toxic chemicals to force it out.

2) we need to completely phase out all existing oil and gas production in S.B. County!

3) It is incredulous that, for some inexplicable reason, the County has not been counting emissions from oil and gas operations (the major source of emissions in our county) in its measurements of CO2 emissions into our atmosphere. That is very misleading disinformation and only gives the fossil fuel industry a free pass to pollute our local atmosphere. It also distorts the progress we are trying to make in our goals to reduce CO2 and methane emissions in out County.

I hope you will have your staff present a proposal to correct all three of these issues.

Thank you,

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Katherine Douglas

From: Kelsey Perry <kelseyjoanneperry@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 7:58 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Addressing GHG emissions in SB County

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Hello,

Thank you for reading my comment. It is time to phase out fossil fuel extraction in the county. Global demand is currently being met, per the latest IPCC report.

Per the UCSB report on the benefits of an oil phase out, revenues to the County from local oil production (just \$3.3 million in property taxes or approximately 0.2% of county revenues) are low relative to some other land uses while costs to the County (accounting, legal, road repair, emergency services, etc.) are higher than other Industries. This was striking for me to learn.

Now, it's time to take action.

Please be leaders in this space. Let the phase out begin, and the GHG emissions fall!

With gratitude,
Kelsey Perry
Goleta resident

Katherine Douglas

From: sforrestb@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, May 10, 2025 1:23 AM
To: sbcob
Cc: Mike Stoker
Subject: Oil and Gas Ban

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

The proposal to ban oil and gas production in Santa Barbara County makes no sense as long as those products are being used in the County.

It is easy to posture and pose, but why not be honest and ban gasoline stations and the use of natural gas to heat water in homes? I doubt your constituents would allow you to remain in office should you take such a step, thus the subterfuge.

Santa Barbara County has many issues that need to be dealt with and your actions on gas and oil only indicate that you are more interested in pandering to ideological factions than actually doing the real work that needs to be done.

This proposed action does not reflect well on your seriousness as a legislative body. It will make for a good campaign sound bite but will accomplish nothing else - it will not reduce the consumption of even one gallon of gasoline or one cubic foot of natural gas.

What then is the point? It appears that it is mere grandstanding for base political purposes, which should be beneath you.

Sincerely,

Stephen Forrest Beck

Katherine Douglas

From: Mary Leadbetter <marybleadbetter@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 10, 2025 8:35 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Do NOT phase out oil and gas in Santa Barbara county

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Hello Supervisors,

I understand that you will be discussing phasing out oil and gas at the May 13 board meeting. I strongly oppose this action and think we should continue responsible oil and gas production in our county.

PLEASE DO NOT VOTE TO PHASE OUT OIL AND GAS!!!

It will make gas and many things more expensive like asphalt for roads.

It will cut good paying jobs.

It will not not change the climate as you suggest.

With the closure of 2 large CA refineries soon, we are going to have more limited gas and oil in our state and it is going to be very bad for all of the residents of CA.

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Katherine Douglas

From: Alex Fox <alex.m.fox@gmail.com>
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To: sbcob
Subject: May 13 BOS meeting on the Prohibit Oil Drilling ordinance

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for your consideration of an ordinance to prohibit oil drilling in our county. Your efforts to safeguard the health of our communities and natural ecosystems are commendable, and I am grateful for the county staff and elected officials who are working diligently on this crucial issue.

As a resident of Santa Barbara County, climate action matters deeply to me. The decisions we make today will determine the world we leave for our children and future generations. Our community deserves clean air, water, and land—resources that are put at risk by continued oil drilling operations.

I strongly urge the Board to prepare ordinance amendments by the end of 2025 that prohibit new drilling and establish a clear timeline for phasing out existing oil operations. Adhering to this timeline is a necessity if we are to achieve our climate objectives and protect our environment from the harmful impacts of oil extraction.

Santa Barbara has experienced the devastating consequences of oil spills firsthand, from the catastrophic 1969 Union Oil drilling rig blowout to the 2015 Plains All American Pipeline rupture, as well as numerous onshore spills. We have a responsibility to prevent further pollution and habitat destruction and combat the long-term damage to our ocean, land, and wildlife caused by oil drilling activities.

Santa Barbara has an opportunity to lead the way in climate action, setting a strong example for other regions to follow. By committing to end oil extraction by 2030, we demonstrate our dedication to a cleaner, more sustainable future.

Continued oil drilling also has significant negative impacts on human health. Oil operations contribute to air pollution and water contamination, which can lead to asthma, respiratory issues, heart disease, cancer, and other serious health conditions. By ending oil extraction, we will safeguard the health of our local communities for generations to come.

With the recent signing of AB 3233, local governments now have enhanced control over oil and gas industry pollution and emissions compared to other emission sources. This presents an unprecedented opportunity to transition away from oil drilling and significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions in our fight against climate change.

It's important to recognize that a single oil operation could potentially negate all of the hard work Santa Barbara County residents have done to cut carbon emissions and pollution. Ignoring the impacts of oil

drilling undermines the progress we've made by switching to electric vehicles and solar energy, and pushes California further from its goal of achieving a carbon-neutral economy by 2045.

The County of Santa Barbara has already taken a significant step forward by adopting the 2030 Climate Action Plan—a major victory for climate advocates in our region. I urge you to strengthen this commitment by establishing a clear timeline for phasing out oil drilling and reducing the greenhouse gas emissions it generates.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration of this important issue. By taking bold action now, you have the opportunity to protect our environment, improve public health, and create a more sustainable future for Santa Barbara County.

Sincerely,

Alex Fox

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Katherine Douglas

From: Beth Boyd <bethboyd44@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 10, 2025 12:13 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: May 13 Board of Supervisors Meeting, Agenda item #8. Please vote to phase out oil and gas

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Dear Supervisors,

I am 80 years old and live in Montecito. I am a consistent voter in every election. I appreciate your commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030. Climate change is real, and Santa Barbara County should address it through an oil phase out ordinance.

I ask that you direct the County Planning and Development Department to prioritize the oil ordinance in its work plan so that it is returned to the County Board of Supervisors for a vote this year.

Remember that, per the UCSB report on the benefits of an oil phase out, revenues to the County from local oil production are low relative to some other land uses while costs to the County (accounting, legal, road repair, emergency services, etc.) are higher than other Industries.

The County has the legal right to phase out oil. Other jurisdictions, including the city and county of Los Angeles, have already passed oil phase out ordinances. Such actions have been further facilitated by the passage of AB 3233 last year clarifying the right of local jurisdictions to regulate oil. Health and safety regulation has long been the responsibility of local governments. The City of Santa Barbara has prohibited oil drilling for at least 60 years.

As the UN's International Panel on Climate Change reports, "The evidence is clear: the time for action is now." Please vote to phase out oil and gas.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Boyd

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Katherine Douglas

From: Garrett Craig <garrettgcraig@gmail.com>
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Subject: Support Swift Action to Phase Out Oil & Gas in Santa Barbara County

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

I'm writing as a concerned resident of Santa Barbara County to urge you to take decisive and immediate action to phase out oil and gas production in our region. The climate crisis is here, and the time to act is now.

Phasing out fossil fuel extraction will protect the health and safety of our communities, preserve our irreplaceable natural resources, and align with the County's commitments to climate mitigation. The science is clear: there is no safe path to a livable climate that includes continued fossil fuel expansion.

I strongly support the adoption of an expedited oil phase-out ordinance that:

- Directs Planning & Development to prioritize this ordinance and return it for a vote this year;
- Closes loopholes in the County's Climate Action Plan by ensuring bold targets are backed by enforceable actions;
- Ends the most destructive extraction practices, including energy-intensive steam injection;
- Protects our air quality and public health from pollution known to cause cancer, asthma, and heart disease;
- Defends our drinking water from toxic wastewater injection near key aquifers like the Santa Maria Basin;
- Reduces road risks posed by oil tanker traffic and prevents future disasters like the 2015 Refugio spill;

- Preserves endangered species and biodiversity in our unique Mediterranean coastal ecosystem;
- Prevents climate-fueled wildfires and seismic hazards triggered by oil infrastructure;
- Saves taxpayer resources by avoiding the high costs of subsidizing declining oil operations;
- Fully exercises the County's legal authority, as affirmed by AB 3233 and precedent from Los Angeles.

Please stand with residents—not the fossil fuel industry—and demonstrate leadership in building a safer, healthier, and more sustainable Santa Barbara County.

Sincerely,

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Katherine Douglas

From: PAYNE, DONNA <dpayne@cfiemail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 10, 2025 1:48 PM
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Subject: Fw: The SBCTAC Opposes the County Proposal to Eliminate Oil & Natural Gas Production...

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I am in agreement with the message sent to you by Mike Stoker, SBCTAC, see below. Any action against new oil and gas drilling will create a hardship for our community. It discriminates against Hispanics who depend on these jobs to support their families as well as other hard working wage earners, many who can't make ends meet now. We will continue to need this source of energy given the huge demand for electric energy that cannot be supported with supply now. Ultimately, you will be contributing to the pressure on supply that will force much higher prices. Please postpone entertaining this action until a thorough study is completed to gain full knowledge of the consequences to Santa Barbara County by imposing such an action. You are charged with the responsibility of servicing the best interests of our citizens. This proposal doesn't meet the criteria. Thank you.

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***"The SBCTAC...Fighting for the Taxpayer and Helping our Business
Members Succeed!"***

Dear Chairwoman Capps & Honorable Members of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of over 300 members, the Santa Barbara County Taxpayer Advocacy Center (SBCTAC), urges you to reject the proposed ban on new oil and gas well drilling. While environmental goals are important, this ban risks imposing significant financial burdens on taxpayers through higher living costs, reduced public service funding, and wasteful legal expenses. The oil and gas industry supports our local economy in ways that significantly extend beyond

drilling. Your staff report also fails to take into account the economic multiplier effect that for every dollar produced in the oil & gas industry, \$10 additional dollars are generated in local supporting industries.

California's oil supply is already shrinking faster than our demand for fuel. With refineries closing due to costly regulations and actions like this proposed ban, we may have to import expensive fuel from far away, increasing the carbon footprint and driving up gas prices and everyday expenses like groceries and commuting for working families.

The state is pushing for affordable fuel during the transition to clean energy, but this ban could lead to price hikes and supply shortages, putting more pressure on household budgets. The County's plan also overlooks the tax revenue from oil and gas activities that funds schools, roads, and emergency services. If businesses and jobs are lost without a replacement plan, taxpayers may face higher taxes or cuts to these vital services, threatening our community's quality of life.

This ban also invites serious legal challenges that could waste taxpayer dollars. New state laws allowing local drilling bans are under scrutiny, with industry groups arguing they overstep local authority and conflict with state and federal rules. Courts have previously overturned similar local restrictions, suggesting this ban could lead to expensive lawsuits. Such litigation would divert County funds from essential services like public safety and infrastructure, undermining fiscal responsibility at a time when the state calls for cooperative energy solutions.

It is the position of SBCTAC that following through with this ban is 'environmental elitism' at its worst. Those of you supporting bans like this claim to be champions for minorities. Yet this ban will hit the Hispanic population in SB County the hardest. Over 70% of the workers in the oil & gas industry in SB County are Hispanic. They currently have secure, high paying jobs that give them and their family members greater opportunities for a brighter future. This ban will take those opportunities away from them.

Finally, the SBCTAC opposes political hypocrisy. If your Board follows through with this ban, the SBCTAC strongly believes you should not be hypocrites and you should follow up your vote with a motion for SB County to stop using anything in county government that has an oil or gas component to it effective 1/1/2026. To fail to take that action would underscore your hypocrisy and demagoguery regarding the issue of oil & natural gas.

SBCTAC stands for policies that protect taxpayers and ensure sound governance. The proposed ban fails this test by risking higher costs, reduced revenue, and legal battles without a clear strategy to shield our community.

The SBCTAC respectfully request that the Board reject the ban, work with state officials to support a balanced energy transition, and thoroughly evaluate the fiscal, supply, and legal consequences to prioritize taxpayer interests and community well-being.

Sincerely,

Mike Stoker

President & CEO, SBCTAC



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Katherine Douglas

From: Kathleen Laurain <kathleenlaurain@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 10, 2025 4:18 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Oil/Gas Production

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Please all Supervisors !, don't let the greed of oil producers call the shots in Santa Barbara County. We need a pristine coastline to be able to breathe, the animals need clean ocean water to live in and no amount of money can make up for those two necessary basics of life.

Sincerely, Kathleen Laurain

Registered voter and tax payer in SB

Sent from my iPhone

Katherine Douglas

From: Harold Hill <haroldlenhill@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 10, 2025 5:48 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: End Oil Drilling in Santa Barbara County

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors, Please prepare ordinance amendments by the end of 2025 that prohibit new drilling and phase out oil operations. Adhering to this timeline is crucial to achieving our climate goals and protecting our air, land, and water from the harmful impacts of oil drilling.

Sincerely,
Harold "Hal" Hill

Katherine Douglas

From: Gina Roxanne <ginaroxanne805@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 10, 2025 7:05 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: No oil in SB county

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Dear board,

- Show your appreciation to county staff and elected officials for considering an ordinance to prohibit oil drilling to safeguard the health of our communities and natural ecosystems.
- Share in your own words why climate action matters to you, your children, and your community.

Urge the Santa Barbara County Supervisors to:

- Prepare ordinance amendments by the end of 2025 that prohibit new drilling and phase out oil operations. Adhering to this timeline is crucial to achieving our climate goals and protecting our air, land, and water from the harmful impacts of oil drilling.

Emphasize that:

- Santa Barbara has experienced several major oil spills in recent history, from the 1969 Union Oil drilling rig blowout to the 2015 Plains All American Pipeline rupture, as well as many onshore oil spills. **We have a responsibility to prevent further pollution and habitat destruction** and combat long-term damage to our ocean, land, and wildlife caused by oil drilling.
- As California faces an [idle well crisis](#), **Santa Barbara has an opportunity to lead the way in climate action**, setting a strong example for other regions to follow. Ending oil extraction by 2030 shows a commitment to a cleaner, more sustainable future.
- Oil drilling contributes to air pollution and water contamination, which can have detrimental effects on public health, leading to asthma, respiratory issues, heart disease, cancer, and other health conditions. Ending oil extraction will help **safeguard the health of our local communities** for generations to come.
- With the signing of AB 3233, local governments have more control over oil and gas industry pollution and emissions compared to other emissions sources. Transitioning away from oil drilling supports efforts to **reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and fight climate change**.
- One oil operation could erase all of the hard work by county residents to cut carbon emissions and pollution. Ignoring the impacts of **oil drilling undermines the progress we've made by switching to electric cars and solar** and pushes California further from its goal of achieving a carbon-neutral economy by 2045.

- The County of Santa Barbara already took a significant step forward by adopting the 2030 CAP — a major victory for climate advocates in the region. We urge our elected officials to **strengthen this commitment by establishing a clear timeline for phasing out oil drilling** and reducing the GHG emissions it generates.

Thank you,
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Katherine Douglas

From: Sue Hollingsworth <sue.hollingsworth.new@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 10, 2025 7:40 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: May 13 BOS meeting on the Prohibit Oil Drilling ordinance

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Hello Supervisors -

Thank you for your work on so many subjects of importance for our community, including our natural environment.

I urge you to prepare ordinance amendments by the end of 2025 that prohibit new drilling and phase out oil operations. Adhering to this timeline is crucial to achieving our climate goals and protecting our air, land, and water from the harmful impacts of drilling.

The 2015 Plains All American Pipeline rupture confirms that oil companies do not have our community's best interests in mind. We need to do better in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and fight climate change.

Thanks for adopting the 2030 Cap. Please strengthen this commitment by establishing a clear and short timeline for phasing out oil drilling.

Sue Hollingsworth
Resident, Santa Barbara

Katherine Douglas

From: Robert Taylor <taylorrobert871@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 11, 2025 8:11 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: End oil drilling in the county

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TO: County of Santa Barbara Supervisors,

As I see it, the County Board of Supervisor's main role is to safeguard the health and well-being of its residents and its environment. Resurrecting oil production in our county is not good for residents or for the environment. Both the City of Santa Barbara and the County of Santa Barbara, through Climate Action Plans, are working to transition away from fossil fuels to a clean energy future.

I urge you to prohibit drilling and set a clear timeline to phase out oil operations. Oil drilling contributes to air pollution and water contamination, which can have detrimental effects on public health, leading to asthma, respiratory issues, heart disease, cancer, and other health conditions.

Thank you for your service,

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Katherine Douglas

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To: sbcob
Subject: May 13, 2025 meeting

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Hello, I am writing to thank all staff and elected officials for meeting today, and urge you to consider doing all we can to preserve our hard-won progress in combatting climate change. For the sake of our beautiful California please help phase out all drilling for oil.
Thank you, Marilee Krause

Katherine Douglas

From: Sharon Broberg <slbroberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 11, 2025 8:40 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Pass an Oil and Gas Ban that Protects Public Health and the Environment

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Please pass an oil and gas ban that protects public health and the environment. Our County Action Plan should include phasing out oil and gas. Many of the oil projects that have been proposed in the County in recent history have been cyclic steam or steam flooding techniques which are extremely energy intensive and take more energy than is produced.

John and Sharon Broberg

Santa Barbara CA zip 93103

Katherine Douglas

From: karin lohwasser <karinloh@protonmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 11, 2025 8:49 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: RE: May 13, Agenda Item: 2030 Climate Action Plan – Oil and Gas Facilities

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

Thank you for passing the Climate Action Plan (“CAP”) on August 27, 2024, recognizing the omission of oil and gas facilities from the CAP, and consequently considering an ordinance to prohibit oil drilling to safeguard the health of our communities and natural ecosystems.

For the sake of our youth and future generations, we must end our dependence on oil and gas and stop permitting new oil and gas projects. I urge you to prepare the necessary ordinance amendments by the end of 2025 that will prohibit new drilling and phase out oil operations. Adhering to this timeline is crucial for achieving our climate goals and protecting our air, land, and water from the harmful impacts of oil drilling.

Don’t we already have enough on our hands with the existing oil and gas infrastructure, much of which is idle and abandoned? Do we need to create more environmental problems that nobody feels responsible for solving?

Please don’t waste any more time. The time to act is now.

With gratitude,

Karin Lohwasser

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Avon Lane, Santa Barbara

Katherine Douglas

From: michalcathy <michalcathy@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 12:44 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: May 13, Item 8: Oil Phase Out Ordinance

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I am a constituent, a resident of Santa Barbara. I appreciate your commitment to significantly reduce greenhouse gases by 2030, as an effort to reduce our impacts on climate change and also improve our health and safety.

Please do everything possible to expedite this. The oil ordinance needs to be prioritized and voted on this year. We cannot delay.

Thank you,
Michal Lynch
Santa Barbara, CA

Katherine Douglas

From: Candy Mitchell <candyknees@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 6:19 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Item 8 of Board Agenda

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Dear Supervisory Members,

I would like to urge you to phase out oil and gas operations in Santa Barbara County.

Sincerely,
Candy Mitchell
1628 Hillside Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Sent from my iPad

Katherine Douglas

From: cissy ross <rosscissy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 6:32 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Phase out oil and gas production

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On the agenda today. Cissy Ross, Santa Barbara

Katherine Douglas

From: Lyle Harlow <lyleharlow@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 6:36 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: May 13 Board of Supervisors Meeting, Agenda item #8. Please vote to phase out oil and gas

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As a constituent in Santa Barbara County, I appreciate your commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030. Climate change is real, and Santa Barbara County's willingness to address it through an oil phase out ordinance is exactly what is needed.

The oil ordinance should:

1. Be expedited: Direct the County Planning and Development Department to prioritize the oil ordinance in its work plan. Ask that it be returned to the County Board of Supervisors for a vote this year.
2. Fix the loophole: Our CAP should be both ambitious and followed by real actions, such as phasing out oil and gas. As the UN's International Panel on Climate Change reports, "The evidence is clear: the time for action is now."
2. Limit the most climate-damaging oil production: The oil projects that have been proposed in the County over the past decade have been cyclic steam or steam flooding proposals, which are the most energy-intensive forms of oil production.
3. Improve air quality and health outcomes: Diesel trucks and gas-burning steam generators not only produce greenhouse gases, but they also emit health-damaging air pollution that causes cancer, asthma, heart disease, and other conditions.
4. Improve the safety of our drinking water supplies: Many oil projects are in the vicinity of critical drinking water aquifers. For instance, oil companies are currently seeking an exemption from federal drinking water protections in Cat Canyon to inject toxic wastewater below the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin, which provides drinking water to 190,000 people.
5. Improve road safety and trucking accidents: Due to the Phillip 66 refinery closure, trucking is increasingly used to transport oil. Recent proposals have included adding thousands of additional oil tanker truck trips annually to local roads. Oil tanker accidents have created hazardous traffic, shut down roads, and have caused fires and spilled oil into Waterways.
6. Safeguard wildlife and endangered species: 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.
7. Prevent disasters: Oil projects are located in high fire hazard zones and increase wildfire risks.

Additionally, wastewater injections can trigger earthquakes. Phasing out oil will help prevent future natural disasters from wreaking havoc.

8. Saves resources: Per the UCSB report on the benefits of an oil phase out, revenues to the County from local oil production are low relative to some other land uses while costs to the County (accounting, legal, road repair, emergency services, etc.) are higher than other Industries.

9. Exercise the County's legal rights: Jurisdictions including the city and county of Los Angeles have already passed oil phase out ordinances, and such actions have been further facilitated by the passage of AB 3233 last year clarifying the right of local jurisdictions to regulate oil. Health and safety regulation has long been the responsibility of local governments. The City of Santa Barbara has prohibited oil drilling for at least 60 years.

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Lyle Harlow
805-708-4671

Katherine Douglas

From: Shelley Koury <shelleykoury@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 7:24 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Agenda Item #8

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Dear County Board of Supervisors,

Please vote to phase out oil and gas!! We need to protect our environment now and for the future of our children.

Please vote to phase out!!

Thank you,
Michele Koury

Katherine Douglas

From: Mary Louise Bland <psychopiano1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 8:02 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Agenda item #8

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Good morning,

I am a long time resident of Santa Barbara. I urge you to vote to phase out oil and gas production in our county. Doing so would protect public health by reducing air pollution. It would also fight climate change by reducing greenhouse emissions.

Please direct the county planning and development department to prioritize the oil ordinance so that it can be returned to the board of supervisors for a vote this year.

Thank you,

Mary Louise Bland, PhD

Brought to you by the dictation feature on my Apple device. Please forgive any odd spacing and capitalization and Crazy auto correct spelling.

Katherine Douglas

From: Elaine Rudin <elainerudin@me.com>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 8:20 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Agenda item #8 today

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Please vote to phase out gas and oil production in SB to halt climate change.

Thank you,

Elaine Rudin

1220 Coast Village Rd #205

SB 93108

Sent from my iPhone

Katherine Douglas

From: Dennis Thompson <dennis@dtompsonarch.com>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 8:35 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Oil and Gas phaseout

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Members of the Board-

We can and must live without further oil and gas production in our beautiful county; please vote tomorrow to prohibit new drilling.

Sincerely,

Dennis Thompson, FAIA, LEED AP
2005 El Camino de la Luz
Santa Barbara, CA 93109
www.dthompsonarch.com

Office Phone: 805-679-5030

Katherine Douglas

From: Mary Schlesinger <mary@schlesingerdesign.com>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 8:39 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Agenda Item #8

Importance: High

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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Vote to phase out oil and gas!

Katherine Douglas

From: Laurel Rose <laurelrose1000@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 8:52 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Phase out oil and gas in Santa Barbara

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I'm writing to ask you to phase out oil and gas in Santa Barbara to help stop climate change from getting worse here.
Thank you,
Laurel Rose
5500 Calle Real,
Santa Barbara, CA93111

Katherine Douglas

From: Anne Heck <nonna724@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 9:01 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: May 13 BOS meeting re Prohibit Oil drilling ordinance

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Thank you for considering this important issue.

Our county has experienced all too well the dire effects of oil spills, including the recent 2015 spill at the hands of the Plains All-American pipeline. Now is the time to put an end to oil drilling in Santa Barbara County.

Recently signed legislation (AB3233) has given local governments greater say over oil and gas pollution and emissions. I urge you to use this power to stop further pollution and danger to local habitats.

Californians know that we face a climate crisis, which is why we have set ourselves a goal of ending our dependence on oil and gas as soon as possible.

I urge you to set a firm date (end of 2025) for phasing out oil drilling with its production of greenhouse gases.

Sincerely,

Anne Heck

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Anne G. Heck
592 Rosa Linda Way
Santa Barbara, CA 93111
(805) 692-1969

Katherine Douglas

From: Kirsten Zecher <kzecher@dudek.com>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 10:34 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: May 13 BOS meeting on the Prohibit Oil Drilling ordinance

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Please do the right thing, vote to phase out oil drilling.

Kirsten Zecher (they/them)
Geospatial Analyst IV



O: 805 308 8526
[dudek.com](https://www.dudek.com)



Katherine Douglas

From: Francesca Galt <frangalt@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 10:36 AM
To: sbcob
Cc: Community Development PC Secretary
Subject: Agenda Item # 8

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

It's urgent for us to start holding the fossil fuel companies responsible for negative impacts to our environment.

Please vote to phase out oil and gas.

Sincerely,

Fran Galt

980 Andante Rd SB 93105

Katherine Douglas

From: Susan Zalon <susan.zalon2162@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 10:55 AM
To: sbcob

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On agenda #9, please vote to phase out oil and gas. Thank you!!

Katherine Douglas

From: Mary Byrd <mary@byrdwire.net>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 11:00 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: May 13 County BOS Meeting, Agenda item #8. Please vote to phase out oil and gas

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To the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

Please vote to phase out oil and gas operations.

-Direct the County Planning and Development Department to prioritize the oil and gas ordinance in its work plan. Ask that Planning and Development return the ordinance to the County Board of Supervisors for a vote this year.

-Ensure that greenhouse gas emissions from oil and gas continue to be addressed in the County's Climate Action Plan.

The benefits of phasing out oil and gas are numerous: reduced air pollution and improved public health; reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, helping us fight climate change; improved safety of drinking water; protection of wildlife habitats; and saved resources as we transition to a cleaner, greener economy. Per the UCSB report on the benefits of an oil phase out, revenues to the County from local oil production (just \$3.3 million in property taxes or approximately 0.2% of county revenues) are low relative to some other land uses while costs to the County (accounting, legal, road repair, emergency services, etc.) are higher than other Industries.

Thank you for giving this matter your serious attention. Please continue to follow up on this.

Mary Byrd
Member, 350 Santa Barbara
Longtime resident of Santa Barbara County, currently residing in the unincorporated area between Goleta and Santa Barbara.

Katherine Douglas

From: CAROLYN HOLMQUIST <kirsmom@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 10:59 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Agenda Item

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Agenda Item #8: Please vote to phase out oil and gas!

Thank you.

Carolyn K. Holmquist
1331 Santa Barbara St. #18
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Katherine Douglas

From: Mahoney, Timothy <tmahoney@socalgas.com>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 11:19 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Support Oil and Gas

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Hello Supervisors – Please join me in supporting oil and gas is the Cal Coastal Region, it provides:

- 6,330 direct jobs
- \$10.5 billion in total economic contribution
- \$2 billion in state and local tax revenue
- \$2 billion in wages and benefits to local workers

Thanks, Tim.

Katherine Douglas

From: Gail Teton-Landis <gail@teton-landis.org>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 11:39 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment for Items 6 and 8

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Item 6.

Sarah Aguilar, her staff, and the many volunteers that help with Animal Services are doing a fantastic job. It takes big-hearted and dedicated people to work with animals. Their innovations such as play groups, day fostering and the pet pantries all point to the inspired work they are doing. The services they provide, such as microchipping, fostering and adoptions all make for happy, healthy pets and humans. I know this personally because, of our experience working with Sarah and Animal Services. When a man in Solvang had a debilitating stroke, he was placed in a rehabilitation home in Santa Barbara. His dog had already been sent to the North County shelter. Sarah went out of her way to bring Amber, his dog, down from Santa Maria to Santa Barbara so that the owner could see her, with the hope of finding a foster who would take the dog to visit her owner regularly. My husband and I fostered Amber, and I did indeed bring her to visit her owner once a week. How fortunate are we to have people, such as Sarah who, when someone doesn't have family that can help, such as the man from Solvang, can step-in and act with intelligence and compassion.

Please fully support their work.

Thank you

Item 8

As the birthplace of the environmental movement, it is time for Santa Barbara County to phase out oil and gas production/facilities. Santa Barbara County has a goal to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030, but it can't meet that goal without phasing out these facilities. We also need to include oil and gas production in the climate action plan that tracks our greenhouse gas emissions because otherwise what we are recording

there's no relationship to the reality of what is happening in our county. If LA County can do this, then we can too.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gail". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and a trailing flourish.

Gail Teton-Landis
(She/Her)
Santa Barbara County
gail@teton-landis.org
(805)448-2572

Katherine Douglas

From: Emily Engel <emilyaengel@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 11:44 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: 5/13 Public Comment on Item 8

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Dear Santa Barbara Supervisors,

I am writing as a leader in the local Santa Barbara Sierra Club Group and a Board Member at the regional level. I'm also a mother of two young children who live and go to school in Santa Barbara, Goleta, and Montecito.

We are concerned at the state of our planet, and we urge you to act on Item 8 today.

We must not only reduce oil and gas emissions in our county, we must act to do as much as we can as quickly as we can to protect our local environment, wildlife, and resources. Phasing out fossil fuel production in our county would not just reduce greenhouse gas emissions, it will save lives -- your actions today can improve the health of people living near oil facilities and safeguard our limited water supplies.

Prohibiting new drilling is not enough. We need to do our best to protect the families living near unplugged or active oil wells -- they are vulnerable to the next oil disaster. And we must phase out existing oil and gas facilities. Oil production in our region negatively impacts our climate goals.

Over the past decade, we have learned that the harms from oil extraction in the County far exceed the benefits and that our other industries: agriculture, technology, education, tourism, renewable energy, etc. provide the revenue and jobs that power the Santa Barbara County economy, without the health harms, risks and costs of oil and gas extraction.

Thank you for taking these important actions today on behalf of all of us.

And thank you for your service!

Sincerely,

Emily Engel

805-637-1052

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Katherine Douglas

From: Jennifer Sahn <jenniferemilysahn@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 11:51 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Phasing out oil and gas

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Hello supervisors,

I believe that Santa Barbara County should raise out oil and gas drilling due to the damaging effects on our air water and climate. There are viable renewable energy alternatives that do not have comparable effects on our environment and human health. I have been a resident of Santa Barbara County for 10 years.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jennifer Sahn

Katherine Douglas

From: Christiane Schlumberger <c.schlumberger@me.com>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 12:08 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Vote NO on all future oil and gas production in SB County

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Dear Supervisors,

On May 13, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is set to vote on whether to phase out oil and gas operations in the county, following state legislation that took effect earlier this year giving counties the power to pass an oil and gas ban.

I am a Santa Barbara County resident who is very concerned about climate change. I believe the Trump Administration's policies ramping up oil and gas production are wrong-headed and could have disastrous consequences.

We have seen devastating climate-related events in Santa Barbara County - from wildfires to debris flows - and the recent, deadly, wind-driven ember fires in Los Angeles were terrifying.

We know that climate effects are inevitable, and will get worse. We must reduce greenhouse gas emissions to slow this down, and we have to deal with the costs of climate catastrophes.

Phasing out oil and gas would reduce air pollution, protecting public health, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions to fight climate change.

I urge you to vote to phase out oil and gas operations in the county.

Sincerely,

Christiane Schlumberger
Santa Barbara

Katherine Douglas

From: caroleannc@aol.com
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 12:10 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: oil and gas development

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To Clerk of the Board, Santa Barbara County,

I am opposed to oil and gas development in our county for the following reasons and more:

- Our community deserves clean air. Phasing out oil and gas will reduce air pollution and **protect public** health for everyone.
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- 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**.
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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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- 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.
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- **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.
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- County staff acknowledged in its report that Santa Barbara oil production is valued at roughly \$512 million in direct benefits to the oil companies while the County only billed around \$7.1 million in property taxes in 2024. This is a mere 0.2% of the County's 2024-25 budget.

Sincerely,

Carole Ann Cole, Santa Barbara resident

Katherine Douglas

From: Judy Benton <judithlbenton@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 1:41 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Stop oil and gas in SB County

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Please vote to phase out oil and gas operations in Santa Barbara County!

Thank you.

Judy Benton

Sent from my iPhone

Katherine Douglas

From: Tessa Byars <tsibbs@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 2:26 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: in support of phasing out oil and gas completely

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Hi – in advance of the Board of Supervisors meeting tomorrow, I'd like to express my support for phasing out oil and gas in SB County, similar to what has been passed in LA county. I hope you will play the long game here and build a coastal community for the future.

Thank you!

Tessa

Tessa Byars

e: tsibbs@gmail.com

ph: 530-391-5213

Katherine Douglas

From: Erik Vasquez <evasquez@venatorresources.com>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 2:57 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Letter to the Board; Item #8

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From: Asphalta, LLC
4099 Orcutt Garey Road
Santa Maria, CA 93455

To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
Attn: Clerk of the Board
105 E. Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express concerns regarding Item #8 on the upcoming Santa Barbara County Supervisor Agenda on May 13, 2025. As this issue is of significant importance to our community, I urge you to consider the following steps before any actions are taken.

First and foremost, it is essential that the County Staff engage with all relevant stakeholders, community members, local businesses, and other groups impacted by this proposal to ensure that their perspectives and concerns are fully understood before spending Staff's time and money on drafting a new ordinance. Meaningful collaboration at this stage can lead to more informed decisions that reflect the needs and priorities of everyone involved.

The proposal to move forward feels rushed and I strongly believe that more time should be allocated to evaluating and understanding the full scope of the proposal. A comprehensive review will allow for a deeper understanding of its potential impacts and benefits, and it will provide the opportunity to identify any necessary adjustments before moving forward.

Given the complexity of this matter, I kindly ask that no immediate actions be taken at this time. Instead, I encourage a careful, thoughtful approach that includes stakeholder input, collaborative efforts, and sufficient time for evaluation to ensure the best possible informed decision. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Erik Vasquez
Asphalta, LLC

Katherine Douglas

From: Brigitta Van Der Raay <bvanderraay@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 3:32 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: May 13 BOS meeting on the Prohibit Oil Drilling ordinance

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Dear Santa barbara County Supervisors,

I ask you to do all you can to phase out oil drilling as quickly as possible. We all know the negative impacts of oil use. We now know better; we should follow up and do better. The cost effective availability of cleaner alternatives make the continued production and use of oil simply a bad idea.

We need to quit postponing full transition to cleaner energy, because many of us have children and grandchildren that are counting on all of us to leave them a pleasant world to live in.

Thank you and your staff for all your work to protect our beautiful coast, our health, and our future living conditions. Your brave foresight and proactive actions are most encouraging.

Many thanks,
Brigitta Van Der Raay

Katherine Douglas

From: Lee Heller <leehellerk9@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 4:03 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public comment on climate action plan

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Dear Chair Capps and Board,

As I'm not sure that I will be able to stay for the final agenda item on May 13, I'm emailing now to tell you what you probably already know about my position on the climate action plan and the phase out of new oil and gas projects in our county.

As a representative to the citizens advisory committee of the APCD, it is a no-brainer to me that we include oil and gas emissions in the climate action plan. We cannot accurately measure and mitigate the GHGs being emitted in our county without doing so. Other jurisdictions do it. We need to catch up.

As for a phase out of new projects, I'm sure you won't be surprised that I support so doing. You're not going to truly address a threat of climate change if you do not reduce oil and gas production. As for those who claim that local production reduces the GHG associated with transporting petroleum products, these products are not consumed locally. Their quality is low and they are not refined here and then returned to local gas pumps.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lee Heller
Santa Barbara
Sent from my iPhone

Katherine Douglas

From: Deane Plaister <dmp3mail@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 4:09 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: May 13 BOS meeting on the Prohibit Oil Drilling ordinance

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Dear Supervisors,

While Santa Barbara County has profited from the oil industry, it has also suffered plenty from its presence. From the famous spills of 1969 and 2015 and many lesser leaks and spills, to the air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions that are an inevitable part of the industry, to the threats to groundwater purity, the environment of our county has paid a high price.

It is time—actually well past time—to rid ourselves of oil production and its destructive byproducts both for the benefit of our local population and the world. Fossil fuel is relatively cheap and handy to use, but we have to give it up if we want a liveable world for our kids and grandkids.

For all these reasons, I urge you to move quickly ahead to create a timeline for a phase-out of oil and gas production in the county. Recent state legislation allows such a move, and it would not be the first such phase-out. Our environmentally conscious population deserves to be rid of the risks that oil production brings to our air, water, and public health.

Please work swiftly toward eliminating the production of oil and gas in Santa Barbara County.

Thank you,
Deane Plaister
30 W. Valerio St. #7
Santa Barbara CA 93101