





MEMORANDUM

TO:

Board of Supervisors

FROM:

John Baker, Assistant GEO and Planning & Development Director

DATE:

October 22, 2008

RE:

Crude Oil Production Tax

The calendar for the Board of Supervisors' October 28, 2008 agenda calls for a hearing regarding the possibility of implementing a Crude Oil Production Tax. As has been previously discussed with the Board, such a tax requires the voters of the County of Santa Barbara to approve such a tax, and the vote must take place concurrent with the voters selecting one or more members of the Board of Supervisors. As such, there cannot be a ballot measure on this issue until 2010. It is therefore requested that discussion of this issue be dropped from the Board's calendar and be continued to a date to be determined in 2009.