

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 3/25/05  
**Department Name:** Planning and Development  
**Department No.:** 053  
**Agenda Date:** 4/12/05  
**Placement:** Departmental  
**Estimate Time:** 90-minutes (45-minutes staff)  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Dianne Meester, Assistant Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Energy Strategic Briefing

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**Recommendation(s):** That the Board of Supervisors receive and file an informational presentation that provides a context for current offshore energy affairs.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:** This recommendation aligns with Goal 1: An efficient government able to anticipate and respond effectively to the needs of the community.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:** Offshore energy matters are coming out of a holding pattern. Large, complex policy choices, project decisions and litigation matters have emerged, several of which will be brought forward to the Board this calendar year. The Energy Division has prepared an informational briefing about what has transpired over time, what lies ahead, when decision-points are likely and by whom, and opportunities for public review and input.

The informational briefing reviews the history of offshore leasing activities, the development of platforms, processing plants and pipeline systems, production data, as well as the extent and nature of abandonment projects and reuse proposals. The briefing is presented in a set of PowerPoint slides that layer graphical information and photographs onto a base map. No recommendations are attached to the briefing. It is meant to be an informative, dispassionate tool, one that allows the Board to consider general themes and conditions.

**Mandates and Service Levels:** None

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:** Expenses incurred in analyzing and preparing the informational briefing are budgeted in Fund 001, Program 5000, as shown on page D-300 of the FY 2004-2005 Budget.

**Special Instructions:** None

**Concurrence:** Staff has reviewed the presentation slides with the CEO's office and County Counsel's office.