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From: Bush, Deborah <DBush@SantaBarbaraCA.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 1:35 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: sbcob
Subject: Exxon Mobil Trucking Crude Oil in Santa Barbara -
Attachments: Trucking Crude Oil.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Attached is letter on behalf of Santa Barbara Mayor Helene Schneider expressing concerns over the current Exxon Mobil proposal to transport crude oil by tanker truck.

Thank you.

Debbie

*Deborah J. Bush
Executive Assistant to Mayor & Council
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City of Santa Barbara

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June 5, 2015

Helene Schneider
Mayor

Glenn Russell, Planning and Development Director
Santa Barbara County Planning and Development Dept.
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93101-1990

RE: **Concerns Regarding Exxon Mobil Trucking Crude Oil in Santa Barbara County**

Dear Mr. Russell:

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I'm writing to express concerns about the proposal to transport crude oil by truck in Santa Barbara County in lieu of the 10.6 mile Plains All American pipeline that recently ruptured, spilling 101,000 gallons of oil along the Gaviota Coast.

Trucking oil has been restricted for several decades due to safety risks. I have significant concerns about the safety of moving crude oil through a fleet of 5,000 gallon tanker trucks at the frequency of 8 trucks per hour, 24 hours a day. A large quantity of crude oil transported over roadways could cause severe environmental damage in the event of an accident. The U.S. 101 freeway passes through residential neighborhoods and sensitive environmental habitat. The economic and environmental consequences of an accident could be catastrophic to the City of Santa Barbara and the region.

The number of additional trucks on the roadways will also increase traffic congestion. Other alternatives should be considered to reduce the impact on congested roadways.

In light of the current environmental damage caused by the Refugio Oil Spill, we need to be more vigilant in our oversight and consider other options while the oil pipeline is inoperable. If there are no other alternatives, a timeframe must be established to avoid setting a precedent to allow ongoing transport of crude oil by truck. I urge you to address these safety and traffic concerns for this proposal and any future requests to truck oil over Santa Barbara roadways. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Helene Schneider".

Helene Schneider
Mayor

cc: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
Mona Miasota, Santa Barbara County Administrator
Hannah-Beth Jackson, State Senator
Das Williams, Assembly Member
Jim Kemp, SBCAG Executive Director
Timothy Gubbins, CalTrans District 5 Director
Santa Barbara City Council
Paul Casey, Santa Barbara City Administrator

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From: Victoria Greene <execdirector@montecitoassociation.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 9:39 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Comment Letter for Board of Supervisors - Hearing of 6/10/15
Attachments: Library Budget Comments.pdf

Hello,

Please forward the attached letter regarding the Community Services Department budget to the Board of Supervisors.

Thank you,

Victoria Greene, Executive Director

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

Re: Community Services Department Budget

Dear Chair Wolf and Supervisor:

Our public libraries are an incredibly important part of our community; providing access to books, information and educational opportunities. The Montecito Association is disappointed to learn that the Montecito branch of the public library will be going from 45 hours a week to 32 hours a week next month if the departmental budget is approved as proposed.

We ask that you maintain existing per capita funding levels and continue to explore ways to maintain current opening hours so this important public resource remains accessible to the community.

Sincerely,

Cindy Feinberg, President

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From: jdietrick9@gmail.com on behalf of Ron Whitehurst and Jan Dietrick
<bugnet@rinconvitova.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 2:12 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Steve Bennett; Supervisor Linda Parks; Peter Foy; kathy.long@ventura.org; John C. Zaragoza; council@cityofventura.net; Jefferson Litten
Subject: Please approve staff budget request for CCA study for both Ventura and SB Counties

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I am co-owner of Rincon-Vitova Insectaries, Inc. in West Ventura County. Our company mission is to promote biological pest control by natural enemies. Mass production of beneficial insects takes quite a bit of energy. We set a goal 10 years ago to be a net zero energy company. We were the featured small business on Ventura County's green biz webpage. We reduced our heating gas use by 90% and produce some solar energy.

We have struggled to reach our net zero goal all the while asking, "What's the point when businesses around us are not also reducing their reliance of fossil fuels?"

Climate change takes precedence for us. It will affect agriculture, the way things are grown and transported. We are involved with groups specializing in the effects of climate change on agriculture and the need to convert land and farm management from a chemical to a biological basis to protect the natural carbon-holding properties of soil. To do that requires living soil microbial foodwebs. That is part of our business, promoting and selling inoculants to kickstart the soil foodweb, especially the big step farms must take that have been using fumigation for years. Many do not realize how bad these practices are for the climate!

Meanwhile, we see that unless we bring a lot more businesses and sectors of society along with us, our efforts to reduce carbon emissions will be futile. When we learned about Community Choice Energy we jumped in to help spread the word to businesses in West Ventura County.

Please be assured that we will make sure the city councils in West Ventura County get the solid information about what Community Choice Energy can do for businesses in our area and that we are advocating for cooperation with your County to complete pulling the rate date from Edison so we can move forward.

Then we can get back to our business of promoting pesticide use reduction and biological management of land resources for the protection of land, water and air.

Yours,

Ronald P. Whitehurst, Licensed Pest Control Advisor

Jan Dietrick, President

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cc Ventura County Board of Supervisors

Ventura City Council

Jefferson Litten, Community Environmental Council

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From: Isabelle Greene <iga@isabellegreene.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 2:36 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Community Choice Energy


Dear County Supervisors,

I am writing to express my support for *Community Choice Energy*, as a wise way to encourage the shift away from fossil fuels.

Please vote positively for the budget to support this effort.



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From: jdietrick9@gmail.com on behalf of Ron Whitehurst and Jan Dietrick
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Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 2:44 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Mayor Lara; Mayor Pro Tem Blatz; Council Member Clapp; Council Member Haney;
Council Member Weirick; Steve Bennett; Grace Malloy
Subject: Re: Please approve staff budget request for CCA study for both Ventura and SB
Counties

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

The Ojai Valley Grange believes in global warming and the role of human caused greenhouse gases and supports a variety of solutions, one of which is to localize energy management under local control. AB117 that created Community Choice Energy is an excellent law that allows us in California to do that.

We respectfully ask that the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors fund the feasibility evaluation of a Community Choice Energy program for the Ventura and Santa Barbara County region. We are part of the oldest agricultural advocacy group in the nation and one of three Granges in Ventura County. If the Santa Clara and Simore Granges had had more notice, we are sure they would also have formally requested to you to approve the budget recommendation to begin the process of fact-finding to move Community Choice Energy forward for all of Ventura County.

Marin Clean Energy and Sonoma Clean Power constitute proof of concept that Community Choice Energy programs can offer substantial savings through lower electricity rates for commercial businesses and residences. The Rural Electric Cooperatives across the nation have enjoyed this local control and rate-savings for decades. We have been prevented by a monopoly on energy sourcing. Lancaster Choice Energy is a role model for cities served by SoCal Edison, working on being a net zero energy city. They have and will continue to develop renewable energy projects, providing numerous benefits to the business community.

You can learn more about these benefits from the [Santa Barbara County Energy Choice](#) website and thanks to your knowledgeable staff and the leadership of Community Environmental Council. We call on the Board to fund the evaluation of a Community Choice Energy program and be sure to direct staff to work with Ventura County and its cities. We will be doing outreach to the City of Ojai to make sure it resolves to participate in the study. With this basic information, both counties and their cities that are interested can decide how to organize in accordance with the laws and regulations approved by the California Utilities Commission to benefit from localizing of energy procurement and setting of rates.

The two counties have resources to realize a successful Community Choice Energy program for the Central Coast that offers ratepayers competition and choice and stimulates the local economy. We are happy that your staff has taken the leadership to make this budget proposal and sincerely urge you to approve it.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

Ron Whitehurst, Executive Committee Member

Ojai Valley Grange

cc Members Ojai Valley City Council

Ventura County Board of Supervisors, c/o Supervisor Bennett

Jefferson Litten, Community Environmental Council of Santa Barbara

Grace Malloy, Secretary, Ojai Valley Grange

On Tue, Jun 9, 2015 at 2:12 PM, Ron Whitehurst and Jan Dietrick <bugnet@rinconvitova.com> wrote:

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From: howardschiffer@gmail.com on behalf of Howard Schiffer
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Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 11:51 AM
To: sbcob
Cc: jlitten@cecmail.org; Kim Schiffer; <dallen4191@aol.com>; Tittle, Jeremy
Subject: Community Choice Energy
Attachments: CommunityChoiceEnergy.6.15.doc

Dear Board of Supervisors, With the upcoming meeting regarding the funding of a feasibility study to support the establishment of Community Choice Energy established in Santa Barbara, please find my attached letter to support this funding. Thank you, Howard B. Schiffer

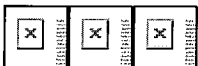
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Supervisors:

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In light of these potential benefits, we call on the Board to fund the feasibility evaluation of a Community Choice Energy program. Moving forward in coming years, we urge the Community Choice Energy

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Santa Barbara County has the resources to realize the vision and promise of a Community Choice Energy program that offers ratepayers competition and choice, stimulates the local economy, improves resiliency, and maximizes environmental benefits. We are proud to support the feasibility evaluation of a Community Choice Energy program in Santa Barbara County, and hope that the Board will choose to do so as well.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

Howard B. Schiffer
President & Founder

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From: Insight Admin <admin@insightenviro.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 11:34 AM
To: 'sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us'
Cc: 'jlitten@cecmail.org'
Subject: Community Choice Energy
Attachments: SB County CCE.pdf

Importance: High

See the attached letter.

Thank you,

Dwayne DeVries, President
Insight Environmental, Inc.

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Thank you very much for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dwayne De Vries", written over a horizontal line.

Dwayne De Vries
Registered Environmental Assessor #06478
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From: Steve Windhager <swindhager@sbbg.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 9:31 AM
To: sbcob
Cc: Jefferson Litten (jlitten@cecmail.org); Karl Hutterer
Subject: Support Letter for Community Choice Energy Feasibility Study
Attachments: SBBG support letter for Community Choice.pdf

Please find the attached letter of support for Feasibility Study into a Community Choice Energy Program for Santa Barbara County. Please let me know if you have any questions.

-Steve

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Supervisors:

As a Santa Barbara County non-profit pursuing green energy options but concerned about desert solar and wind, we respectfully ask that the Board fund the feasibility evaluation of a Community Choice Energy program for the Santa Barbara County region.


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Steve Windhager, Ph.D.
Executive Director

June 6, 2015

Santa Barbara County
Board of Supervisors

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RE: Community Choice Energy Program

Dear County Supervisors,

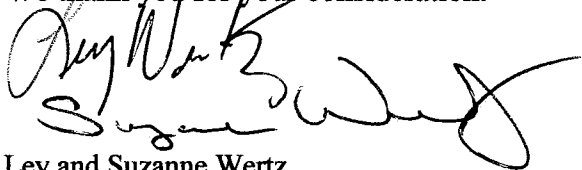
As Santa Barbara County residents, we call on the Board of Supervisors to fund the feasibility evaluation of a local Community Choice Energy program.

Community Choice Energy could offer Santa Barbara County residents, businesses and governments:

- Cheaper electricity rates
- Local control and accountability
- Cleaner energy
- New opportunities for local energy generation
- Local economic stimulus and job creation

The feasibility study is the critical first step towards a local Community Choice Energy program which brings the County closer to realizing these benefits. We urge the Board of Supervisors to approve a budget expansion for Community Choice Energy feasibility evaluation.

We thank you for your consideration.



Ley and Suzanne Wertz
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From: Ally Gialketsis <agialketsis@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 8:04 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please support Santa Barbara County Energy Choice

Hello Councilmembers,

Please support SBC Energy Choice as it is a great transition toward energy control and independence, with both economic and environmental benefits for all. Thank you.

Best,

Ally Gialketsis
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"Mountains are not stadiums where I satisfy my ambition to achieve, they are the cathedrals where I practice my religion." - Anatoli Boukreev

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From: Mike Hackett <sbcahackett@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 7:30 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: mike@nrganswers.com
Subject: SUPPORT FOR CCA AND C-PACE
Attachments: 2015 NRG ltr SB Co BOS CCA - 6-8-15.pdf

To the Clerk of the Board, Santa Barbara County.

Dear Sir or Madam,
Please include the following letter in the Board packet, or kindly forward to the individual Supervisors.
Thank you for your assistance.

Best Regards,
Mike Hackett

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Santa Barbara County 1st District Supervisor Salud Carbajal
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Santa Barbara County 4th District Supervisor Peter Adam
Santa Barbara County 5th District Supervisor Steve Lavagnino
c/o Clerk of the Board
Santa Barbara County, CA

Re: Support for Community Choice Aggregation Study (and Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy)

Dear Supervisors,

As someone who has followed CCA since its inception, and who consults on clean/green energy financing, I encourage your support for the feasibility study for CCA, including cities in the County who are actively engaged in evaluating the advantages of this power delivery system.

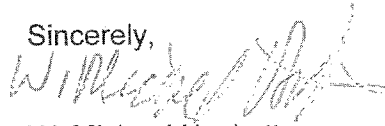
To me, the attractiveness of Community Choice centers around the ability of businesses, citizens, and energy users to control how much and what type of energy they will consume, the associated energy savings and cost savings, and the reduction in emissions – at a time when the County has lowered its ghg threshold, and the City of Santa Barbara's de-sal plant will consume huge amounts of energy with resulting emissions.

Your decision really is about choice – citizens' ability to control their own lives and energy consumption. Customers will be free to choose to stay with their existing utility provider, or opt for Community Choice. Similar to the ability business owners in 34 California counties now have through the C-PACE program to install energy savings or solar on their property. A purely voluntary decision, with the project paid incrementally on the owner's property tax bill over 20 years. A virtually no cost program for the County that should be authorized without further delay.

Jobs will be created, energy saved, operating costs reduced, low cost projects implemented, and emissions reduced. The County should support all of these goals by authorizing the study, and C-PACE, which can be implemented in 6 months if given approval.

Please move forward with both CCA and C-PACE.

Sincerely,



W. Michael Hackett

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From: Diana Burkhardt <DBurkhardt@aklaw.net>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 4:23 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: jlitten@cecmail.com
Subject: Community Choice Energy Program
Attachments: 407639.pdf

Importance: High

Gentlemen – attached please find a letter from Charles D. Kimbell addressed to members of the Board of Supervisors regarding the Community Choice Energy Program.

Diana Burkhardt

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VIA EMAIL ONLY sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

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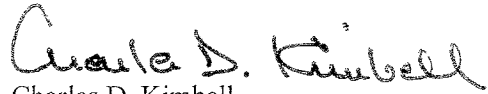
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Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


Charles D. Kimbell

cc: jlitten@cecmail.org

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Rick Fenz <rick@centralmachine.net>
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 11:36 AM
To: sbcob; jlitten@cecmail.org
Subject: Community Choice Energy
Attachments: CCE letter.pdf

Clerk of the Board,

Please see the attached letter concerning my views regarding community choice energy, would you be so kind as to pass this on to the appropriate persons.

Thank you,

Rick Fenz
Central Machine & Welding
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rick@centralmachine.net



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Thank you very much for your consideration,

Richard S. Fenz, President

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From: jdietrick9@gmail.com on behalf of Jan Dietrick <jan@rinconvitova.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 4:12 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Steve Bennett; Supervisor Linda Parks; Peter Foy; kathy.long@ventura.org; John C. Zaragoza; council@cityofventura.net; Jefferson Litten
Subject: Summary Status Report on CCE Grassroots Organizing in Ventura County

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I am a business owner in Ventura County trying to reduce our use of fossil fuels. On January 9th I read about Community Choice Aggregation in the paper. I wrote to Supervisor Steve Bennett asking why we aren't doing that here.

We met and he said it had been looked at a few years ago. He said as have others in the county, including the staff of the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance, that it was concluded that it would not work here financially. We were able to remove some misconceptions about it and left the meeting with Supervisor Bennett encouraged. He told us he had some big projects and he would put this on top on June 15.

Since February I have been reaching out to all of my friends and organizations and business associates. I set up tables about Community Choice at four Earth Days in Ventura County and have a list of 90 people who have signed up wanting to help in some way. I have given four presentations to audiences between 40 and 90 people in Newbury Park, East Ventura Community Council and Westside Ventura Community Council.

I have been honored to maintain steady communication about CCE with Oxnard Mayor Pro Tem Carmen Ramirez who told me from the moment I brought it up in February that she wants it for Oxnard. I spoke this morning with Oxnard City Manager Greg Nyhoff. He expressed eagerness and confidence and a readiness to move forward after his budget goes to Council on June 23, a major phase for him in putting the Oxnard house in order. It was interesting to learn that Mr. Nyhoff has past work experience running an electric department and is sure he can avert risk in developing Community Choice for Oxnard. I met a week ago with Supervisor John Zaragoza who easily saw that CCE is a good business concept. Being from Oxnard, he also shared a proud vision of Oxnard's leadership with CCE and renewable energy generation.

I have been working with Camarillo resident Linda Hillman to explain the opportunity to every city in Ventura County as well as the cities of Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, Oak Park, Calabasas and Malibu. As a constituent of Supervisor Kathy Long, Linda will be working with the aide there to provide more information for Supervisor Long about CCE in the coming weeks. Deborah Pendrey of Ojai Valley Green Coalition spoke

last week to Ventura County Board of Supervisors and announced a public information meeting in Ojai on July 11.

David Pollock of the Moorpark City Council is sharing our information with the City Manager. Mayor Don Huber of Simi Valley has referred our packet to appropriate staff. Our largest group of volunteers is an ad hoc group in Camarillo. An associate and I had a conversation with Camarillo Council Member Mike Morgan this morning and he welcomed a presentation and advised us how to arrange it. We will present at Thousand Oaks City Council tonight to include them in the momentum that your Board's hearing on the budget for CCE has set in motion for us in Ventura County. Malibu staff is doing an information workshop with members of the council's Sustainability Committee before taking the question to the Council to resolve to participate. They would have the benefit of LA County's technical study, but we believe those cities in East LA County should welcome participation in two technical studies to have more input on the pros and cons of aggregating with Ventura County instead.

We have not connected yet with Port Hueneme, Santa Paula and Fillmore, but we made presentations in open comment last night for the Ventura City Council. We know that City Manager Mark Watkins is well informed about CCE but has not been directed by Council to put attention on it. Ventura is focused on water conservation policy. While Mr. Watkins ran the Public Works Department at City of Thousand Oaks he was responsible for the completion of award-winning energy conservation and generation projects and even spoke at a TedTalk about the creative sustainable initiatives in Thousand Oaks that run on a business model that fits well with Community Choice. Last night Ventura City Manager Watkins said he heard us and will take the lead from the Ventura County Board of Supervisors.

This is to assure you that even though you and your staff have not heard (at least officially) from Ventura County or its cities, that we are working on it and we are confident that we will build the political will for CCE throughout Ventura County. Wherever we go our elected leaders are either listening or showing signs of appreciation and encouragement.

It would be extremely helpful for us if you would approve a budget that enables staff to go forward. Please ask staff to be inclusive in your references to this project on behalf of both counties. It is one atmosphere that we need to clean up and I would venture to guess that Ventura County pollutes more of it than Santa Barbara County, so please leverage your leadership to make the citizens and leaders of Ventura County understand this point that you need and want collaboration with us. We are in the same boat.

Yours,

Jan Dietrick, Organizer

Ventura County Citizens and Businesses for Community Choice Energy

805-746-5365 cell

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Woods, Lauren W. <lwwoods@rrmdesign.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 4:38 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: jlitten@cecmail.org
Subject: Business and Resident Support of Community Choice Energy
Attachments: Business Support of Community Choice Energy.pdf; Resident Support of Community Choice Energy.pdf; Resident Support of Community Choice Energy.pdf; Resident Support of Community Choice Energy.pdf; Resident Support of Community Choice Energy.pdf

Dear Clerk of the Board,

Attached please find letters in support of Community Choice Energy.

Thank you,



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Sincerely,

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Detlev Peikert, AIA, LEED AP BD+C
Principal



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April Palencia, AIA



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Bonnie Sangster
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Victoria Nizzoli, LEED GA

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Rachel Morris <rachel@vccool.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 4:45 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: official materials for BOS Budget Meeting - June 9
Attachments: I Support Community Choice Energy Petition VC.pdf; Community Choice Energy Feasibility Study Petition VC.pdf

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Clerk,

I am submitting these materials on behalf of VCCool for tomorrow's budget hearing. Please accept this petition and signature pages in support of the Community Choice Energy Feasibility Study for the Santa Barbara Region including Ventura County.

VCCool is a non-profit organization in Ventura County since 2007. We recently learned of the inspiring effort to do a feasibility study for a Community Choice Energy program in the region, and we are writing in strong support of such an effort.

Today we were able to share at the Ventura County Board of Supervisor's Meeting, about the powerful Climate Forum recently put on by the County Health Department, which outlined serious health threats now being responded to as a result our changing climate. We feel Community Choice addresses this directly. We also spoke at the Ventura City Council, as other organizations spoke at other City Councils.

All this to say that we urge you to vote in support of the Community Choice Energy Feasibility Study, and we will continue to partner with you in helping to educate and advocate for Community Choice Energy partnership in Ventura County.

Attached, please find our petition and signature list gathered since Thursday night.

Thank you for your visionary action and consideration.

Appreciatively Yours,

Rachel Morris
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I Support Community Choice Energy

Dear Representatives of Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties;

The way that our energy is generated is very important to me. Dirty fuels are ruining our environment, the health and safety of our communities, and the future of our children. We have the technology for clean fuels that produce quality jobs, and clean, sustainable energy at affordable rates.

I am asking you to support Community Choice Aggregation in the Santa Barbara County / Ventura County region, so that we can pool our resources, and choose the kind of energy we can live with!

Please vote to support the Community Choice Aggregation Feasibility Study.

* Required



Do you live in Ventura County? *

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What is your Last Name *

What is your Zip code *

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Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Gail Osherenko <gail.osherenko@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 5:30 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please support Community Choice Energy tomorrow

Dear Supervisors,

What has become all too obvious since May 19 is that we need to get off of fossil fuel and get serious about alternative energy. This proposal is a critical step not only to increasing use of alternative energy, but also to empowering individual and business choice. Other communities are saving money on energy due to Community

Choice Energy. We need it here in Santa Barbara County too.

Thank you,

Gail

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From: Deborah OV Green Coalition <coordinator@ojaivalleygreencoalition.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 5:34 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Letter of Support Submittal
Attachments: OVGC Letter of Supprt SB BOS 6-10-15.pdf

Please find attached a letter of support for a Community Choice Energy feasibility study to be discussed at June 10 meeting.

Thank you,
Deborah

Deborah Pendrey, Director
Ojai Valley Green Coalition
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You Can Go Solar,
We Can Help.



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June 9, 2015

County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors
c/o Clerk of the Board
105 E. Anapamu Street, Room 407
Santa Barbara CA, 93101

To the Honorable Members of the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors:

The County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors is currently considering a study that will evaluate the feasibility of implementing Community Choice Energy (CCE) in the central coast region of California.

The Ojai Valley Green Coalition, an environmental nonprofit serving the Ojai Valley community encourages the County of Santa Barbara to move forward with the feasibility study, and affirms the Green Coalition would campaign strongly in favor of the City of Ojai and County of Ventura financially supporting a feasibility study of implementing a CCE.

We understand that two CCEs, Marin Clean Energy (now in its fifth year), and Sonoma Clean Power (launched in May 2014) have demonstrated proof of concept through successful implementation, resulting in lower rates than the incumbent utility with greater access to renewable energy. We are interested in examining the feasibility in our region of implementing a CCE, and look to an appropriate study to evaluate the potential results considering our regional facts and circumstances.

Sincerely,

Deborah Pendrey
Deborah Pendrey
Executive Director

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Lenzi, Chelsea

From: John Steed <johnhsteed@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 6:25 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Support for Funding Feasibility Study for Community Choice Energy
Attachments: Santa Barbara County CCE Support Letter.docx

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend tomorrow's meeting of the Board of Supervisors due to a business commitment. Please deliver my letter of support (attached) to the Supervisors.

Thank you,
John Steed

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John H. Steed
820 Toro Canyon Rd.
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Bryan Henson <bhenson@buildallen.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 8:50 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: jlitten@cecmail.org; Dennis Allen
Subject: Letter to supervisors in support of Community Choice Energy
Attachments: Allen Construction in Support of Santa Barbara County CCE.pdf

Dear Clerk,

Please see the attached letter to the supervisors in support of CCE.

Thank you,

Bryan Henson

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CONSTRUCTION

June 9, 2015

To:

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Dear Supervisors:

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Marin Clean Energy, Sonoma Clean Power, and Lancaster Choice Energy have demonstrated that Community Choice Energy programs can offer substantial savings through lower electricity rates for commercial businesses and residences.

Community Choice Energy programs have proved to facilitate the development of local renewable energy projects, providing numerous benefits to the business community. These benefits include:

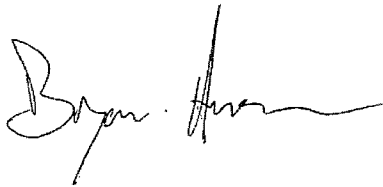
1. Competitive, stable energy costs: revenues from a Community Choice Energy program can be reinvested to create an integrated suite of services (e.g. financing, energy efficiency upgrades, distributed energy generation, automated demand response, and smart grid technology) that would reduce the County's energy use and create additional cost savings.
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3. Community-wide economic gains, including local job creation: By keeping the millions of dollars of electricity payments now leaving Santa Barbara County

local and reinvesting these dollars into the community, a Community Choice Energy program will stimulate the economy and create much needed jobs, especially for building trades.

In light of these potential benefits, we call on the Board to fund the feasibility evaluation of a Community Choice Energy program. Moving forward in coming years, we urge the Community Choice Energy program to set ambitious goals, develop a strong business plan, and pursue a focused implementation of this plan.

Santa Barbara County has the resources to realize the vision and promise of a Community Choice Energy program that offers ratepayers competition and choice, stimulates the local economy, improves resiliency, and maximizes environmental benefits. We are proud to support the feasibility evaluation of a Community Choice Energy program in Santa Barbara County, and hope that the Board will choose to do so as well.

Thank you very much for your consideration,



Bryan Henson
President

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Liam Horstick <lbradstick@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 11:39 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Jefferson Litten
Subject: Community Choice Energy
Attachments: CCE sign on- CALPIRG.jpg; CCE sign on- Surf Team.docx; CCE sign on- Surfrider.docx; CCE sign on- Tengiz Bibilashlili.jpg; CCE sign on- USAS.docx

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Mikey Pawell
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Marcus Vicari
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P. BALASUBRAMANIAN

President, CCSB

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United Students Against Sweatshops
Eleni Hollinshead, member (nonhierarchical group)

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Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 12:13 AM
To: sbcob
Cc: Jefferson Litten
Subject: Re: Community Choice Energy
Attachments: CCE sign on- Plastic Solutions.docx

Dear Clerk of the Board,

This is Liam from CALPIRG. I received another sign-on letter from Plastic Solutions (attached) since I sent my last email to you.

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CALPIRG, UCSB

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Andrew Eddie – Co-Director, Plastic Solutions at UCSB

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From: Debra Piot <debpiot@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 7:06 AM
To: sbcob; jlitten@cecmail.org
Subject: Fwd: signed letters
Attachments: CCE10062015.pdf

Please find two signed letters attached.

Thank you.

Warm regards,

John and Debra Piot
1413 Salinas Place
Santa Barbara CA 93103

9 June 2015

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Debra Piot, PhD

1413 Seaborn's Place

Santa Barbara CA 93103

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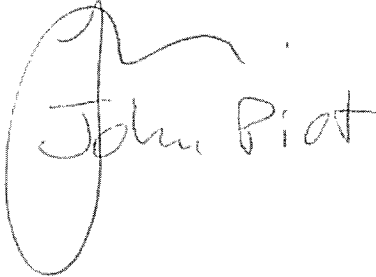
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Carpinteria Valley Association
PO Box 27
Carpinteria CA 93013
408.666.7356

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Supervisors:

What does a pelican covered in crude oil have in common with Community Choice Energy? Plenty.

Oil covered pelicans and despoiled beaches are a result of the failure of humans to perform perfectly under the pressure of never making a mistake. In both 1969 and the recent Refugio oil spill, inadequate oversight of an imperfect industry operating in a sensitive environment combined to produce horrific results.

What are the long term implications of this? We have several oil platforms just offshore, and the very real possibility of new oil wells sprouting on our Carpinteria bluffs. Underwater pipelines parallel our shores, and some even come up on our beaches. We live constantly at risk of disaster.

Can we count on technology to detect any pipeline leak and shut it down immediately? Can all of these oil operations survive an earthquake along any of the faults that cross our area?

Can we count on our state and federal regulators to protect us from petroleum disasters? Can we rely on our local government's emergency response plans?

Is living with this constant risk really worth the price?

As long as we rely on oil for our energy needs, it has to be produced somewhere. And it is just our luck that we have plenty of it right here. Therefore, the long term solution is to remove our dependence on petroleum and transition to renewable sources of energy. There is nothing to fear from a solar spill. The dream of powering your home and charging your car with solar panels is becoming a reality. Community Choice Energy can distribute renewably sourced electricity, create independent, reliable micro-grids, and develop local clean energy sources. This is the direction we must move, and eliminate the sources of oil spills- the platforms that loom on our horizon, always threatening to cover our pelicans and our beaches with crude oil.

We encourage the Board to support enthusiastically and financially the proposed Community Choice Energy project.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

The Carpinteria Valley Association



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Santa Barbara County
Board of Supervisors
105 East Anapamu St., 4th floor
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Board of Supervisors,

At a recent Board meeting of the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District (IVRPD), the Board unanimously agreed to support the community effort of requesting the County provide funding for a Community Resource Deputy (CRD) to be assigned to the Isla Vista Foot Patrol (IVFP). It is our belief that a CRD could significantly diminish the tense relationships that exist between law enforcement and some entities of the community,

Given the national climate surrounding policing and the tensions that this climate creates, there is a necessity for a Deputy (please note that a similar request is being made of UCSB as the needs are great) whose sole purpose is community building within Isla Vista. The IVFP was formed on the concept of community policing in the 1970's. Since that time the exponential increase in Isla Vista's population, without a commensurate increase in staffing has made this endeavor nearly impossible. Over the years, the climate in IV has deteriorated and residents are more vulnerable than ever.

The community policing efforts practiced during Deltopia undeniably yielded positive results. The acquisition of a CRD would help to ensure that these practices are integrated into the everyday policing of Isla Vista. Both Lt. Mark Signa of UCSB Police Department and Lt. Rob Plastino, of IVFP see the benefit, but are in agreement that the workload is too great to assign existing officers/deputies to be fully devoted to community building.

The acquisition of CRD has been discussed as a solution to close the gap in the disconnect between law enforcement and community members for years. With the current momentum, we see a rare window of opportunity to convert discussion to action and yield permanent change. It is our hope that you join us in our mission to make the parks and streets of Isla Vista a safer place for all residents and visitors alike.

Sincerely,

Alex Rodriguez
Board Chair
Isla Vista Recreation and Park district

"MORE THAN
JUST PARKS"

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: lazydna@earthlink.net
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 8:29 AM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; CAO email; Russell, Glenn; sbcob
Cc: Andy Mills; Bill Giorgi; Jennifer Hardin; Cody Gonzalves
Subject: P & D Ag Permit Streamlining
Attachments: P & D Long Range Planning - Ag Permit Streamlining.jpg

Chair Janet Wolf and Members of the Board,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara County Cattlemen's Association, please accept this letter in support of the Planning and Development Department's proposed Agricultural Permit Streamlining Program. We hope that you will favorably review this letter as well as the recommended program which is designed to support local agriculture.

Sincerely,
Dave Campbell



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Post Office Box 303, Los Alamos, California 93440

"WORKING TO SAVE RANCHING"



June 5, 2015

Chairperson Janet Wolf
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, California 93101

**Subject: Planning and Development Department – Long Range Planning Division
FY 2015-17 Budget Proposal – Agricultural Permit Streamlining**

Chair Wolf and Members of the Board,

The Santa Barbara County Cattlemen's Association represents over 200 member families who own and manage cattle ranching operations across 1,200,000 acres of Santa Barbara County.

We are writing today in support of Planning and Development Department's proposed program to streamline the permitting process for agriculture and other uses on agriculturally zoned properties.

As the Department has presented the program, the objective of this planning effort is to revise the zoning permit structure for agricultural uses that would provide increased flexibility in the type of permit required and allow compatible new uses that support and encourage the continuation of local agricultural operations.

We understand that this countywide program will be modeled after the agricultural tiered permit structure developed through the draft Gaviota Coast Plan. That program is designed to expand the range of complimentary uses, which are compatible with existing agricultural activities and deem these uses exempt or allow them to occur with an over-the counter or other staff issued permit.

The Agricultural Permit Streamlining program has the potential to help keep our ranches economically viable in periods of long-term drought and economic uncertainty. The Santa Barbara County Cattlemen's Association encourages the Board of Supervisors to support this program within the proposed budget.

Sincerely,


Dave Campbell, President

CC: Glenn Russell

Dear Esteemed Supervisors,

I have just found out that the positions of Entomologist and Plant Pathologist are to be eliminated from the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office. I believe this would be a serious mistake. I can tell you this with assurance because I served as the County Entomologist with the Santa Barbara Ag Commissioner's Office from 1983 through 2005.

Both the Entomologist and Plant Pathologist serve an important function within the department. They are responsible for the identification of all pests and plant disease samples that are brought into the office. These samples come from a wide range of sources: agriculture, plant and flower nurseries, arborists, landscapers, pest control companies, and pest control advisors for growers, other county departments like Parks and County Health, public schools, Ag Commissioner Staff who find things during inspections, and, especially, residents of Santa Barbara County. Each year the plant pathologist and entomologist identify hundreds of pests and plant diseases, and it is very likely this number is well over a thousand. This type of work requires many years of education and training and a great deal of skill and knowledge. The entomologist is trained and skilled in identifying all types of insects, snails, slugs, ticks, mites, scorpions and other miscellaneous creatures. The requirements for both positions require a minimum of a Master's Degree. Both of the current holders of the positions have Ph.D.s in their respective fields and together have over 25 years' experience with the Agricultural Commissioner's Office and many more years studying and working in their fields of specialization.

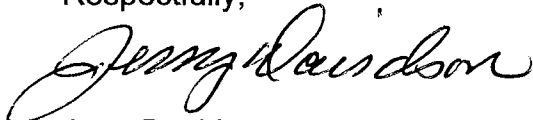
The entomologist and plant pathologist provide technical support and advice for the Agricultural Biologist on all matters regarding insects and plant pathogens thereby improving the quality of their work. They conduct field inspections and investigations of suspicious and problematic infestations for growers, provide technical information to growers, arborists, landscapers, pest control companies, the general public, and other constituents, keep up to date on pests, plant pathogens, and regulations by reading scientific articles and technical reports, through information from email lists, personal communication, and attending professional, cooperative extension, and trade meetings and workshops. They engage in outreach through presentations to Master Gardeners, trade groups and associations, local gardening clubs and local schools, among others. They also send pest alerts to the Ag Commissioner staff and write articles for the department newsletter. They train new Ag Biologists on pests/plant pathogens and inspection techniques, and provide further training to the more experienced biologists. They assist the Ag Biologists for nursery and parcel carrier inspections, trapping, and inspecting incoming and outgoing shipment inspections.

The entomologist and plant pathologist are key figures in the Pest Management and Prevention Program of the Agricultural Commissioner's Office. They are the most qualified individuals in the department for identifying serious economic pests and plant diseases and are critical in preventing them from becoming established in the county. They can also train others in identifying these organisms so that there are more "boots on the ground" to detect these pests and diseases.

Both specialists provide an invaluable service to local growers and nurseries because they can provide on site inspection services. This level of personal service cannot be replaced if the positions are lost. They can also identify organisms found during outgoing commodity shipments. The shipments cannot be released unless the organisms are identified as non-economic pests. This can be done by these specialists in less than a day. Without them, specimens from these inspections will have to be sent to the Calif. Dept. of Food and Agriculture Lab in Sacramento causing delays of one day or more. Delays such as this can result in huge losses for the shippers.

As public servants, the entomologist and plant pathologist have an important role for the local agricultural and horticultural industry as well as for many businesses and citizens in Santa Barbara County. I urge you to keep these positions in the Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry Davidson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jerry Davidson
Retired County Entomologist

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Jim Downer <ajdowner@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 6:18 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: URGENT Please copy to the Supervisors TODAY

To: the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
From: President of the Entomology Association of Southern California
Re: Loss of Entomology and Plant Pathology Positions in Santa Barbara County

Please copy and present to the Board the following message.

At the last meeting of the Entomology Assn. of Southern California a unanimous resolution was made to support the plant pathologist and entomologist positions in Santa Barbara County which the Santa Barbara County Agricultural Commissioner has deleted from her budget.

If these positions are deleted, there will be disastrous effects on the Agricultural community (a one billion dollar enterprise in Santa Barbara County). Exotic pests and pathogens cause harm to agriculture, landowners, ranchers and the environment. Detection is and rapid identification can not be assured if these positions are lost from Santa Barbara County. There will be adverse impacts to the citizens of the Santa Barbara and the environment as destructive pests continue to be invade. Lack of early detection leads to escapes that are not easily controlled and loss of quarantine capability by state and federal officials.

The notion that samples can be sent to Sacramento for identification is flawed logic for a couple of reasons. California Dept. of Food and Agriculture are already short staffed from lack of positions and funding and have slow processing times. Be the time a sample is identified it may be too late to limit the spread of a pest. Also, state authorities provide no interface to growers or the public and can not give recommendations on the local level.

As President of the Entomology Association of Southern California, I and all of our members urge you to not delete the plant pathology and entomology positions in Santa Barbara County.

Dr. James Downer
President EASC