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Group 1 #4

From: Jessica McLernon <jessica.mclernon@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 1:47 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Reject Cat Canyon Oil proposals

I urge you to reject the upcoming proposals for 760+ new wells from Aera, ERG, and PetroRock. All three projects would use dirty and carbon-intensive thermally enhanced oil production methods to extract heavy crude oil in Cat Canyon. Drilling deeper and deeper through the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin is extremely risky and threatens the County's precious groundwater resources. These projects would also dramatically increase tanker truck traffic and accidents, result in 24-hour light and noise pollution, and degrade air quality, impacting our public health and safety. These projects would alter our rural quality of life for decades to come and are too risky to approve.

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From: Michael McLernon <michael.mclernon@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2018 3:13 PM
To: Villalobos, David; sbcob
Subject: Reject Cat Canyon Oil proposals

Hello,

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Regards,
Michael McLernon

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From: Diane Soini <dianesoini@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 6, 2019 6:39 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please do not drill in Cat Cyn

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I'm opposed to oil drilling in Cat Canyon. Our region seems to be uniquely affected by drought compared to the rest of California. Drought seems to be more severe here than the rest of California. We cannot risk any loss to our water supply, not as human citizens and not for the natural world for which this area is part of our watershed. Our wineries and vineyards depend on water and they in turn provide tourism and other economic gains for our county. As an avid outdoors woman, I depend on our pristine environment for recreation.

As a nation we really need to move toward non-fossil fuel energy sources and Santa Barbara has always led the way. We should not allow the drilling projects of ERG Energy, Aera Energy, and PetroRock.

Sincerely,

Diane Soini
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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From: Ann Bermingham <plankhurst@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 12, 2019 2:38 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Cat Canyon Oil Development

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To All Members of the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

I am a Santa Barbara resident, and I am writing to object strongly to the plans from Aera, ERG, and Petro Rock to create 760+ new wells in the Cat Canyon area. Drilling through the Santa Maria groundwater basin threatens our groundwater supply. In a county hard hit by drought, where every drop of water is precious, this is unconscionable. These plans should not be approved.

As a resident of Montecito, I also object on the grounds that we should NOT be encouraging fossil fuel development. Climate change is real and, as we have seen, devastating to our community. KEEP IT IN THE GROUND.

Thank you,

Ann Bermingham
1135 Oriole Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

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From: Steve Daniels <sdmdsb@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 8:27 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: 760 proposed new oil wells in S.B. County

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To S.B. County Supervisors:

We don't need or want them! They contribute to destructive climate change, and threaten to pollute groundwater.

Steve Daniels
Santa Barbara

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From: Barbara Lindemann <lindemannb@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2019 11:30 AM
To: Lehr, Kathryn; Villalobos, David; sbcob
Subject: Draft EIR for Cat Canyon drilling

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To: Kathryn Lehr, SB County Planning Commissioners, SB County Supervisors

I am opposed to ERG's proposal to drill 233 new cyclic steam injection wells in Cat Canyon. The DEIR has identified very serious impacts of these proposed wells.

In this critical year when it is not quite too late to slow the growth of carbon gasses that are the major contributor to climate change, this year of growing alarm locally and world wide about the devastating effects of a warming earth, it is not the time to approve the drilling of 233 new oil wells (and potentially up to 700) in Santa Barbara county.

Just when the county is trying to reduce reliance on carbon, it makes no sense to approve drilling operations that will add 300,000 metric tons of carbon emissions every year. In addition, the drilling operations involve destroying hundreds of acres of mature trees and chaparral, vegetation that absorbs carbon and thus is necessary to slow climate change.

The heavy duty trucks needed to transport drilling machines and the oil tankers carrying the product to market not only add dangerous traffic to our roads, but also add to the total carbon emissions involved the operation.

As the county experiences population growth and new agricultural development, it makes no sense to approve an enterprise which will use up millions of gallons a water a year. That is particularly fool hardy at a time when the growing menace of wild land fires requires ever greater quantities of water.

The United States is already self-sufficient in oil resources, we are told. Thus it is not necessary to drill for the most hard to access and expensive oil resources in an area of population growth and repeated droughts.

Do not approve Aera's application for dirty oil and gas projects in Cat Canyon. Preserve our air, water, and mature vegetation.

Sincerely,

Barbara Lindemann

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From: Natalie Aldrich <natalialdrich@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 2:51 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Reject Cat Canyon Oil Proposal

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Sincerely,
Natalie Aldrich

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From: Collette Aldrich <collettealdrich2@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 2:52 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Reject Cat Canyon Proposals

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

I am furious as I read the Santa Barbara's Environmental Impact Report for 2019. I am in full opposition to your project. The addition of 296 oil wells and building of 72 new drilling platforms in the North County SB Cat Canyon area causes for severe environmental concern from the public, including myself. Our California coastline is an environmental and ecological gem yet if this project is approved there will be detrimental effects to our coastline, the American economy, and the health of the public. Not only will there be extreme damage to marine life habitats but also an odious increase in CO2 emissions due to water contamination and therefore destruction of algae, seaweed, fish, mammals, and trees. If the drilling platforms and the wells are to be approved, the contamination of water not only risks the health of the marine life but those who reside by the ocean or visit it for its beauty and leisure. The American people deserve the preservation of natural space, the ocean is a gathering place, and one that should be protected and preserved, not only on behalf of marine life but on behalf of the people. If your argument is that the production of the rigs will increase job growth you are ignoring the damage you will cause to those in the agricultural businesses in California and the job loss. For the bill to get this far already is shocking but if it were to be passed you and all of those involved in drilling and building will be harming the lives of Americans and our ocean ecosystems.

Sincerely,
Collette Aldrich