



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Department Name:** CEO  
**Department No.:** 012  
**For Agenda Of:** March 16, 2021  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Legislative Program Committee – Supervisors Hartmann and  
Director Williams  
Contact Info: Nancy Anderson, Legislative Coordinator  
**SUBJECT:** **SB 467 (End Fracking and Dangerous Drilling) Letter of Support**

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*Nancy Anderson*  
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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve the attached letter of support for SB 467 and authorize the Chair or Vice-Chair to sign letter; and
- b) Determine that the above actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), because pursuant to sections 153378(b)(4) and 15378(b)(5) the recommended actions consist of organizational, administrative or fiscal activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Summary Text:**

On March 1, 2021, the Legislative Program Committee recommended a letter of support for SB 467 be considered by the Board of Supervisors. The bill is being sponsored by Senator Scott Wiener and Senator Monique Limon and position letters and amendments are due no later than April 2, 2021.

**Background:**

Senate Bill 467, will halt the issuance or renewal of permits for hydraulic fracturing (fracking), acid well stimulation treatments, cyclic steaming, and water and steam flooding starting January 1, 2022. Further,

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SB 467 will restrict all new or modified permits for oil and gas production within 2,500 feet of any residences, schools, health care facilities or long-term care institutions such as dormitories or prisons by January 1, 2022. Beginning on January 1, 2027 the bill would prohibit all use of hydraulic fracturing, acid well stimulation treatments, cyclic- steam operations and water and steam flooding to protect the health of our environment and communities.

Staff identified that the Board's adopted 2021 Legislative Platform includes the Community Sustainability and Environmental Protection Principle that specifically states that the County will support efforts to encourage actions to address climate change, reduce pollution, prevent and respond to disasters, protect the environment, and build countywide resiliency to prepare for future potential disaster or climate impacts, as well as the Oil and Gas Infrastructure Safety and Compliance Plank that states the public benefits of reducing the likelihood of oil spills.

While there is support language found within the Board's Legislative Platform for the bill, the Planning and Development Department has reviewed the bill and noted a few potential impacts. Specifically, while most facilities are already sufficiently set back (2,500 ft), there are some oil facilities in the Orcutt area that could be impacted by this new buffer. Additionally, the department identified four operators in the County that utilize steam injection; Santa Maria Energy, Cat Canyon Resources, Viquero (Petro Rock) and Orcutt Hills (PCEC). Petro Rock, has submitted an application proposing to add three steam generators to increase production. There are no operators that utilize hydraulic fracturing (fracking) or acid well stimulation treatments.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

This agenda item is for information and administrative purposes only. There are no current budget impacts associated with this report.

**Special Instructions:**

Please provide a copy of signed letter and minute order to Nancy Anderson.

**Attachment**

Attachment A: Fact Sheet for SB 467

Attachment B: Proposed Letter of Support for SB 467

**Authored by:**

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