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Katherine Douglas **Public Comment - Group 4**

**From:** Robert F Else <robert.else@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2024 5:33 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** August 27 BOS meeting on the 2030 Climate Action Plan

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Dear Supervisors -

**I urge you to include emissions from fossil fuel facilities** in the Climate Action Plan's greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory and emissions reduction measures.

It makes no sense to leave out the industry most responsible for climate change and pollution.

Please act courageously and do the right thing.

As a 48-year Santa Barbara resident, I thank you for working with elected officials to develop this Climate Action Plan.

I am sure you are aware of the arguments in favor of including emissions from these sources:

- To comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the County must tally all pollution from all activities — not pick and choose and exclude oil and gas emissions.
- Ventura and Los Angeles Counties count oil and gas industry emissions in their GHG inventory. Santa Barbara County does not.
- A single oil operation could erase all of the County residents' hard work to reduce carbon emissions and pollution. The progress we've made by switching to electric cars and solar would be undone by leaving out this one industry's pollution from the Climate Action Plan.
- Through its permitting authority, the County has more control over oil and gas industry pollution and emissions than other emissions sources. We need to take every opportunity we have to reduce GHG emissions by 50 percent by 2030.
- July was California's hottest month ever. Our county is vulnerable to extreme heat, wildfires, drought, and other climate impacts. We must do our part to reverse climate change.
- Air pollution from oil and gas facilities causes asthma, respiratory illness, heart disease, and cancer. Drawing down this pollution will save lives.
- According to the UN International Panel on Climate Change, we must take bold climate action in the next few years to avoid the worst effects of climate change. Local Climate Action Plans – like ours – should meaningfully draw down carbon emissions and pollution, but that only works if we are transparent in tallying emissions and require the most polluting industries to do their fair share.

Sincerely,  
Robert Else  
1914 Santa Barbara St.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**Katherine Douglas**

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**From:** Sally H <sbhearon@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2024 6:34 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** oil and gas emissions

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Hello Board of Supervisors,

I and many of my friends appreciate the Climate Action Plan thus far.

Now is the time to include emissions from fossil fuel facilities in the Plan's greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory and emissions reduction measures. Los Angeles and Ventura Counties include these emissions in their plans....why not Santa Barbara?

As a resident of Santa Barbara for 34 years, I have always treasured the environmental protection actions of the people and our elected officials.

The fact is that this amendment is necessary to meet our climate goals.

Thank you for your work so far; please continue!

Respectfully,

Sarah (Sally) Hearon

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** marybarter@me.com  
**Sent:** Friday, August 23, 2024 9:30 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** August 27 BOS meeting on the 2030 Climate Action Plan

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Dear council members,

Why is Santa Barbara not holding the oil industry accountable to our climate action plan. They are the worst defilers of the local and world's environments.

Please correct this omission, and close the enormous hole in the Climate Action Plan.

Thank you.

David and Mary Barter

**Katherine Douglas**

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**From:** Jane Fehrenbacher <janeldy11@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 24, 2024 11:00 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Climate Action Plan

**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 Supervisors,  
PLEASE, you MUST amend the Climate Action Plan to include emissions from the fossil fuel industry. There is a Dirty Loophole open to the biggest polluters in our County.  
Human lives are at stake not to mention Nature.

Thank you,  
Jane Fehrenbacher

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** catherine mullin <mullin@shelter-vet.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 24, 2024 11:08 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Climate Action Plan

**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.**

Santa Barbara County Supervisors:

Please pass the oil and gas resolution recommended by staff. The Climate Action Plan must include pollution from the oil and gas industry in the GHG inventory to develop pollution reduction measures.

Reasons include:

The need to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) which requires that the county tally ALL pollution from ALL activities. It is ridiculous to just pick and choose pollution sources thereby pretending that pollution is less than it really is.

The county can control the oil industry through its permitting authority. Doing what is right and legally required will do more to decrease GHG than trying to reduce e.g. transportation.

thank you for your consideration  
katie mullin

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Catherine Mullin, VMD, MS  
Pacific Shelter Veterinary Services  
Santa Barbara, CA  
[mullin@shelter-vet.com](mailto:mullin@shelter-vet.com)

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Jennifer Hone <mrpoohcat@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 24, 2024 11:11 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** 2030 County emissions plan

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Dear Supervisors,

I am very much in favor of following the LA model of planning by including the oil and gas industries when measuring emissions. Please don't create a plan with out real meaning.

Jennifer Hone  
4592 Camino de Mirasol  
Santa Barbara CA 93110

Sent from my iPhone

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** J B <founder@bikecommuter.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 24, 2024 2:36 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Include emissions from oil and gas facilities in your Climate Action Plan.

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Honorable County Supervisors:

Please act in a manner akin to Los Angeles and Ventura Counties and include emissions from fossil fuel facilities in the Climate Action Plan's greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory and emissions reduction measures. This amendment is necessary to meet our climate goals. Not only our climate goals but our air quality goals as well. My wife and daughter both suffer from Asthma and in the afternoons we often smell acrid pollutants wafting across Santa Barbara from nearby oil and gas facilities.

- To comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the County must tally all pollution from all activities — not pick and choose and exclude oil and gas emissions.
- Ventura and Los Angeles Counties count oil and gas industry emissions in their GHG inventory. Santa Barbara County **does not**.
- A single oil operation could erase all of the County residents' hard work to reduce carbon emissions and pollution. The progress we've made by switching to electric cars and solar would be undone by leaving out this one industry's pollution from the Climate Action Plan.
- Through its permitting authority, the County has more control over oil and gas industry pollution and emissions than other emissions sources. We need to take every opportunity we have to reduce GHG emissions by 50 percent by 2030.
- July was California's hottest month ever. Our county is vulnerable to extreme heat, wildfires, drought, and other climate impacts. We must do our part to reverse climate change.
- Air pollution from oil and gas facilities causes asthma, respiratory illness, heart disease, and cancer. Drawing down this pollution will save lives.

It would be wonderful to see the County Supervisors of Santa Barbara County take an innovative approach to repurposing offshore oil rigs to house offshore wind generation. Our beaches have been soured by crude spills and unmitigated pollution from abandoned wells plagues our seaside communities. Its time to turn the page on oil and gas production in the county and see to it that they are all properly decommissioned and cleaned up.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Baty

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**From:** Dolores Howard <thatsnothingnew@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 24, 2024 4:05 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Das Williams; Joan Hartmann; Laura Capps; Bob Nelson; Steve Lavagnino  
**Subject:** Comments on 2030 Climate Action Plan

**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 County Staff and County Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Climate Action Plan. The Climate Action Measures outlined in this plan cover a wide array of strategies proposed in order for the County to reach its goal of 50% below 2018 GHG emission levels by 2030 (2030 Emission Goal of 644,734 MT CO<sub>2</sub>). Although this plan is scheduled to be adopted by the Board of Supervisors in just a few days, on August 27, I hope that there will still be time for consideration of the following comments:

**1) Contradiction of County GHG emission goal with the funding by the County of Santa Barbara of REACH (Regional Economic Action Coalition).** The County has invested \$250,000 to date in REACH for the development of a plan that calls for a huge expansion of the aerospace industry on the Central Coast, including a sharp increase in commercial space travel/private jets. **This in spite of extensive evidence that investing in non-military/aerospace industries such as green energy, health, education, etc. produces more jobs than military-related spending.** This aerospace expansion will translate to greater GHG emissions and other environmental impacts, as ample research demonstrates. For example,

- A private jet can emit two tons of carbon-dioxide in an hour—that's equivalent to a few months of the average person's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
- Black carbon emissions emitted by rockets are almost 500 times more efficient at holding heat in the atmosphere than all other sources of soot combined, resulting in an enhanced warming climate effect.
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- The effects of rocket crashes on the marine environment are largely unknown: Concerns about the potential marine impacts of debris falling from rocket launches were first raised at the London Convention and Protocol Scientific Groups meeting in 2018. These include:
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  - Potential impacts on the marine environment arising from such debris:
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    - Physical disturbance of seabed/organisms
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    - Input of toxic substances
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    - Input of litter
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    - Input of anthropogenic underwater noise



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- Collision risk
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- Loss of biodiversity and water usage and contamination of water and soil are related environmental risks that need to be properly monitored.

2) **The Climate Action Plan does not include protection of the ozone layer, which is a factor in human immunology and protects us from skin cancer risk.** The impact of space tourism launches may undermine the recovery in the ozone layer experienced after the success of the 1987 Montreal Protocol which banned substances that deplete the Earth's ozone layer.

3) **The County of Santa Barbara should be developing a Climate Action and Resilience Plan, as has been done in other cities and counties.** Addressing climate change and creating climate resilience together will build resiliency in the water supply, can reduce the risk of flooding with nature-based solutions and can protect infrastructure and the lives of people and wildlife, as well as mitigate the effects of extreme heat.

4) **Transportation: County should pilot offering free bus rides to all users** - The Climate Action Plan calls for decreasing vehicles miles travelled by 14% by 2030 and 28% by 2045 by increasing public transit mode share, TR-2.7 calls for partnering with transit providers to increase transit service and provide subsidized or discounted transit passes for low-income commuters. Santa Barbara should follow the example of NYC, via [fixthemta.org](http://fixthemta.org), which just completed a one-year free bus lines pilot project that made one bus route free in each borough, with a total of five buses serving close to 50,000 New Yorkers everyday. Across all five fare-free bus lines, the MTA reported a 30% increase in ridership on weekdays and 38% on weekends. Of the new riders, 11% would have previously driven or taken a taxi. And for all those New Yorkers who rode those free buses, it was a safer ride—assaults on bus operators dropped by 38.9% across the five routes. **The Climate Action Plan needs greater emphasis on public transportation, calling for innovative approaches to give all commuters opportunities to contribute to climate action without having to purchase vehicles that contribute to climate change and do harm to communities during the manufacturing process.**

5) **Nature-Based Solutions: A need for greater attention** - The Climate Action Plan states that "It should be noted that targets and emission reductions associated with natural and working lands are not included in the CAP's emission reductions...SB 27 will establish a California Carbon Sequestration & Climate Resilience Project Registry that could facilitate local nature based projects that would be able to be included in the County's emission reductions."

- A beta version of the SB 27 California Carbon Sequestration and Climate Resiliency Project Registry is now live for user testing and feedback.
- Nature-based solutions should include beaver dam analogues, as there is now ample evidence that these can act as significant carbon sinks, at very low cost.
- NBS-1.6 and NBS-1.7, NBS-1.8, NBS-1.9, and NBS--1.10 represent excellent endeavors, but must be supported with concrete commitments to action and generous funding.
- The goal of NBS-1 to plant 3,000 trees by 2030 should be increased to a greater number of trees, and NBS-1.9 should identify a measurable goal for areas to be targeted for the planting of trees.

6) **CE-1.3 Natural Gas Appliance Replacement Cost to Renters**- Greater emphasis and resources should be placed on mitigating impacts to renters who will bear the costs of appliance replacement through increases in rent, in a county with an expensive rental market.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the 2030 Climate Action Plan.

Sincerely,

Dolores Howard

Resident of Santa Barbara County for 47 years, now residing in neighboring San Luis Obispo County

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Rachel Wheeler <staplescamp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2024 8:53 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** August 27 BOS meeting on the 2030 Climate Action Plan.

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please direct staff to include greenhouse gas emissions for oil and gas industry in the updated CAP. Even when we as a local community do not have full control over these industries, it is important to understand the magnitude of the local emissions and to use what power we do have.

Thank you.

Rachel Wheeler  
1344 Orchid Dr  
Santa Barbara 93111

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Gerry Shepherd <gerry@gbshepherd.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2024 11:09 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Oppose - 2030 Climate Action Plan Final Draft Combined w Ex 1

**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.**

Please accept my strong opposition to Board adaptation of the 2030 Climate Action Plan Final Draft. The community at large bears responsibility for the expense of this project, yet there has been little awareness of this plan within the community. Vote no to adoption of this Plan until it has been fully embraced by county residents (ie taxpayers!).

*Gerry Shepherd*

[gerry@gbshepherd.com](mailto:gerry@gbshepherd.com)  
805-588-1066

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**From:** Minerva Ringland <minerva.ringland@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2024 12:56 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** August 27 BOS meeting on the 2030 Climate Action Plan

**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.**

To the County Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing to advocate for the inclusion of oil and gas industry emissions in the county's GHG inventory, as part of the Climate Action Plan.

I moved to Santa Barbara 5 years ago to attend graduate school, and fell in love with a place that provides unique access to natural wonders and embodies a deep connection to the ocean, mountains, and agricultural abundance that surround us. I now work remotely and choose to stay in Santa Barbara because of the local environment - including a sense of kinship with a community that is dedicated to conscientious and responsible stewardship.

I truly appreciate and applaud the Board's work thus far to develop and promote a CAP focused on real change and progress. I therefore think it would be a disservice to your efforts to promulgate policy that excludes a source of emissions that is apparent every time we all look out to sea. These operations must be accounted for if we are to take meaningful action to reduce carbon emissions, as well as pollution that threatens the air (and water) that make this county so special.

Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to ambitious climate action.

Best,

**Minerva Ringland**  
Downtown Santa Barbara

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Stefani Taliaferro <stefanitaliaferro@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2024 12:57 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** climate action plan

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I oppose the climate action plan. It is ill conceived, unrealistic and unaffordable.

Stefani Taliaferro

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Rob Vance <rkvance@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2024 1:29 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** I oppose Santa Barbara County's so-called Climate Action Plan

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Scratch the whole thing. All of it. Quit wasting my money and your time on this nonsense. The climate changes all the time - at least that's what I learned in Geology class at UCSB. All this is, is more control by government and less freedom for Americans.

Robert Vance  
Santa Barbara

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Carol Redhead <redheadcarol36@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2024 2:07 PM  
**To:** sbcob; MIKE STOKER; Carol Redhead  
**Subject:** THE PLAN

**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.

To the supervisors of Santa Barbara County regarding the malicious plan to continue to try to regulate our lives here in GOD's country, I completely agree with all who voice opposition to your PLAN. Your efforts are more of the despicable and dishonest, money grabbing effort to propel us into a complete nanny state. Please please supervisors, do not fall for this plan! It is a terrible thought that you do not trust us and believe we are ignorant, do not know how to regulate our lives, and need to be taken by the hand. We are the adults in the room.

Stop it!

Sincerely, Carol Redhead



**Katherine Douglas**

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**From:** Diane Tindall <sbasouth@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2024 3:49 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Please Reject the Proposed Climate Action Plan

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I respectfully urge the Board to reject the proposed Climate Action Plan. If this is adp without providing the necessary funding, it will mean in effect that you will have to deny every discretionary agricultural or gas project in the future. This is neither a sound or effective course of action. Thank you.

A Concerned Citizen.

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Deborah Ahtye <deborahahtye@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2024 3:54 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Santa Barbara County Climate Action Plan

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 Supervisors:

It is imperative that the County of Santa Barbara's Action Plan include oil and emissions! Our local climate action plan is critical to California's ability to achieve climate goals. Thank you.

Deborah Wells Ah-Tye  
Santa Barbara, CA  
Sent from my iPhone

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** joanna.tang@lifesci.ucsb.edu  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2024 4:10 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** August 27 BOS meeting on the 2030 Climate Action Plan

**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 Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

I am a resident of Goleta writing to ask you to please amend the Climate Action Plan to include emissions from the fossil-fuel industry in the GHG inventory and reduction measures. Their inclusion is crucial for us to actually meet our climate goals. Industry is a major polluter and far surpasses individual household emissions, and by including industry in the Climate Action Plan, the county can maximize its ability to achieve a 50% reduction in GHGs. Including industry in the Climate Action Plan would also follow the precedent of Ventura and Los Angeles, who already count oil industry pollution. Including industry in the Climate Action Plan ensures that we will comply with CEQA by counting all pollution from all activities. More importantly, this has local implications for our residents and neighbors -- reducing pollution from the fossil fuel industry saves lives lost to air pollution, extreme heat, wildfires, drought, and sea level rise. Thank you for serving our community.

Best,  
Joanna Tang  
PhD Candidate, Department of Ecology, Evolution & Marine Biology  
University of California, Santa Barbara

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** peter hunt <peter.w.hunt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2024 4:20 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** BOS Climate Action Plan

**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.**

As Artificial Intelligence -AI - an industry needing vast quantities of electricity, increases its business it will demand greater supply of electrical energy. The Law of Supply and Demand shows that increased demand with limited supply causes the price to go up.

Sources of electrical production are Solar, Wind, Nuclear, and Oil and Gas. The reaction of many political bodies is to deny Oil and Gas industries possibilities to create supply of electrical energy.

Denial of energy production will exacerbate the reduction of Supply. This will cause the price of electricity to go up.

Those most burdened by increase in electrical costs will be working people with average or minimal income. The Board of Supervisors should know that Climate Change policies they enact will cause people to suffer.

Why would the BOS do this? One possibility is that the great majority of Supervisors have never worked in the private sector and as a consequent are unschooled and experienced in how to solve problems, other than Tax and Spend actions that burden people with average or minimal incomes.

The Oil and Gas Industry recognizes the problem and possible solutions. One such solution is a new decarbonizing process to produce energy from natural gas without the CO2 emissions.

Please learn more about Energy and Climate before acting in a manner that only demonstrates Anger and Resentment which leads to Blame and Punishment. Anger and Resentment only leads to more of the same.

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** ivor john <ivorjohn@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2024 4:39 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Final Draft 2030 Climate Action Plan - Comment Letter  
**Attachments:** SBC 2030 Climate Action Plan-Comment Letter-Ivor John.pdf

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Please see attached comment letter, as requested in County Sustainability Division email of August 19th.

Thanks.

Ivor John  
805.451.8162

**SBC 2030 Final Draft Climate Action Plan  
August 2024**

**Comments from Ivor John  
855 Estrella Dr  
Santa Barbara, CA 93110**

The 2030 Final Draft Climate Action Plan (CAP) is a concise and well-written plan for reducing GHG emissions from unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County. The CAP states that the goal - in terms of rough numbers - is to reduce the total annual emissions from 1,400,000 tonnes per year to about 700,000 tonnes by 2030.

This is a worthy endeavor but it is not going to be easy. As the CAP clearly emphasizes, the County does not have direct control over most of these emissions, so many of the actions called for are going to be done through voluntary measures by other entities and individuals living and working in the County. Again, the CAP draws attention to this and rightly mentions that the County's role is to facilitate and incentivize those reductions in the most effective way possible. Also, this is an aggressively short time period to pull this off – from 2024 to 2030.

The County previously reported in the 2015 ECAP that GHG emissions increased from 2007 to 2015 by 11%, even though there was a Climate Action Plan in effect. The current CAP acknowledges this and includes a summary of the Lessons Learned from previous emission reduction planning efforts (2030 CAP pages 4 and 13). It is important that those Lessons Learned be taken very seriously today to avoid having another round of emissions increases going forward.

One of those Lessons Learned was that there were “too many measures and actions to implement and track, with limited emissions reduction potential”. Yet to some degree, this mistake is being repeated in the current CAP. Three of the six focus areas (Waste, Nature-based, Low Carbon Economy) contribute only a minimum amount of the reductions needed (Figure 4), but they are included in the plan and together with Municipal Operations will require the tracking and implementation of 30 actions. Compare this with the other two dominant focus areas (Housing/Transportation and Clean Energy) with 36 actions. These far outweigh all others in terms of importance for realizing meaningful reductions.

The page which describes the Proposed Tracking and Reporting (2030 CAP page 50) is sound, but lacks the emphasis needed for building high-level accountability into this process. There needs to be a clearer commitment to calculating year to year emission inventories so that it can be seen clearly where the plan is working and where it is not, and where adjustments need to be made. The Board of Supervisors and Department Managers need to be actively engaged in this work to prevent backsliding. There is no time between now and 2030 to make mistakes.

Finally, being able to track emissions reductions accurately, there needs to be an established inventory accounting methodology that is used going forward. The “The Global Protocol for Community-scale GHG Inventories” is a recognized international standard (World Resources Institute and ICLEI) which outlines the process for setting boundaries and sectors and scopes to be included. Without having immediate access to Appendix C at this time, It is not clear what methods were used for the emissions calculations and the assumptions made.

The use of a consistent and credible accounting protocol would be an invaluable resource for assessing whether the Cap and Trade “Covered Entities” should be included in the County inventory or not. The CARB GHG inventory for 2022 indicates there are about a dozen such facilities in this category. If they are included, then all such facilities need to be included (like Imerys and Windset) as well as the Oil and Gas facilities (like Cat Canyon Resources and Exxon SYU). There is no reason why other smaller Oil and Gas facilities (not covered by the Cap and Trade program) should be omitted from the County CAP inventory.

It seems that the public discourse around the CAP has an undue emphasis on the Oil and Gas facilities, given that their contribution to the total emissions is currently less than 10%. This threatens to divert attention from the focus of the plan which needs to be on actions that address emissions from the highest contributing sectors (Housing/Transportation and Clean Energy). After all, we have a collective responsibility to address the impacts of climate change; it’s not just someone else’s problem.

One final word of caution. Most of the text in the Introduction (page 1) is rather misleading as it indirectly implies that the reduction of local emissions will alleviate the impacts of warming that we are experiencing locally. This is not the case, as it will take commensurate reductions worldwide to accomplish that goal. Cause and effect for climate action are not the same as for local air pollution control where local action does result in local benefits. This might suggest that our climate actions are meaningless alone, but that is far from true when they demonstrate more broadly that Santa Barbara is taking action in the most aggressive way we can. At the same time, it is clear that further efforts are needed locally to adapt to climate change to protect the safety and quality of life for all in our County.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to comment on the County’s 2030 Final Draft Climate Action Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ivor John', written in a cursive style.

Ivor John, PhD

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** John Brooks <johnbrooks69@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2024 4:45 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Item 2 climate action

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.

Hello,  
How is it possible you can ignore oil & gas emissions in a climate action plan?  
The fossil fuel industry is in decline because of the damage their pollutants have done to planet earth. I am just as guilty as anyone in using those fuels but now I have installed solar and charge our car from the sun. Come on. Do the right thing.

John Brooks  
First Amendment Foundation of Ventura County.



## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Mary Byrd <mary@byrdwire.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2024 4:48 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** re August 27 agenda item: please amend climate action plan to include oil and gas emissions

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To the County of SB Supervisors:

Please do not approve the Climate Action Plan for our County until it includes oil and gas emissions in its inventory.

Thank you,

Mary Byrd  
2nd District resident of Santa Barbara County