



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

October 21, 2025

Present: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 25-00914

RE: HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding the status of orphan and idle wells in Santa Barbara County, as follows: (EST. TIME: 30 MIN.)

a) Receive and file a report on the status of orphan and idle wells in the County of Santa Barbara; and

b) Determine that the above action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA guidelines, because they consist of administrative activities of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

HEARING TIME: 10:00 AM - 10:54 AM (54 MIN.)

Received and filed staff presentation and conducted a public hearing.

Colin Jones, Katie Davis, Haley Ehlers, Michael Chiacus, and Ramon Elias addressed the Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be acted on as follows:

a) Received and filed; and

b) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino