



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

May 24, 2022

Present: 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 22-00461

RE:

HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding further analysis related to the 2021 Grand Jury Report: Idle Oil Wells in Santa Barbara County, Recommendations 1 through 4, as follows: (EST. TIME: 1 HR.)

- a) Receive and file a presentation of further analysis related to the 2021 Grand Jury report entitled "Idle Oil Wells in Santa Barbara County," Recommendations 1 through 4;
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter and forward the letter and responses to the Presiding Judge of Santa Barbara County Superior Court updating the Grand Jury on the further analysis; and
- c) Determine pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines 15378(b)(5) that the above action is not a project subject to CEQA review, because it is a government administrative activity that does not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

HEARING TIME: 11:50 AM - 1:08 (1 HR. 18 MIN.)

Received and filed staff presentation and conducted a public hearing.

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

- a) Received and filed;
- b) Approved and authorized; Chair to execute; and
- c) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino



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COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

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

Directed staff to study the viability of staff performing methane monitoring and return to the Board when appropriate; and add the possible incentives to increase abandonment in the Ordinance Amendments to be reviewed in the Fall of 2022.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino