

From: Nancy Krop <nancy@kroplaw.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:52 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please investigate and monitor idle oil wells

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Please take action to investigate and monitor idle oil wells.

I just learned the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury released a dire report finding that (1) over 1,300 idle oil wells pose a grave threat and (2) the County and State lack the resources to sufficiently ensure protection of our environment and community health.

I am concerned about the impacts to our health, clean air, drinking water, farmland, and climate from these 1,370 idle and orphaned oil and gas wells in Santa Barbara County.

This Grand Jury report requires action. I request that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to investigate the status and regulation of idle and orphaned wells and provide an annual report at a public hearing, to include:

1. An inventory of the number and status of oil wells in the County including active, idle, orphaned, and abandoned wells, and the length of time wells have been sitting idle.
2. All fluid and methane leaks, seeps, noncompliance, violations, and other problems from idle and orphaned wells. All interagency coordination and actions taken by County Planning and Development, Air Pollution Control District ("APCD"), County Fire, CalGEM, and State Water Board
3. All County, APCD, state, and federal ordinances, regulations, inspections, and enforcement programs that regulate idle wells. All readily available local and State information regarding problems with idle, orphaned, and abandoned oil and gas wells in in the County.
4. An investigation as to whether bonding is adequate to cover well capping and drill site restoration

Thank you for acting on this critical issue.

Nancy Krop

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Earl Frounfelter <efrounfelter@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:45 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: pollution

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- There is cut and paste below with which I agree. Can we please stop destroying our planet in search of the last dollar for the fossil fuel corporations that have been ripping us off and poisoning us for more than a century?
- I am concerned about the impacts to health, clean air, drinking water, farmland, and climate from the 1,370 idle and orphaned oil and gas wells in Santa Barbara County.
- Our County is not taking adequate steps to investigate, monitor, and regulate idle and orphaned oil and gas wells.
- I request that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to investigate the status and regulation of idle and orphaned wells and provide an annual report at a public hearing, to include:
 - An inventory of the number and status of oil wells in the County including active, idle, orphaned, and abandoned wells, and the length of time wells have been sitting idle.
 - All fluid and methane leaks, seeps, noncompliance, violations, and other problems from idle and orphaned wells
 - All interagency coordination and actions taken by County Planning and Development, Air Pollution Control District ("APCD"), County Fire, CalGEM, and State Water Board
 - All County, APCD, state, and federal ordinances, regulations, inspections, and enforcement programs that regulate idle wells.
 - All readily available local and State information regarding problems with idle, orphaned, and abandoned oil and gas wells in in the County.
 - An investigation as to whether bonding is adequate to cover well capping and drill site restoration

Thank you for taking action on this important issue.

Earl Frounfelter

Santa Maria, CA

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Torrie Cutbirth <torriecutbirth@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:05 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please protect our local health, climate, and environment.

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I am reaching out today as a concerned SB local. I've grown up and lived here my whole life, and I'm very concerned. :(

PLEASE, I urge you to help protect clean air, our climate, and public health from the 1,370 idle and orphaned oil and gas wells in the County. These can leak methane and contaminate our groundwater and farmland which we so deeply rely on!!!

I request that the Board of Supervisors PLEASE direct staff to investigate the status and regulation of idle and orphaned wells and provide an annual report at a public hearing, to include:

- An inventory of the number and status of oil wells in the County including active, idle, orphaned, and abandoned wells, and the length of time wells have been sitting idle.
- All fluid and methane leaks, seeps, noncompliance, violations, and other problems from idle and orphaned wells
- All interagency coordination and actions taken by County Planning and Development, Air Pollution Control District ("APCD"), County Fire, CalGEM, and State Water Board
- All County, APCD, state, and federal ordinances, regulations, inspections, and enforcement programs that regulate idle wells.
- All readily available local and State information regarding problems with idle, orphaned, and abandoned oil and gas wells in in the County.
- An investigation as to whether bonding is adequate to cover well capping and drill site restoration

With Much Gratitude,

Torrie Cutbirth
Cornell University '16
(805) 453-6351

Ramirez, Angelica

From: George Relles <grelles@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:06 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Dangers from idled and orphan wells in our county

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Dear Supervisors,

I'm writing concerning public safety issues arising from all the oil wells in this county that may be out of commission, orphaned, idled, etc.

In order for you to do "Job 1," protecting the safety and health of County residents, I urge you to direct county staff resources to investigate the status and regulation of idle and orphaned wells and provide an annual report at a public hearing.

Ideally, with all due speed, I request that you specifically direct staff to discover and publically report on at least the following:

- All fluid and methane leaks, seeps, noncompliance, violations, and other problems from idle and orphaned wells
- An inventory of the number and status of oil wells in the County including active, idle, orphaned, and abandoned wells, and the length of time wells have been sitting idle
- What is county doing about these dangers at all county agencies such as County Planning and Development, Air Pollution Control District ("APCD"), County Fire, CalGEM, and State Water Board
- An investigation as to whether bonding is adequate to cover well capping and drill site restoration.

Thanks for giving the same attention and allocating resources to counter these threats of public health, as you do so well in dealing with other threats to our community such as fire, mudslides, flooding etc.

Sincerely,

George Relles
Goleta Resident

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Karen Dorfman <karendorfman@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:36 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please Regulate Idle Oil & Gas Wells

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- I am concerned about the impacts to health, clean air, drinking water, farmland, and climate from the 1,370 idle and orphaned oil and gas wells in Santa Barbara County.
- Our County is not taking adequate steps to investigate, monitor, and regulate idle and orphaned oil and gas wells.
- I request that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to investigate the status and regulation of idle and orphaned wells and provide an annual report at a public hearing, to include:
 - An inventory of the number and status of oil wells in the County including active, idle, orphaned, and abandoned wells, and the length of time wells have been sitting idle.
 - All fluid and methane leaks, seeps, noncompliance, violations, and other problems from idle and orphaned wells
 - All interagency coordination and actions taken by County Planning and Development, Air Pollution Control District ("APCD"), County Fire, CalGEM, and State Water Board
 - All County, APCD, state, and federal ordinances, regulations, inspections, and enforcement programs that regulate idle wells.
 - All readily available local and State information regarding problems with idle, orphaned, and abandoned oil and gas wells in in the County.
 - An investigation as to whether bonding is adequate to cover well capping and drill site restoration.

Thank you,
Karen Dorfman
Goleta CA

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Bob Crocco <robert.crocco@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:52 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: A concerned Santa Barbara Resident

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

As a resident of Santa Barbara, our health and well being, and that of our precious environment continues to be put at risk.

- I am concerned about the impacts to health, clean air, drinking water, farmland, and climate from the 1,370 idle and orphaned oil and gas wells in Santa Barbara County.
- Our County is not taking adequate steps to investigate, monitor, and regulate idle and orphaned oil and gas wells.
- I request that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to investigate the status and regulation of idle and orphaned wells and provide an annual report at a public hearing, to include:
 - An inventory of the number and status of oil wells in the County including active, idle, orphaned, and abandoned wells, and the length of time wells have been sitting idle.
 - All fluid and methane leaks, seeps, noncompliance, violations, and other problems from idle and orphaned wells
 - All interagency coordination and actions taken by County Planning and Development, Air Pollution Control District ("APCD"), County Fire, CalGEM, and State Water Board
 - All County, APCD, state, and federal ordinances, regulations, inspections, and enforcement programs that regulate idle wells.
 - All readily available local and State information regarding problems with idle, orphaned, and abandoned oil and gas wells in in the County.
 - An investigation as to whether bonding is adequate to cover well capping and drill site restoration

Please act decisively on these important matters.....for us, our children, our grandchildren and our environment.

Thank you,

Bob Crocco

Sent from my iPad

Ramirez, Angelica

From: dallen4191@aol.com
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 9:04 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Proper oversight of idle oil wells in our County

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- Dear County Supervisors:
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- I request that the you direct staff to investigate the status and regulation of idle and orphaned wells and provide an annual report at a public hearing, to include:
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- An inventory of the number and status of oil wells in the County including active, idle, orphaned, and abandoned wells, and the length of time wells have been sitting idle.
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- All fluid and methane leaks, seeps, noncompliance, violations, and other problems from idle and orphaned wells
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- All interagency coordination and actions taken by County Planning and Development, Air Pollution Control District ("APCD"), County Fire, CalGEM, and State Water Board
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- All County, APCD, state, and federal ordinances, regulations, inspections, and enforcement programs that regulate idle wells.
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- All readily available local and State information regarding problems with idle, orphaned, and abandoned oil and gas wells in in the County.
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- An investigation as to whether bonding is adequate to cover well capping and drill site restoration
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- Thank you for taking action on this important issue.
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Dennis Allen

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Susan Shields <shields3033@netscape.net>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 8:32 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Idle and orphaned oil and gas wells

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I understand there are 1,370 idle and orphaned oil and gas wells in Santa Barbara County and I am concerned that the County is not taking adequate steps to investigate, monitor, and regulate these. I hereby request that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to investigate the status and regulation of such wells and provide an annual report at a public hearing. This should include an inventory of the number and status of these wells; leaks; actions taken so far by other bodies; regulations governing said wells, and inspection reports about the problems found, as well as an investigation into the most reliable way to cap them and restore the drill sites.

These actions are necessary to protect our environment and community health and ensure that contamination from these wells does not harm our water and soil or people living or hiking in the vicinity of abandoned wells.

Yours truly,
Susan Shields
3033 Calle Rosales, SB 93105

Ramirez, Angelica

From: BILL WOODBRIDGE <bill.woodbridge@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 7:05 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: orphaned and idle oil and gas wells in S.B. County

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- I am concerned about the impacts to health, clean air, drinking water, farmland, and climate from the 1,370 idle and orphaned oil and gas wells in Santa Barbara County.
- Our County is not taking adequate steps to investigate, monitor, and regulate idle and orphaned oil and gas wells.
- I request that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to investigate the status and regulation of idle and orphaned wells and provide an annual report at a public hearing, to include:
 - An inventory of the number and status of oil wells in the County including active, idle, orphaned, and abandoned wells, and the length of time wells have been sitting idle.
 - All fluid and methane leaks, seeps, noncompliance, violations, and other problems from idle and orphaned wells
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 - An investigation as to whether bonding is adequate to cover well capping and drill site restoration

Thank you,

Bill Woodbridge
Goleta

Ramirez, Angelica

From: susan chapin <oakiebailey@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 6:27 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Idle oil and gas

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- I am concerned about the impacts to health, clean air, drinking water, farmland, and climate from the 1,370 idle and orphaned oil and gas wells in Santa Barbara County.

These wells need to be monitored and regulated. It is past time for us to take action and move towards energy independence from oil and gas sources. The huge amounts of money that are being used to support No on A and B are a symptom of the need to regulate these industries.

Thank you,
Susan Chapin

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Tana Kincaid <tana@gntnz.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:24 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please cap off the idle wells (comment for May 24 meeting)

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Those 1,370 (yikes) idle oil and gas wells in SB county seem like a disaster waiting to happen. Please be proactive to lessen any potential disasters by investigating the status and regulation of these wells. Specifically, I ask that you provide us, Santa Barbara county residents, with the following:

- An inventory of the number and status of oil wells in the County including active, idle, orphaned, and abandoned wells, and the length of time wells have been sitting idle.
- All fluid and methane leaks, seeps, noncompliance, violations, and other problems from idle and orphaned wells
- All interagency coordination and actions taken by County Planning and Development, Air Pollution Control District ("APCD"), County Fire, CalGEM, and State Water Board
- All County, APCD, state, and federal ordinances, regulations, inspections, and enforcement programs that regulate idle wells.
- All readily available local and State information regarding problems with idle, orphaned, and abandoned oil and gas wells in in the County.
- An investigation as to whether bonding is adequate to cover well capping and drill site restoration

Thank you for your help—

Tana Kincaid
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Santa Barbara CA. 93109
805-722-9616

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Julie Sullwold <jules1950@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:25 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Idled and abandoned oil and gas wells in SB County

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Santa Barbara County must take action to properly investigate, monitor, and regulate these oil and gas wells. The Board's staff should provide an annual report at a public hearing to keep the County's citizens apprised of the status of these wells and what the County is doing to protect our environment and community health.

Thank you for considering this.

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Julie Sullwold

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"Be curious, not judgmental." ~ Walt Whitman

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Pamela Wilkinson <ppwilkinson@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 12:09 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Idle Oil and Gas Wells

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I understand there will be a Virtual Public Meeting on May 24 about the issue of idle oil and gas wells in Santa Barbara County, and I am submitting my comments.

Based on the report of the SB County Grand Jury that there are more than 1300 idle oil wells in the county, which pose a threat to our health, safety, drinking water, farmland and climate, and that the county and state lack the resources to protect us, I ask the County Board of Supervisors to direct staff to investigate the status and regulation of idle and orphaned oil wells, and issue a public report on their findings.

Don't wait for another Plains All-American disaster.

Thank you for your consideration,
Pam Wilkinson

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Lee Heller <leehellerk9@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 12:33 PM
To: Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Nelson, Bob; Lavagnino, Steve
Cc: sbcob
Subject: idle and orphan wells

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Dear Supervisors,

I lived near orphan wells for years in Summerland --they were so near to shore as to be on land, the pollution was evident on the beach, and the odor often contaminated neighborhoods blocks away. So I have had personal experience of their impacts when left unremediated.

The nearly 1400 idle and orphaned wells in our County need to be dealt with -- and if the County doesn't do it, no one will

I support the call for staff to investigate these wells, including inventorying their status and making annual reports to update you, and us, as to their status. It is essential that this include identifying leaks where they exist; coordinating with P&D, the APCD, County Fire, CalGEM, etc; and reporting on whether bonding is adequate to cover capping and site restoration.

I know from experience that dealing with abandoned oil and gas infrastructure is expensive, and that we generally don't have the ability to hold their creators financially accountable. But the health and environmental risks of these wells require us to do more than lament the absence of those responsible parties.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Lee E. Heller, Ph.D., J.D.
1010 Calle Malaga
Santa Barbara CA 93109

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Rachel Altman <raltmansb@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 1:32 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Idle and Abandoned Wells need to be monitored

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Dear Board of Supervisors,
As a citizen of SB County, I am concerned about the impacts to health, clean air, drinking water, farmland, and climate from the 1,370 idle and orphaned oil and gas wells in Santa Barbara County.

Our County is not taking adequate steps to investigate, monitor, and regulate idle and orphaned oil and gas wells.

I request that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to investigate the status and regulation of idle and orphaned wells and provide an annual report at a public hearing, to include:

- An inventory of the number and status of oil wells in the County including active, idle, orphaned, and abandoned wells, and the length of time wells have been sitting idle.
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- All County, APCD, state, and federal ordinances, regulations, inspections, and enforcement programs that regulate idle wells. o All readily available local and State information regarding problems with idle, orphaned, and abandoned oil and gas wells in the County.
- An investigation as to whether bonding is adequate to cover well capping and drill site restoration

Thank you for your attention to this important matter that affects our health, particularly our vulnerable citizens and communities, as well as harming our agriculture.

Rachel Altman
1383 Sycamore Canyon Road
SB, CA 93108

Ramirez, Angelica

From: brandon - Dragonette Cellars <brandon@dragonettecellars.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 2:28 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Comment for May 24, 2022 meeting regarding Idle Oil and Gas Wells

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

As a longtime local resident in Santa Barbara County, I am very concerned about the impacts to health, clean air, drinking water, farmland, and climate from the 1,370 idle and orphaned oil and gas wells in Santa Barbara County.

As a business owner in Santa Barbara County, I have personal experience with strict county regulations impacting the grape growing and winemaking ordinances. I hope that the county will provide even stronger regulations on the oil and gas industry, given the potential for far more hazardous outcomes.

The oil and gas industries have a civic duty to keep our County, the soils, air, water supplies, and animal and human populations safe from the potentially harmful leaks.

In reference to Idle Oil and Gas Wells, our County is not yet taking adequate steps to investigate, monitor, and regulate idle and orphaned oil and gas wells.

I request that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to investigate the status and regulation of idle and orphaned wells and provide strong and clear guidance that prevents any oil or gas wells from causing harm.

In addition, the companies should be held accountable to the public, via an annual report at a public hearing, to include:

An inventory of the number and status of oil wells in the County including active, idle, orphaned, and abandoned wells, and the length of time wells have been sitting idle.

All fluid and methane leaks, seeps, noncompliance, violations, and other problems from idle and orphaned wells.

All interagency coordination and actions taken by County Planning and Development, Air Pollution Control District ("APCD"), County Fire, CalGEM, and State Water Board.

All County, APCD, state, and federal ordinances, regulations, inspections, and enforcement programs that regulate idle wells.

All readily available local and State information regarding problems with idle, orphaned, and abandoned oil and gas wells in in the County.

An investigation as to whether bonding is adequate to cover well capping and drill site restoration.

Sincerely,
Brandon Sparks-Gillis

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