



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Planning & Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: July 8, 2008
Placement: Set Hearing
Estimated Tme: 2 hours on August 19, 2008
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department John Baker, Director, Planning & Development Dept., 568-2085
Director(s)
Contact Info: Doug Anthony, Deputy Director, P&D Energy Division, 568-2046

SUBJECT: **Set Hearing for ExxonMobil/Sunset Appeal of Planning Commission Approval of the Tranquillon Ridge Project**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: No

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: No

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

Set a hearing to consider the ExxonMobil Exploration Company/Sunset Exploration, Inc. Appeal (Case #08APL-00000-00019) of the County Planning Commission's approval of the Tranquillon Ridge Oil and Gas Development Project (Case No. 06RVP-00000-00001) for August 19, 2008.

Summary Text:

The ExxonMobil Exploration Company/Sunset Exploration Inc. Appeal is one of three appeals of the Planning Commission's April 21, 2008 approval of Plains Exploration and Production Company's (PXP) Tranquillon Ridge project that were filed by the appeal deadline. The other appeals were filed by Vaquero Energy, Inc. (08APL-00000-00020) and Bruce W. Bell (08APL-00000-00021).

Each appeal is a separate hearing agenda item. However, staff requests that the three appeals be heard consecutively on August 19, 2008. The ExxonMobil Exploration Company/Sunset Exploration, Inc. appeal is estimated to require two hours. Together, the three appeals are expected to require a total of four hours.

A separate Board Agenda Letter, with recommendations, analyses, and supporting information, will be filed with the Clerk of the Board for each appeal prior to the deadline for the August 19, 2008 Board hearing.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None.

Staffing Impacts:

None.

Special Instructions:

None.

Attachments:

None.

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cc: Case File: 06RVP-00000-00001
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