



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

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 25-00921

RE:

HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding the framework, approach and budget to phaseout oil and gas operations, as follows: (EST. TIME: 1 HR. 30 MIN.)

- a) Authorize staff to initiate work on developing an ordinance to prohibit drilling of new oil and gas wells and to initiate work on preparing a Request for Proposals to undertake an amortization study to determine an appropriate period to phase out existing oil and gas facilities/operations;
- b) Direct Planning and Development Department staff to add this project to the Long-Range Planning Annual Work Program for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, and adjust work on other projects, as necessary;
- c) Provide additional direction to staff regarding the framework and/or approach; and
- d) Determine that the proposed actions are not a project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) because providing direction to staff is an organizational or administrative activity of the government that itself will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY

HEARING TIME: 11:16 AM - 2:14 PM (2 HR. AND 58 MIN.)



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Received and filed staff presentation and conducted a public hearing.

Molly McCoy, Michal Lynch, Bill Woodbridge, Eleanor Thomas, Seth Steiner, Tara Rengifo, ilonka zlatar, Joseph Silvi, Tevin Schmitt, Sneha Namboodiri, Ramon Elias, Dr. Lee Heller, Emily Engel, Lauren Leland, Gabriel Vasquez, Patrick Vigrant, Rex Bein, Phil Daily, John Hochlevtner, Libby Rodriguez, Johanna Rodriguez Escobar, Justin Martin, Rich Field, Carmen Rhodes, Alex Gutierrez, Tony Padilla, Tito Lara, Phillip Brown, Maureen Ellenberger, Jon Ullman, Colin Jones, Nancy Avoce, Ted Cordova, Haley Ehlers, Kevin Ivey, Katie Davis, Edward Hazard, Nikki Talebi, Julie McCaslin, Erik Vasquez, Tatianna Surriel, Albert Oaten, Michael Chiacos, Olivia Simonson speaking for Randy Mosual, Brian Garcia, Pancho, Ben Oakley, Mike Ombro, and Paasha Mahdavi addressed the Board.

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

- a) Authorized;
- b) Directed;
- c) Provided additional direction to staff, as follows: (1) Amortization Study order of priority: (i) Idle Wells; (ii) Health Protection Zones; (iii) Over Watersheds; and (iv) Anything outside of the Health Protection Zone; and (2) Second Phase Objectives: (i) Job Study; and (ii) Cost; and
- d) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, and Supervisor Hartmann

Noes: 2 - Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino