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Dear Chair Nelson and Honorable Supervisors,

Thank you for your consideration of the Long Range Planning Division's Work Program for 2021-2024. As you know, for the past several years we have recommended much-needed updates to the County's ordinances to ensure the public health and safety of the County's residents, as well as the economic security of the County in the face of ongoing oil and gas development and abandonment activities. (See Attachment 1 to the Board Agenda Letter.) Although there will be some upfront costs to the County to process these ordinances, there will be cost savings in the long term. We therefore recommend that the Board allocate additional funding to cover these items. Initial work on many of these items (e.g., updating the Change of Owner or Operator Ordinance, requiring retention of liability upon sale of assets, and requiring termination dates for Oil Drilling and Production Plans) could be assigned to County Counsel as a way to reduce costs to the Planning and Development Department.

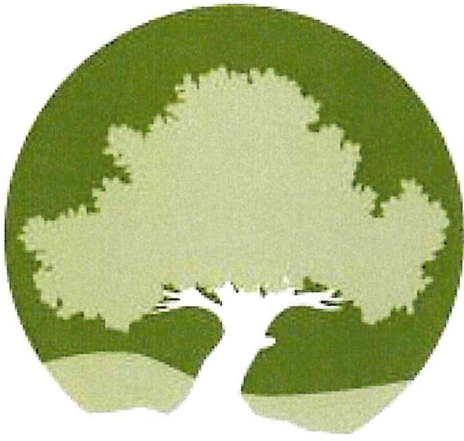
Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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