

de la Guerra, Sheila **Public Comment - Group 1**

From: Renee O'Neill <chasingstar2701@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 8, 2019 11:29 PM
To: sbcob; Villalobos, David
Subject: Re Renewable Energy and Revenue

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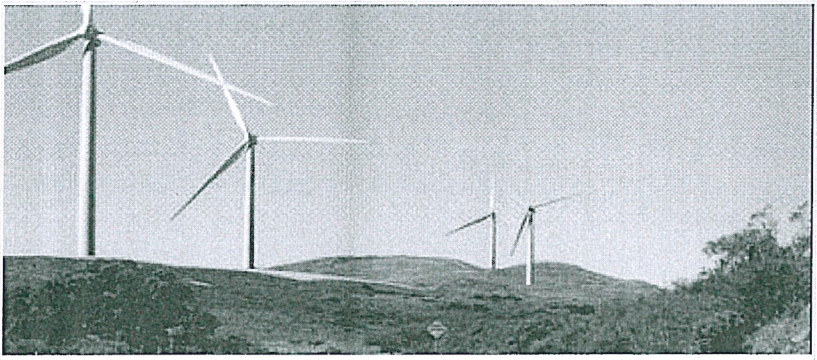
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Dear Supervisors and Commissioners,

Please support this project by meeting the goals of our state's goals for renewable energy. Our county has the opportunity to generate billions of dollars in "Revenue" from a much more dependable and desirable "Industry."

This is an outstanding article! Thank You Katie and Indy!

A Little Less Talk, and a Lot More Action



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Our county's investment to date in renewable energy still ranks near the bottom of the state's 58 counties, desp...

Best Regards,

Renée O'Neill

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From: Vijaya <vjinsb@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2019 12:32 PM
To: County Executive Office; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; sbcob; Colin Jones
Subject: Strategic Energy Plan: Comments from LWVSB
Attachments: 2019-09-09 LWVSB Comments on SB County Strategic Energy Plan sd.docx

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Please find, attached, the League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara's comments on the County's Strategic Energy Plan for your consideration on Sept. 10, 2019.

sincerely,

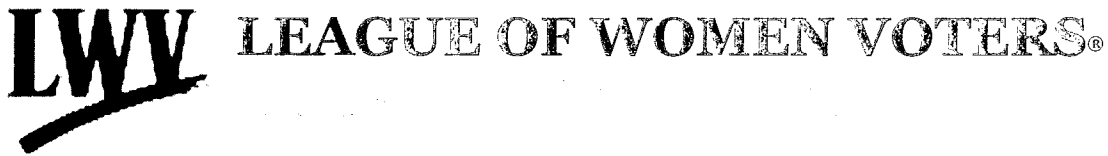
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September 9, 2019

TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors (via email to individual Supervisors)

SUBJECT: Santa Barbara County Strategic Energy Plan (SEP) on September 10, 2019 BOS Agenda

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

The League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara supports the adoption of the Strategic Energy Plan and expediting the implementation of Phase 1 and Phase 2 actions recommended in the SEP, while keeping in mind solutions to the financial and funding barriers identified for Phase 3.

We strongly support the goals of reducing greenhouse gases, increasing resiliency, meeting state and local goals on clean energy, and doing this by investing, where possible, in the local economy and jobs. The SEP does an excellent job of defining goals, analyzing potential resources, listing problems, and describing options and costs. We also appreciate the Board directing staff to expedite the solar permit application process and change the County regulations that are limiting the size of solar projects.

The problems involved with what we can do, and how fast we can act, involve major unknowns such as in funding, SCE cooperation, and changes needed in State and local regulations.

Joining the Monterey Bay Community Power CCE goes a long way to securing funding and administrative support to cover the state mandates and local goals in clean energy and greenhouse gas reduction. Joining the Monterey CCE was a viable financial pathway, but it involved losing some local control and local investment especially in the area of resiliency. To address this we support Monterey Bay Community Power, where applicable, moving program and funding decisions to smaller, local government groups to better meet local needs.

While we are encouraged by the resources available and what can be done now, we are also worried by the problems faced. We will not be able develop full resilience for our area unless we can work out equitable solutions to

- The size of solar installations allowed,
- Payments for excess power generated,
- Utility exit fees to customers who join a CCE, and
- The incorporation of local generation and storage into the grid. We support Clean Coalition's

Goleta Load Pocket Community Grid Initiative.

Changes in local regulations are very important. We cannot reach our goals without resolving these issues. With these hopes and concerns, we fully support the adoption of the SEP. Please contact Colin Jones, LWVSB at 805-683-1937 or cnjjones@gmail.com if you have questions.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Vijaya Jammalamadaka".

Vijaya Jammalamadaka,
President

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