

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING
AMENDMENTS TO THE COASTAL LAND
USE PLAN TO UPDATE THE SOUTH
COAST OIL AND GAS CONSOLIDATION
POLICIES, REPEAL TANK FARM SITING
POLICIES IN THE COASTAL ZONE, AND
ADD PERMIT PROCEDURES FOR
CONSOLIDATED PIPELINE TERMINALS
IN THE COASTAL ZONE

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Case No. 04GPA-00000-00018

WITH REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING:

- A. Santa Barbara County seeks to minimize the proliferation of oil and gas processing and storage facilities within the Coastal Zone, while still accommodating current and potential future demand for such facilities, in order to avoid adverse impacts of oil and gas processing and storage on marine and coastal resources.
- B. The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors initiated, and the County Planning Commission has recommended, specific policy and ordinance amendments that would remove the consolidated oil and gas processing site designation from one of two such-designated sites in the County as that site (Gaviota) is no longer used for processing oil and gas and future consolidated processing needs can be accommodated at the other consolidated processing site (Las Flores Canyon) or other County locations, as appropriate.
- C. The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors initiated, and the County Planning Commission has recommended, specific policy amendments that would define a new land use designation of *Consolidated Pipeline Terminal* and would apply that designation to the Gaviota site to provide for current and potential future oil storage needs within the South Coast Consolidated Planning Area.
- D. The Board has held a duly noticed public hearing, as required by Section 65355 of the government Code, at which the amendments to the Coastal Plan were explained and comments invited from persons in attendance.
- E. It is now deemed in the interest of the orderly development of the County of Santa Barbara and important to the preservation of the health and safety of the residents of said County to amend the Coastal Plan as follows:

Revise Preamble to Chapter 3.6, subsection titled “Oil and Gas Processing Facilities” to read as follows:

Paragraph 1:

Currently, there are no oil and gas processing facilities located in the unincorporated area of the County’s Coastal Zone. For planning purposes, the coastal strip between the City of Santa Barbara on the east and Point Arguello on the west, bounded by the ridge of the Santa Ynez Mountain Range to the north and the seaward boundary of the California Tidelands on the south has been designated as the South Coast Consolidation Planning Area (SCCPA). Another parallel strip of land which follows to the east and has experienced much oil and gas development in the past has been designated as the Carpinteria Valley Consolidation Planning Area (CVCPA). Lastly, a larger area that runs north from the South Coast Consolidation Planning Area has been designated as the North County Consolidation Planning Area (NCCPA). Such designations allow the County to focus policies on reducing the proliferation of oil and gas processing facilities in the area, according to the particular characteristics of each area.

Paragraph 6:

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For areas inside the South Coast Consolidation Planning Area (as defined in policy 6-6B below) the County has designated Las Flores Canyon as the consolidated oil and gas processing site to minimize the industrialization of the South Coast.

Revise text in Section 3.6.4, LAND USE PLAN PROPOSALS, Oil and Gas Wells, Paragraph 5 to read as follows:

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Oil and gas wells dedicated solely to exploration or production of onshore oil and gas fields are permitted in Coastal Dependent Industry and Agriculture II designations and are conditionally permitted uses in Mountainous Areas, Open Lands, Rural Residential, and all other industrial classifications (refer to Table 3-1). Oil and gas wells dedicated to exploration or production of offshore oil and gas fields are permitted in Coastal Related Industry and Agriculture II designations only within the Las Flores Canyon Consolidated Oil and Gas Processing Site as specified in policies 6-5B and 6-5C. By retaining the AG-II designation within the Consolidated Oil and Gas Processing Site, the County limits the use of industrially zoned (MC-R and MC-D) areas within the Consolidated Oil and Gas Processing Site available for processing facilities; and also, by allowing exploration and production in AG districts, but not processing, the County provides for the separation of processing and production to accommodate safety concerns.

Revise Policy 6-5B.2 to read as follows:

2. The voter approval requirement set forth in Section 1 above shall not apply to onshore pipeline projects or to onshore support facilities that are located entirely within the existing approved consolidated oil and gas processing site at Las Flores Canyon (designated as of June 13, 1995 as APN 81-220-14, 81-230-19) or the former, but no longer existing or approved, consolidated oil and gas processing site at Gaviota (designated as of June 13, 1995 as APN 81-130-07, 81-130-52, 81-130-53).

Revise Policy 6-5C to read as follows:

Policy 6-5C: Exploration or production of offshore oil and gas reservoirs (including reservoirs which traverse the mean high tide line) from onshore sites shall be restricted to locations within the Las Flores Canyon Consolidated Oil and Gas Processing Site which comprises the parcels identified in Policy 6-5B.2 above. Such exploration and production is compatible with AG-II and MC-R designated land uses within this Consolidated Oil and Gas Processing Site.

Revise Policy 6-6D to read as follows:

The oil and gas processing site at Las Flores Canyon (APNs 81-220-14 and 81-220-19 as of September 7, 2004) is designated as the consolidated site for processing oil and gas production from offshore reservoirs and zones. Any new oil and gas production from offshore reservoirs or zones that is processed within the SCCPA shall be processed at this site.

Repeal Policies 6-13A through 6-13D.

Add New Policies 6-13A through 6-13C, including brief preamble as follows:

Consolidated Crude Oil Pipeline Terminal

Crude oil pipeline terminals constitute major junctures between pipelines or between a pipeline and other modes of transportation that require specific operations in order to transfer product. Within the County's Coastal Zone, pipeline terminals for crude oil are operated by oil companies, serve transportation of oil and gas extracted from offshore reservoirs, and, therefore, are coastal-related developments pursuant to Section 30101.3 of the California Public Resources Code. Such terminals generally comprise facilities to heat and pump the oil for transportation to refineries, and may also include limited storage capacity and gas-fired co-generation of steam and electricity primarily to support heating and pumping operations. Crude oil pipeline terminals may coincide with oil and gas processing facilities, onshore production facilities, or may occur at separate locations onshore.

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The County deems it in the interest of orderly development and important to the preservation of the health, safety and general welfare of its residents to consolidate the use and location of pipeline terminals within the Coastal Zone, and to mitigate adverse affects to the environment where such terminals occur.

Crude oil pipeline terminals located with processing facilities shall be governed by the consolidated siting restrictions for processing facilities contained in LCP Policies 6-6B through 6-6G. Crude oil pipeline terminals located separately from processing facilities shall be governed by the following 6-13 policy series. For the purpose of these policies, pipeline terminals refer to the following operations:

- 1) Heating and pumping of crude oil;
- 2) Limited tank storage of crude oil onsite;
- 3) Gas-fired cogeneration of steam and electricity for the primary purpose of fueling onsite operations; and
- 4) Any necessary ancillary structures or improvements.

Policy 6-13A. Consolidation of Oil Pipeline Terminals.

Parcel 081-130-070 (as delineated on County zoning and parcel maps as of January 1, 2004) is designated as a coastal-related Consolidated Pipeline Terminal. This designation serves to identify and limit locations for installation and operation of oil and gas pipeline terminals in the County's Coastal Zone. This designation shall automatically become null and void upon the abandonment of the Gaviota Consolidated Pipeline Terminal.

Policy 6-13B. Shared Use of Consolidated Oil and Gas Pipeline Terminals.

Consolidated crude oil pipeline terminals shall be operated as common carriers, required to provide fair, equitable, and nondiscriminatory access to all shippers.

Policy 6-13C. Mitigation of Impacts.

New or modified oil storage tanks at a designated Consolidated Pipeline Terminal shall be located and designed so as to avoid significant adverse impacts and shall be in compliance with the policies and regulations of the Coastal Act and Local Coastal Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 65356 of the Government Code, this Board adopts the foregoing amendments to the Coastal Plan.
2. A copy of this Resolution shall be made available pursuant to Section 65357 of the Government Code.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 21st day of March 2006, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

Join Gray, Chair
Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara

ATTEST:

MICHAEL F. BROWN
County Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

STEPHEN SHANE STARK
County Counsel

By _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board

By _____
Deputy County Counsel