



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Planning & Development  
Department No.: 053  
For Agenda Of: July 8, 2008  
Placement: Set Hearing  
Estimated Tme: 1 hour on August 19, 2008  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department John Baker, Director, Planning & Development Dept., 568-2085  
Director(s)  
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**SUBJECT:** **Set Hearing for Vaquero Energy, Inc. Appeal of Planning Commission Approval of the Tranquillon Ridge Project**

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**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 Vaquero Energy, Inc. Appeal (Case #08APL-00000-00020) 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 Vaquero Energy, 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 ExxonMobil Exploration Company/Sunset Exploration, Inc. (08APL-00000-00019) 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 Vaquero Energy, Inc. appeal is estimated to require one hour. 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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