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

IN THE MATTER OF DIRECTING STAFF) **RESOLUTION NO. 24- 189**
TO ADDRESS OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS)
FOR THE PURPOSES OF REDUCING)
GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS)

WHEREAS, in acknowledgement of the growing and urgent concerns regarding global climate change and the expanding regulatory environment, Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 09-059 adopted the County’s Climate Change Guiding Principles and supporting county efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and provided Board of Supervisor’s leadership to take immediate, cost-effective and coordinated steps to reduce the County’s collective greenhouse gas emissions.

WHEREAS, On April 23, 2021, Governor Newsom directed the California Air Resources Board to evaluate the phaseout of oil and gas extraction no later than 2045 as part of the 2022 Scoping Plan;

WHEREAS, CARB recognizes that while significant GHG reductions from oil and gas extraction could be achieved as fossil fuel demand is reduced, it is not feasible to phase out oil and gas production fully by 2045 given remaining demand, which would be supplied by oil imports;

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 32 Climate Change Scoping Plan identifies local governments as essential partners in achieving California’s goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara’s 2030 Climate Action Plan includes emissions from oil and gas extraction and processing as an informational item, but such projects are not included in the greenhouse gas inventory or policies and programs designed to meet the 50% emission reduction target;

WHEREAS, whether an industry is included in the 2030 Climate Action Plan or not does not change the regulatory control that the County has over existing or new oil and gas projects;

WHEREAS, not all projects are required to be consistent with the 2030 Climate Action Plan, but if they are, that project may be able to rely on streamlined CEQA review;

WHEREAS, because oil and gas operations are not included in the 2030 Climate Action Plan and thus not part of the project analyzed in the associated EIR, new oil and gas operations would be

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required to conduct their own CEQA greenhouse gas analysis, and not be able to rely on streamlined CEQA review using the Climate Action Plan EIR;

WHEREAS, the oil industry has provided significant economic benefits to employees and surrounding communities and economic impacts should be considered in any analysis of potential policies or programs affecting the oil industry;

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara has a leadership role to play in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for the impacts of climate change through their policy-making actions and permitting jurisdiction relating to projects that impact certain policy areas such as air quality, land use planning, transportation, zoning, forest preservation, water conservation, and wastewater and solid waste management;

WHEREAS, options for local jurisdiction actions to address new and existing oil and gas operations is still emergent and evolving.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that:

1. The above recitations are true and correct.
2. The Board of Supervisors direct staff to:
 - a Identify potentially viable measures and a goal to reduce emissions from new and existing oil and gas extraction and processing; and
 - b Return to the Board for consideration of such measures and goals within six months, or as soon as feasible.

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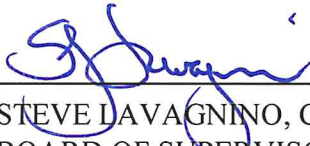
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this twenty-seventh day of August, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Williams, Capps and Hartmann

NOES: Supervisors Nelson and Lavagnino

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None



STEVE LAVAGNINO, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

ATTEST:


MONA MIYASATO,
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CLERK OF THE BOARD

By 

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RACHEL VAN MULLEM
COUNTY COUNSEL

By  Signed by:
Tyler Sprague
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DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL