Public Comment - Group 2

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Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Sent: John Douglas <jed805@gmail.com> Wednesday, May 18, 2022 3:12 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Cap the oil and gas wells



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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors:

- I am concerned about the impacts to health, clean air, drinking water, farmland, and climate from the 1,370 idle and orphaned oil and gas wells in Santa Barbara County.
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- I request that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to investigate the status and regulation of idle and orphaned wells and provide an annual report at a public hearing, to include:
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 An investigation as to whether bonding is adequate to cover well capping and drill site restoration

Thanks for considering my concerns.

John E. Douglas Santa Barbara, 1st district

John Enrico Douglas (805) 284-2082 jéd805@gmail.com www.JohnEDouglas.com

From:

Irene Cooke <irene.cooke@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:33 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Idle and Orphan Wells

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Honorable Supervisors:

I am writing to express my concern about the impacts to health, clean air, drinking water, farmland, and climate from the 1,370 idle and orphaned oil and gas wells in Santa Barbara County. Our County needs to be more diligent in investigating, monitoring, and regulating these wells.

Please take action to direct staff to investigate the status and regulation of idle and orphaned wells and provide a comprehensive report at a public hearing, to include the items of information as recommended by the Environmental Defense Center.

I am extremely concerned that 1) these wells pose a threat to public health and environment and 2) that taxpayers will be stuck with costs of remediating the harm from the wells.

Respectfully submitted, Irene Cooke 374 Moreton Bay Lane #2 Goleta, CA 93117 970-531-0831

From:

Sharon Broberg <slbroberg@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 5:09 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Secure idle oil wells

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Please take action to monitor idle oil wells. Please investigate to make sure our citizens' health is not being impaired. I am also concerned about the environment and climate.

Sharon Broberg John Broberg zip code 93103, Santa Barbara

From:

Women's March Santa Barbara <womenmarchingsb@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 5:44 PM

To: Subject:

sbcob Idle wells

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Please do whatever you can to monitor and clean up idle wells. And currently permitted wells should be taxed or somehow assessed to assure that our county has funds to cover those being abandoned (let's be realistic, obviously not everyone cleans up after themselves)!

- Michal Lynch

From:

BILL WOODBRIDGE < bill.woodbridge@verizon.net>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 6:21 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

idle and abandoned oil and gas wells problem needs immediate rectification

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

As a citizen of SB County, I am concerned about the impacts to health, clean air, drinking water, farmland, and climate from the 1,370 idle and orphaned oil and gas wells in Santa Barbara County.

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- --An investigation as to whether bonding is adequate to cover well capping and drill site restoration

Thank you for your attention to this important matter that affects our health, particularly our vulnerable citizens and communities, as well as harming our agriculture.

Sincerely,

Bill Woodbridge Goleta

From: Sent: To: Subject:	Steph W <steph200410@yahoo.com> Wednesday, May 18, 2022 6:27 PM sbcob Take action to investigate and monitor idle oil wells in order to protect our health, climate, and environment.</steph200410@yahoo.com>						
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Sincerely,							
Stephanie							

From:

Denise Leichter <denise@cofchrist-psi.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 6:34 PM

To:

sbcob

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Sincerely,

Denise Leichter denise@cofchrist-psi.org

Denise Leichter (she/hers), MCP & Pastor in Santa Barbara COMMUNITY OF CHRIST Pacific Southwest International Mission Center 3950 Via Real #74 Carpinteria, CA 93013 (310) 403-9973

From:

Joan Ariel <joan.ariel@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:11 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

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Sincerely,

Joan Ariel 540 Alegria Road Santa Barbara 93105

From:	maureen

maureen earls <maureenearls00@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:26 PM

To: sbcob

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Sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Karen Claydon < kclaydon47@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:42 PM

To:

sbcob

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From: Denise Leichter <denise@cofchrist-psi.org>

Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:59 PM

To: sbcob

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I am currently using e voice dictation to text while I recover from a significant left wrist injury. Please excuse anything that does not look quite right while I get back to full function. D								
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From:

Laurence Severance < LISeverance@msn.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 9:10 PM

To:

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Subject:

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Sincerely,

Laurence Severance

From:

Robert Lane Clark <rlaneclark@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:08 PM

To:

sbcob

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Sincerely,

R. Lane Clark

(board president, CLUE-Santa Barbara)

From:

EUGENIA HOYNE <eugenia38@me.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 19, 2022 6:39 AM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

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Sincerely,

Eugenia Hoyne

From:

Pat Hardy <pmhardy@me.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 19, 2022 7:35 AM

То:

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Subject:

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Sincerely,
Pat Hardy and Jo Ann Bell
Valle Verde Retirement Community

From: Sent: Harold Hill hillhal70@gmail.com

To:

Thursday, May 19, 2022 9:29 AM sbcob

Subject:

Oil and gas

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Harold HIII

Member of the Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Goleta Social Justice Ministry.

From:

George Relles < grelles@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 19, 2022 1:38 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Public Safety Concern re: Orphan and Idled Oil Wells in Our County

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

I am writing to you on behalf of The Goodland Coalition. Our mission is as follows:

- Advocating policies that protect, preserve, and improve Goleta's unique character;
- Encouraging and facilitating participation of Goleta residents in community planning and decision-making.

We know that your Board puts protecting public safety among its highest priorities. Accordingly, we want to express our concern regarding public safety issues arising from all the oil wells in this county that may be out of commission, orphaned, idled, etc. This includes orphaned wells such as those on Ellwood beach in Goleta, under the purview of the State Lands Commission. We are concerned that any leaks there should also be investigated, identified, and remediated.

In order for you to continue to pursue the priority of protecting the safety and health of County residents, we urge you to direct county staff resources to investigate the status and regulation of idle and orphaned and idle wells, and provide an annual report at a public hearing.

Please request that staff, with all due speed, discover and publically report on the following:

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- What action county taking about these dangers at all county agencies such as County Planning and Development, Air Pollution Control District ("APCD"), County Fire, CalGEM, and State Water Board, and well as communicating with State Lands Commission
- An investigation as to whether bonding is adequate to cover well capping and drill site restoration.

Thank you for giving the same attention and allocating resources to counter these threats of public health, as you do so well in dealing with other safety threats to our community such as fire, mudslides, flooding etc.

Sincerely,

George Relles Convener of The Goodland Coalition

From:

Pam Bury <pamelabury@cox.net>

Sent:

Thursday, May 19, 2022 2:55 PM

To:

sbcob

Subject:

Idle and orphaned oil and gas wells

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Dear County Supervisors:

Please take adequate steps to investigate, monitor and regulate the 1,370 idle and orphaned oil and gas wells in Santa Barbara County. The impacts for people's health are very concerning. We need clean air, water and food, not polluted by fossil fuels. Leaking CO2 and methane are contributing to the climate crisis. We need to make sure that all wells are properly capped so that no leaks occur. This should be a priority in a climate emergency.

Thank you, Pamela Bury 315 N. Ontare Rd. Santa Barbara

From:

Alison Wollitzer <alison@wollitzer.org>

Sent:

Thursday, May 19, 2022 3:52 PM

To:

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Alison Okada Wollitzer 978 N Kellogg Av, Santa Barbara 93111