

Writing Letters of Public Comment

Some facts you can use (Don't need to mention everything, just what seems crucial to YOU!)

Send your letter to your supervisor

District 1: Downtown Santa Barbara, Das Williams

District 2: Goleta, Gregg Hart

District 3: Isla Vista to Guadalupe, Joan Hartmann

District 4: Lompoc, Peter Adam

District 5: Santa Maria, Steve Lavagnino

The Big Picture

- 750+ new oil wells are proposed to be developed in SB county
- Our health is affected personally, our water and air are affected locally, and the atmosphere is affected globally

Regarding the companies (2 companies are trying to open drilling; AERA, TerraCore)

- AERA is jointly owned by Shell and ExxonMobil (2 of the largest oil producers in the world!) and is proposing up to 296 new wells. Aera produces 25% of California's oil and gas
- Proposing to drill using water- & energy-intensive technique of cyclic steam injection to produce 10,000 barrels of oil per day
- This proposal would pierce the groundwater aquifer of Santa Maria (affecting thousands of businesses, citizens)
- TerraCore, the second oil company, wants to build 230 new wells
- This would require 11 new drilling pads as well as 9 new processing facilities (this is highly resource intensive even before they start processing oil)

How to add your personal touch & thoughts:

Truly share how you feel by answering any of these questions that land with you, or any personal spin you like!

- How is clean water important specifically to you?
- How does oil extraction in your community make you feel?
- Do these projects have the consent of native peoples upon whose lands they are being developed?

- Is your industry/daily life affected if clean water is contaminated in Santa Maria?
- If we claim to be moving towards carbon neutrality as a state, county, how can we invest in such development?

More than anything else, we, and this land need your voice to stop development. However much you'd like to write is great, whatever you deem to be self-expressive and powerful is the best way to share your words. Let's do this!

Themes

1) Climate change

- We need to keep 80% of fossil fuels in the ground for a 50% chance of keep temperatures below 2 degrees Celsius*
- Global fossil fuel emissions increased to the highest ever amount in 2018*
- Santa Barbara is committed to going Carbon Neutral by 2030, increasing fossil fuel production here makes that goal impossible*
- Emissions estimates in the draft Environmental Impact Reports, while significant, only consider emissions related to the project development and operations, not the burning of their product.*
- Building more fossil fuel infrastructure today locks us into using it for decades to come*

2) Water

- While these projects may not use fresh water for the generation of steam, they do use fresh water for cleaning the oil and so contaminating clean drinking water*
- Wells would penetrate the Santa Maria grounder water aquifer upon which hundreds of thousands of people and many local businesses depend.*
- These projects use a highly water intensive process, our county has suffered years of drought, we can't afford to waste our water*

3) Air Quality and Public Health

- AERA's draft Environmental Impact Report suggests that "Construction and operational emissions could result in a considerable net increase of pollutants that would violate air quality standards or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation"*
- The emissions reduction credit scheme does not reduce the impact that emissions of pollutants would have on the local community's health because they are basically paying to pollute.*
- Aera says "Emissions will be mitigated to less than significant or to the greatest extent feasible, if less than significant cannot be achieved." pollution reduction to "the greatest extent feasible" does not protect communities from significant exposure to pollutants.*

- d) The project's operations will increase levels of NOx by 18tons per year, SOx by 8.9tons per year, and particulate matter by 10tons per year.

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