

Ann Kudart

From: Tony Salome <tsal3@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2018 2:26 PM
To: Board
Subject: Fwd: Off-shore drilling letter
Attachments: image002.jpg; ATT00001.htm; BOEM DPP Letter.pdf; ATT00002.htm; image002.jpg; ATT00003.htm

Dear LOCSB Board,

Please find attached letter from Mayor of Pismo Beach in opposition to offshore drilling.

From: Sheila blake <sheila.blake@att.net>
Date: April 2, 2018 at 11:08:51 AM PDT
To: Tony Salome <tsal3@earthlink.net>
Subject: Fw: Off-shore drilling letter
Reply-To: Sheila blake <sheila.blake@att.net>

Hi Tony..I tried to forward the attached letter but I'm not sure it went. Here's the attached letter for you to pull up. regards sheila blake

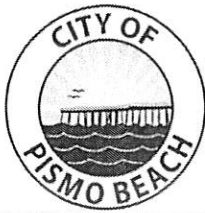
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From: "Inderlied, Erica" <EInderlied@PismoBeach.org>
To: "Blake, Sheila" <SBlake@PismoBeach.org>; Sheila Blake <sheila.blake@att.net>
Sent: Monday, April 2, 2018 9:23 AM
Subject: Off-shore drilling letter

Hi Sheila, attached is a scan of the letter the Mayor sent in opposition to off-shore drilling, per your request, if you would like to forward it to Mr. Salome.

For your reference, you should be routinely copied (to your City email address) on such legislative letters sent by the Mayor. Please let me know if you have questions. Thanks.

Erica Inderlied
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einderlied@pismo-beach.org



From the Office of the Mayor

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Office of the Mayor

January 11, 2018

Ms. Kelly Hammerle
Chief, National Oil and Gas Leasing Program
Development and Coordination Branch
Leasing Division, Office of Strategic Resources
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (VAM-LD)
45600 Woodland Road
Sterling, VA 20166

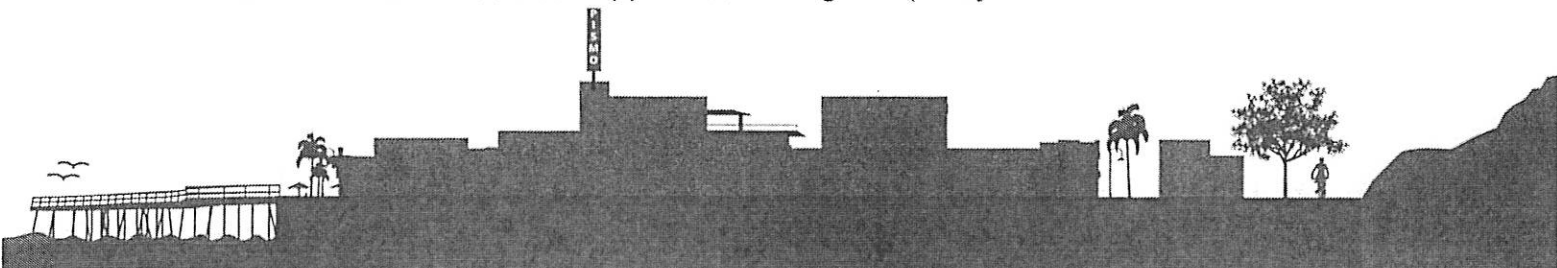
Re: Comments on the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management 2019-2024 Draft Proposed National Oil and Gas Leasing Program, Docket ID: BOEM-2017-0074

Dear Ms. Hammerle:

On behalf of the City of Pismo Beach, California, I write in strong opposition to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's 2019-2024 Draft Proposed National Oil and Gas Leasing program and any expansion of offshore drilling off the coast of California. Pismo Beach is located in San Luis Obispo County on the Central Coast of California. The Draft Proposed Program includes two leases in the Southern California region, which includes the water off the shores of Pismo Beach, however we are also opposed to the lease sales in the Central California region, due to the potential for impacts on our shores. We oppose any increase in offshore energy productions that would threaten our pristine coastal environment and our tourism industry that depends on the coast.

The City benefits greatly from a thriving tourism economy with our pristine coast as a tremendous driver of our success. In 2016-2017, the City collected \$10.3 million in transient occupancy taxes. This is the largest component of the City's revenue, making up 27% of the adopted revenue in the City's 2018 and 2019 budgets. Any drilling activity or spill impacting our shores would obviously have a hugely detrimental impact on our tourism sector and our community as a whole.

Beginning in 1982, no new leases off the California coast occurred, either because Congress explicitly banned them or through Presidential Directive, as was done under Presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton. This lasted until 2008, when President George W. Bush rescinded the Presidential Directive and Congress allowed its ban to expire. However, no federal lease sales in California coastal waters have occurred since the ban was lifted. We support continuing that policy.

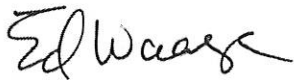


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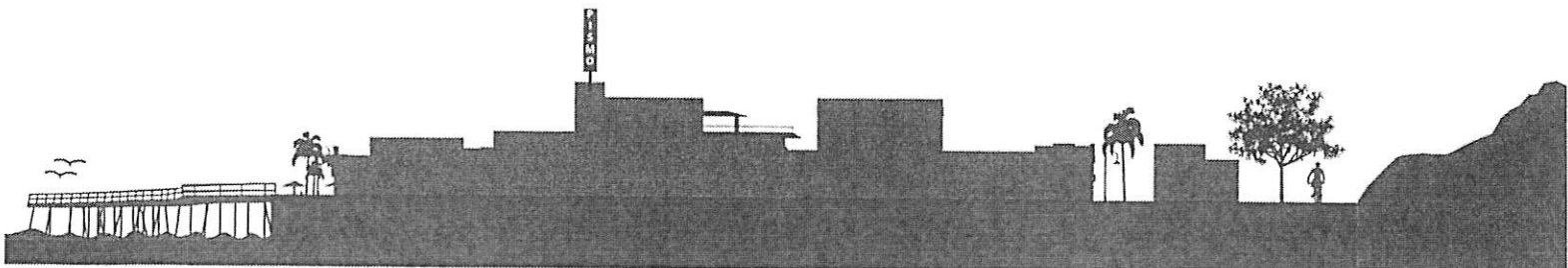
Following the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill, which at the time was the largest oil spill to occur in U.S. waters, the federal government and California enacted legislation to protect the environment and limit energy exploration off coastal waters. In California, this included the creation of the Coastal Commission, the passage of the California Environmental Quality Act, and a ban on new oil and natural gas leases in state-controlled waters. This ban lasted for 16 years, and was reinstated by the Legislature in 1994. In Congress, the Santa Barbara spill helped lead to the passage of the National Environmental Policy Act, the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency, and a general strengthening of federal regulations on oil and gas exploration.

The City of Pismo Beach opposes the expansion of offshore drilling in California, particularly the planned leases in the Central and South California regions. We urge you to eliminate these proposed leases in the next draft of the plan. Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Ed Waage
Mayor



Ann Kudart

From: Mimi Kalland <mkalland@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2018 9:22 AM
To: Board
Subject: Resolution re Off Shore Oil Drilling

To the Los Osos Community Services District Board:

We are strongly opposed to offshore oil drilling within the Outer Continental Shelf area, and ask the CSD to adopt a resolution in opposition to any such proposal.

Dr Mimi Kalland
Dr Gene Kalland
1182 7th Street
Los Osos, CA 93402

Ann Kudart

From: Laurie A Wermuth <lwermuth@csuchico.edu>
Sent: Saturday, March 31, 2018 7:08 PM
To: Board; Vicki Milledge; Marshall Ochylski
Subject: LO CSD No-drilling Resolution
Attachments: CUSD letter.oildrill.docx

To Leadership of Los Osos CSD:

Attached please find letter from a Los Osos couple who would like the Board to consider a resolution about no oil or gas drilling off the coast.

Thank you,
Laurie Wermuth
Tom Murphy

March 31, 2018

TO: Board of Directors
Los Osos Community Service District
2122 9th Street, Suite 102
Los Osos, CA 93402

FROM: Laurie Wermuth and Tom Murphy
2575 Bay Vista Lane
Los Osos, CA 93402

We are writing to ask you to take action against the real and imminent threat to our beautiful coastline.

We are concerned that the Central Coast is being threatened with drilling as a result of the Trump Administration's policy to open up new sites to the oil and gas industry. We would like to do whatever we can to prevent this risky course of action here at home and elsewhere. As we are sure you know, drilling on ours and others' coastlines puts at risk marine life as well as the welfare of local fishing and tourism. Also, a price tag can't be put on the loss of the beauty and pleasure our beautiful coast brings to us all. Let's protect it for ourselves and also for future generations.

As representatives in other communities have done, would you please consider taking a stand by passing a resolution against drilling on our coastline? We need a groundswell of activity to make our voices heard. Those taking money from the oil and gas companies need to feel our resistance to their cavalier and short-sighted disregard for our environment and community wellbeing.

Thank you for representing our community in this effort. We look forward to the resolution. And we look forward to remaining vigilant along with you and others to ward off the efforts of those who threaten our coastline.

Ann Kudart

From: Alice Welchert <alicewelchert@ymail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 31, 2018 10:45 AM
To: Board; Vicki Milledge; Marshall Ochylski
Cc: Tony Salome
Subject: Resolution to Protect our Coast

Dear Members of LOCSD:

I regret that I am unable to attend the April 5th board meeting. The agenda includes discussion of a resolution in opposition to Trump's plan to allow oil drilling off our coast! Oil drilling off the central California coast?? Even the suggestion of it is indefensible, horrific, ignorant, nightmarish. You are aware, I know, of the BP oil blowout, the 1969 oil spill in Santa Barbara, Refugio -- on and on. You are aware, I know, that climate change is real, that we are in a mass extinction event, that there are no starfish in our waters any more, that drought, fires, mudslides and death are fueled by fossil fuels and the rape of earth and ocean to extract them. You are aware, I know, that the "search" for drilling sites uses sonic blasting every few seconds for days, weeks, months and that blasting beaches whales, causes fish populations to plummet and move and the sea birds and mammals that survive on them are then doomed. You are aware, I know, that the California Coastal Commission denied the use of sonic blasting when it was proposed to map earthquake faults under Diablo. How many more diablos can our earth endure?

#NOMORE!

Morro Bay, Cayucos, Pismo Beach, Grover Beach and City of San Luis Obispo have already adopted resolutions. In the name of this holy Earth -- speak up. Stop the madness. LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD.

Respectfully,
Alice Welchert
1513 10th Street
Los Osos



Ann Kudart

From: judy <charliejude@live.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 31, 2018 7:32 AM
To: Board
Subject: Off Shore drilling

To Board Of Directors,

I strongly oppose the Trump administrations's plan to open our beautiful coast to offshore drilling. We should be moving towards sustainable options for renewable energy.

The risk for an oil spill is great and the Central Coast already has had it's share of oil related disasters.

Please stand with other communities and municipalities up and down the California Coast to adopt a resolution in opposition of the Trumps administrations plan to permit oil drilling off our coast.

Thank you,

Judy West
Los Osos

Ann Kudart

From: Charles Varni <charles@varni.org>
Sent: Friday, March 30, 2018 2:35 PM
To: Board
Cc: Tony Salome
Subject: Say no to offshore oil and gas development

Dear Board of the Los Osos CSD-

I am writing to you all on behalf of the SLO Chapter of Surfrider Foundation and the Coalition to Protect SLO County. These two organizations stand in strong opposition to offshore oil and gas development as proposed by the current Federal Administration. We believe it is imperative that every public body with decision making authority take a stand on this issue, especially those in coastal habitats. This is why we have lobbied, attended, and provided educational materials to the City Councils of Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo, Pismo Beach, Grover Beach, and the Oceano CSD.

I am not going to reiterate all the many reasons offshore oil development makes no reasonable sense, unless you are a large oil corporation. The estimated reserves off the California coast are enough to supply the oil needs of the U.S. for 18 months. For those few billions of profits, the current Administration would put our coastal and sea habitats, our coastal economies, and our planet at even greater risk and likelihood of catastrophic environmental impacts.

Please go on record against such a proposal.

Sincerely,

Charles Varni Ph.D.
Coordinator, SLO Surfrider STOP Climate Change Campaign
Co-Chair, Coalition to Protect SLO County

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www.varni.org

Tue 3/27/2018 3:19 PM

Santa Lucia Chapter of the Sierra Club <sierraclub8@gmail.com>

4/5/18 LOCSD meeting: Consideration of offshore oil resolution - comments of the Sierra Club

To: Board Board@losososcsd.org



March 27, 2018

Los Osos Community Services District
2122 9th Street, Suite 102
Los Osos, CA 93402

RE: 4/5/18 meeting: Consideration of offshore oil resolution

The Sierra Club is the nation's oldest and largest grassroots environmental group. The Santa Lucia Chapter, representing 3,000 Sierra Club members in San Luis Obispo County, urges the board of the Los Osos Community Services District to support the resolution against offshore oil drilling before you, adding your voices to those in every coastal state opposed to the administration's proposed five-year oil and gas leasing plan.

The Pacific Ocean has been off limits to new oil leases for 35 years, through both Democratic and Republican administrations which understood that opening our coast to drilling would threaten our beaches, coastal economies, and marine life. This administration isn't just proposing an unprecedented expansion of offshore drilling off America's coasts, they have proposed rolling back safety standards enacted in the wake of the Deepwater Horizon disaster. Additionally, Congress has allowed a tax on oil companies that funded federal oil-spill response efforts to expire. The tax was the main source of revenue for the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, which is intended to allow the government to respond quickly to oil spills and was tapped heavily after Deepwater Horizon.

In short, not only would communities be at heightened risk of devastating oil spills from expanded offshore drilling, relaxed safety standards will make accidents more likely, and there will not be adequate funding for response and cleanup.

There's another reason to reject the proposed five-year OCS plan: extracting and burning dirty fuels is threatening our climate, our health, and our environment. From lung and respiratory illnesses and a host of other diseases that are predicted to rise due to climate change, to rising sea levels threatening resources and communities, to a rise in humanitarian disasters, there is every reason take immediate action. It's time we permanently reject offshore drilling.

California's governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, and US senators are aligned with the majority of Californians in their opposition to this proposal. Every year since 2003, a statewide survey conducted by the Public Policy Institute of California has asked the question, "Do you favor or oppose allowing more oil drilling off the California coast?" In the 2017 PPIC survey, a record high 69% opposed it.

We hope Los Osos will take this opportunity to add its voice to all those raised in protest.

Chuck Tribbey, Chair
Santa Lucia Chapter of the Sierra Club
P.O. Box 15755
San Luis Obispo, CA 93406
(805) 543-8717

Board of Directors
Los Osos Community Service District
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Protect Our Coast

I strongly oppose the Trump administration plan to open offshore drilling along our coast. I therefore ask the LOCSO Board of Directors to stand with other communities and municipalities up and down the California Coast to adopt a resolution in opposition to the Trump administration's plan to permit oil drilling off our coast. I ask that the Board put the issue on the agenda for discussion and approval. Attached, please find sample resolutions and letters for the Board to review and use in drafting a local resolution.

Anyone who thinks it is a good idea to drill for oil in our oceans for any reason might want to speak to fishermen in the Gulf who still can not make a living or feed their families because of the lasting effects of the BP oil spill.

The Central Coast has already suffered its share of oil related disasters in Santa Barbara, Avila Beach and most recently in Refugio. Take a look at the how those spills impacted the fisheries, marine wildlife, sea birds, tourism and economy on our coast.

The potential devastation from offshore drilling is not worth the limited oil resources in our oceans. Regardless of the threat of future spills, the drilling process is destructive to our ecosystem. The seismic testing alone used for exploration creates a harmful and often fatal impact on marine mammal and fish populations.

And why drill for oil when there are more sustainable options for renewable energy, which will be available, long after all the oil has been drained from the earth and ocean.

Here on the Central Coast, we are so fortunate to live in such a beautiful place! Do we really want to jeopardize the livelihoods of the many people who depend on the ocean as well as the endless recreation opportunities the coast offers our communities and tourists from all over the world.

Ask the City of Pismo Beach how oil covered beaches would effect tourism the city depends on? Ask the citizens of San Simeon what would happen if the beaches at Piedras Blancas become polluted and our beloved elephant seals no longer return? Ask the fisherman in Morro Bay how oil in the water impacts their ability to make a living? Ask a kayaker in Los Osos what it's like paddling in an oil slick?

We have a responsibility to protect our oceans not just for us but also for future generations.



Tony Salome
Los Osos, CA

RESOLUTION NO. R-94-102

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF PISMO BEACH PROTESTING ANY AND ALL OFF-SHORE
DRILLING IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF PLANNING AREA
ADJACENT TO SAN LUIS BAY AND INCLUDING THE
SANTA MARIA BASIN**

WHEREAS, the waters of the Central Coast provide a rich scenic, recreational, cultural and historical heritage, and the natural resources of the coastal zones are among California's most important environmental and economic resources; and

WHEREAS, the marine environment is one of the most valuable resources for recreation, tourism, fishing and other coastal industries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pismo Beach is strongly committed to the wise management of the coastline to ensure that the environmental and economic value of the coastal zone will be sustained; and

WHEREAS, preserving the productivity and quality of coastal resources requires public awareness and support and an understanding that protection of the coast is a responsibility shared by individual citizens, the business community and public institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) is adjacent to and was once considered for part of a vital marine sanctuary known as Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary; and

WHEREAS, this area is part of a very active geological seismic zone that, in the last six months alone, has experienced four significant earthquakes centered in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties; and

WHEREAS, even in its most benign form, hydrocarbon extraction and development would disrupt the sensitive ecology of this world class coastal area and do irreparable harm to the abundant marine life it supports; and

WHEREAS, the development of petroleum industry support facilities, including on-shore and off-shore ports, storage, and transportation, is not compatible with the General Plan, Coastal Plan, and specific plans of the State, counties and cities of this area.

WHEREAS, OCS oil and gas development and its related effects will degrade the agricultural, residential, commercial, and socio-economic environment of this tri-county area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Pismo Beach hereby declares its protest of any and all off shore oil drilling within the Outer Continental Shelf planning area adjacent to the San Luis Bay and including the Santa Maria basin.

UPON MOTION of Councilmember Mellow, seconded by Councilmember Halldin, the foregoing Resolution is hereby passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held this 20th day of December, 1994, on the following roll call vote to wit:

AYES: Councilmembers Mellow, Halldin, Stahl, Brown and Mayor Bailey.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Paul B. Bailey
Paul Bailey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon Jones
Sharon Jones
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kathleen Weinheimer
Kathleen Weinheimer
City Attorney

CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

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February 7, 2018

Kelly Hammerle
National Oil and Gas Leasing Program Development and Coordination Branch
Office of Strategic Resources - Leasing Division
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) (VAM-LD)
Sterling, VA 20166

RE: Comments on the 2019-2024 Draft Proposed National Oil and Gas Leasing Program
(Docket ID: BOEM-2017-0074)

Dear Ms. Hammerle:

In 1969, three million gallons of crude oil spilled off the coast of Santa Barbara, a tragedy that tarred miles of coastline, suffocated wildlife, galvanized the modern environmental movement and contributed to the creation of our agency. Since that time, the Coastal Commission has been dedicated to protecting and preserving the magnificent California coast. We were outraged to learn that BOEM had recklessly threatened the health of California's coastal environment and the future of its multi-trillion dollar economy by proposing to expand drilling off the coast. California depends on the international draw of its iconic beaches and ocean waters and it is the Coastal Commission's mandate to protect this fragile and precious natural resource.

Virtually all of California's coastal economy and valuable coastal resources would be at significant risk under this program. These dangers have not diminished since the devastating 1969 oil spill. Subsequent massive spills around the nation, such as the Exxon Valdez and Deepwater Horizon oil spills, and less massive but still significantly resource damaging 2015 Plains oil spill in Santa Barbara, are continued reminders of the inherent risks associated with offshore oil development.

While the Department of Interior appears to be sending mixed signals about whether (or at what point) Florida will be removed from the Program, due to its "unique" coastal tourism economy, California merits the same consideration as Secretary Zinke announced for Florida – removal from the Program. California's economy is roughly three times that of Florida, with over \$2 trillion of its \$2.35 trillion dollar gross domestic product derived from coastal counties, according to the National Ocean Economics Program. If offshore drilling poses a risk to Florida's economy, the risk to California's is three times greater.

We therefore join our California governor in urging you, in the strongest possible terms, to remove any proposed OCS oil and gas leasing off the California coast.

Sincerely,


Dayna Bochco
Chair, California Coastal Commission

**RESOLUTION BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION OPPOSING
PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER CALLED IMPLEMENTING AN AMERICA-
FIRST OFFSHORE ENERGY STRATEGY, WHICH ESTABLISHES A POLICY TO
ENCOURAGE ENERGY EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION ON THE OUTER
CONTINENTAL SHELF**

WHEREAS, The California State Lands Commission has exclusive jurisdiction over approximately 4 million acres of tide and submerged lands owned by the State, including approximately 120 navigable rivers and sloughs, 40 navigable lakes, tidal bays, inlets, straits, lagoons and estuaries, and along the State's over 1,100 miles of coastline and offshore islands from the mean high tide line to 3 nautical miles offshore; and

WHEREAS, The Commission serves the people of California by providing stewardship of the lands, waterways, and resources entrusted to its care through preservation, restoration, enhancement, responsible economic development, and the promotion of public access; and

WHEREAS, On April 28, 2017, the President of the United States issued an Executive Order called Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy, which establishes a policy to encourage energy exploration and production on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) and restarts the 2017-2022 five-year lease sales program, potentially opening up Arctic waters and millions of coastal acres off U.S. shores to oil and gas drilling; and

WHEREAS, California's coastline supports tourism, fishing, navigation, public access, and abundant marine life, including whales, salmon, sea lions, and shorebirds, and the Pacific OCS area has significant oil reserves—estimated to contain approximately 10 billion barrels of oil, and ocean basins off the coasts of Mendocino, San Francisco, Big Sur, Santa Barbara, and San Diego are estimated to contain over one billion barrels of oil; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the Executive Order is to facilitate offshore oil and gas development in federal waters and its basis is that oil and gas development ushers in economic growth and job creation and bolsters national security; and

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WHEREAS, The Executive Order restarts the 5-year oil and gas leasing program for OCS areas, and while it is focused on the Arctic, the 5-year program covers the entire OCS planning area, including the Pacific OCS; and

WHEREAS, The existing 5-year oil and gas leasing program for 2017 through 2022 excludes lease sales in the Pacific or Atlantic OCS areas, and the Executive Order short circuits that program; and

WHEREAS, Contrary to the Executive Order, the Commission continues to pioneer clean, renewable energy, recognizing that instead of prioritizing new oil and gas development, the Nation can thrive by championing renewable energy, which creates, jobs, bolsters the economy, and protects the coastline, resources, and marine wildlife from a catastrophic oil spill; and

WHEREAS, California has spent decades laying a foundation for the green economy and renewable energy, including establishing targets to increase retail sales of renewable electricity to 50 percent by 2030, and doubling the energy efficiency savings in electricity and natural gas end uses by 2030; and

WHEREAS, California leads the nation in reducing carbon pollution and recently enacted legislation requiring statewide greenhouse gas emissions to be 40 percent below the 1990 level by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr's Executive Order B-30-15 acknowledges the threat of climate change to the health and well-being of humans and natural resources, highlights California's efforts to achieve significant emission reductions by 2050, and directs State government to implement Safeguarding California, California's climate adaptation plan; and

WHEREAS, Shifting away from fossil fuel dependency and increasing the State's renewable energy portfolio is a key strategy to fight climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, Action to combat climate change works in concert with economic growth, and as California has shown, renewable energy creates more jobs per megawatt of power installed, per unit of energy produced, and per dollar of investment compared to energy production from fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Order reverses progress toward climate change preparedness by revoking an Executive Order the previous President issued in 2016 that created the Northern Bering Sea Climate Resilience Area in Alaska and withdrew two OCS areas in the Arctic from oil and gas exploration, development, or production, banning development in most of the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas: and

WHEREAS, That 2016 Executive Order made it a policy of the United States to enhance the resilience of the northern Bering Sea region by conserving the region's ecosystem and natural resources, created a task force for the Northern Bering Sea Climate Resilience Area, and created a Northern Bering Sea Intergovernmental Tribal Advisory Council to improve consultation with tribes and indigenous residents of the region; the Bering Sea Elders Group and nonprofits representing over 70 tribes requested that Order; and

WHEREAS, California has made significant social and financial investments to create the nation's first science-based network of marine protected areas to protect marine life and habitats for current and future generations, and covering 16 percent of state waters, California's network safeguards ecosystems and economic activities that rely on a healthy ocean—including tourism and commercial fishing—and supports the state's thriving \$44 billion ocean economy; 1 and

WHEREAS, California is a founding member of the International Ocean Acidification Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification, which brings governmental and affiliate members together to identify, coordinate, and expand meaningful and timely actions to combat ocean acidification and limit other climate change-driven changes to the world's oceans, and the Alliance highlights the urgency of reducing greenhouse emissions and other causes of ocean acidification as well as implementing actions to adapt to and raise awareness of climate change-driven changes to the ocean; and

WHEREAS, The Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy Executive Order requires the Secretary of Commerce to review a 2016 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration guidance document that assesses the effects of anthropogenic sound on marine mammal hearing for consistency with the Order's policy of encouraging oil and gas development, and rescind or revise this guidance if appropriate; and

WHEREAS, The Commission issues permits for geological and geophysical surveys offshore, and works with federal agencies and state partners to develop strong, science-based protections for marine mammals from the underwater acoustic impacts associated with seismic activities; and

WHEREAS, Sound, and marine mammals, know no political boundaries—activities occurring beyond California's 3 mile boundary in federal waters can influence and impact protected marine mammal species that use State waters to feed, breed, and migrate, and this Order may undermine federal and state protections and expose marine mammals to injurious noise levels that could have population-level impacts; and

1 NOAA Office of Coastal Management. 2015. The National Significance of California's Ocean Economy. Available at: <https://coast.noaa.gov/data/digitalcoast/pdf/california-ocean-economy.pdf>

WHEREAS, The Commission rejects the President's premise that encouraging energy exploration and production on the OCS is necessary to maintain the Nation's position as a global energy leader and foster energy security and resilience for the benefit of the American people; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION that it opposes the Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy, which establishes a policy to encourage energy exploration and production on the Outer Continental Shelf; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commission's Executive Officer transmits copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Governor of California, to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, to the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

Adopted by the California State Lands Commission on June 22, 2017.



**Resolution of the California Ocean Protection Council on
Offshore Oil and Gas Development
Adopted on January 31, 2018**

WHEREAS, the California Ocean Protection Council was created in statute to, among other things, provide state leadership on ocean and coastal policy matters including identifying changes in federal law and policy necessary to improve protection, conservation, and restoration of ocean ecosystems in federal and state waters off the state's coast; and

WHEREAS, On April 28, 2017, the President of the United States issued an Executive Order called "Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy", which establishes a policy to encourage energy exploration and production on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS); and

WHEREAS, On January 8, 2018 the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) published in the federal register a "Notice of Availability of the 2019–2024 Draft Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program (DPP) and Notice of Intent to Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement"; and

WHEREAS, the DPP proposes two leases sales in the Southern California Program Area in 2020 and 2022, two sales in the Northern California Program Area in 2021 and 2023, and two sales in the Central California Program Area in 2021 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, California is home of the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill, which originated in the federal OCS and had a devastating effect on marine life in the Santa Barbara Channel and fouled miles of California's shoreline and beaches; and

WHEREAS; California is home to 124 state Marine Protected Areas, the Point Reyes National Seashore, and four National Marine Sanctuaries (Cordell Bank, Greater Farallones, Monterey Bay and Channel Islands) all of which significantly contribute to the State's vibrant and productive ocean and coastal economy while bolstering the sustainability of ocean ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, an oil spill on the California Coast on the scale of the Gulf of Mexico's "Deepwater Horizon" spill would have a substantial negative effect on the State's 1,100-mile coastline, marine environment, and \$2.6 trillion economy; and

WHEREAS, opposition to drilling off California's coast has been expressed consistently by the last three governors (representing both parties), the California State Legislature, the California Coastal Commission, the California State Lands Commission, the California Ocean Protection Council, and many members of the California congressional delegation; and

WHEREAS, Governor Brown, in December 2016, requested that then President Obama permanently withdraw California from any new oil and gas leasing on the OCS; and

WHEREAS, a report released by the Public Policy Institute of California on July 26, 2017 indicates that public support for oil and gas drilling off the California coast is at an all-time low, with 25 percent of Californians in favor, and 69 percent opposed; and

WHEREAS, Governor Brown's Executive Order B-30-15 acknowledges the threat of climate change to the health and well-being of Californians and the State's natural resources and environment, highlights California's efforts to achieve significant emission reductions by 2050, and directs state agencies to implement Safeguarding California, California's Climate Adaptation Strategy; and

WHEREAS, California leads the nation in reducing carbon pollution, including recently enacted legislation requiring statewide greenhouse gas emissions to be 40 percent below the 1990 level by 2030; and

WHEREAS, California is working aggressively towards having one of the most robust and diversified energy portfolio's in the country, including an electricity grid powered by solar, wind, geothermal and biomass renewable resources, and a transportation sector fueled with electricity, natural gas, and biofuels; and

WHEREAS, California played a leadership role in establishing the U.S. Climate Alliance – a coalition of states committed to achieving the U.S. Government's prior goal of reducing carbon dioxide emissions 26 to 28 percent from 2005 levels, by 2025; and

WHEREAS, California Governor Jerry Brown, Washington Governor Jay Inslee, and Oregon Governor Kate Brown issued a joint statement on January 4, 2018 committing themselves to doing whatever was necessary to stop renewed oil and gas leasing on the West Coast.

NOW, THEREFORE, the California Ocean Protection Council hereby:

RESOLVES that, the Ocean Protection Council strongly opposes oil and gas leasing on the California OCS, as proposed in the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's 2019–2024 Draft Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program; and

FURTHER RESOLVES that the Chairman of the Ocean Protection Council shall write a letter on behalf of the Council to the Secretary of the Department of Interior (Docket ID: BOEM–2017–0074) expressing opposition to oil and gas exploration and leasing in the Pacific region, and requesting that California be removed from further consideration.