

# **Memorandum**

## **Renaissance Petroleum, LLC**

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**To:** Ventura County Planning Commission

**From:** Renaissance Petroleum, LLC

**Date:** 9-7-2017

**Subject:** Misinformation concerning Permit Modification LU-14-0103

**See attached. Highlighted sections added for emphasis:**

1. Letter delivered to Oxnard city council dated 6-27-2017 (2 pages)
2. Handout to local mobile home parks 5-2017
3. Ocean View School District "Fact Sheet" 7-2017



CFROG letter delivered  
to Oxnard city council  
6-27-2017  
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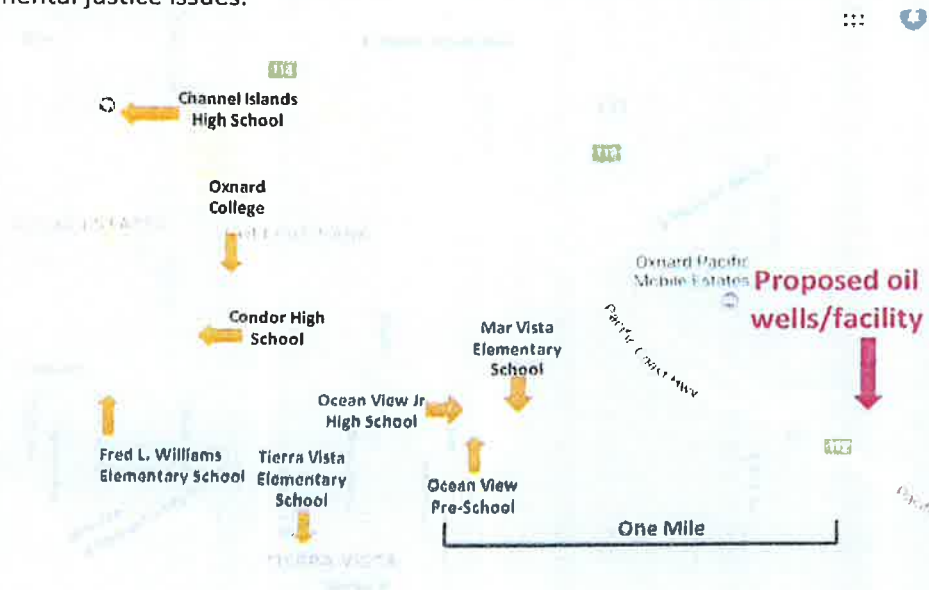
June 27, 2017

Oxnard City Council  
Oxnard City Hall  
305 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Oxnard, CA 93030

Re: Request for future agenda item to consider resolution in support of appeal of Ventura County oil and gas project LU14-0103

Dear Mayor Flynn and Council members,

I am here to ask you to add a future agenda item to consider a resolution in support of an oil and gas project appeal filed by CFROG and Food & Water Watch (FWW). We filed the appeal to demand that Ventura County fully comply with state laws, such as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and conduct proper impact assessments – including examining environmental justice issues.



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CFROG request to Oxnard City Council  
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In April of this year, Ventura County Planning Director, Kim Prillhart approved a project that adds four new oil and gas wells to a pad that currently has one active well.

- The project **increases oil tanker truck trips**, and allows those trucks to move oil and oil field waste 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.
- Impacts to nearby residents, farmworkers and school children were not considered.
- Oil tanker trucks share routes with school buses from Ocean View School District.
- The pad has a permit from Air Pollution Control District for an "emergency" flare – meaning the flare can only be used intermittently to burn off excessive gas when present. **Residents and our volunteers have witnessed the flare seemingly burning every day, 24 hours a day.**
- The project creates a "hub" for the Cabrillo Oil Field – currently **35 additional wells are approved for the field**. Potential Impacts from those wells, involving this facility were not considered.
- The project is **500 feet from a mobile home park** that already scores high on CalEnviroScreen – an environmental justice "rating" tool. This community is already heavily burdened by pollution and other factors.
- The project as approved, following CFROG's initial comments, includes a revised truck route that avoids Dodge Road, but the county did not assess potential negative impacts from the increase in trucks and extension of hours/days on the surrounding community, school children, or farm workers.

Communities where industrial (including agricultural) pollution exists and is allowed to continue are called sacrifice zones. The land use status quo is to continue to allow pollution to occur in these places – because it doesn't matter – there is already pollution there. This has to stop now. The residents of Oxnard deserve their health and safety to be the top priority – not county tax rolls and corporate profit. In fact, we know, a healthy local economy depends on healthy communities and science tells us that when people who are already heavily burdened by exposure to pollution, are exposed to even small amounts of additional pollutants, they are more susceptible to negative impacts. That is what environmental justice policies and laws strive to remedy.

CFROG monitors oil and gas project permitting throughout Ventura County and with FWW has filed this appeal of the Renaissance petroleum project because we must change the status quo.

We are waiting for the county to set our appeal hearing before the Planning Commission. As part of our preparation for that hearing we are seeking the support of the City of Oxnard – and in that effort ask that consideration of a resolution in support of our appeal be added to a future City Council meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Rivers  
Executive Director



# Keep Our Air Clean!

## No More Air Pollution from Oil & Gas Wells!



- Four new oil and gas wells have been approved without full study of potential impacts to public health, air, water and soil.
- Community already burdened with chemicals, pesticides and air pollution.
- New oil field "hub" to separate oil, water & gas for 35 approved wells in Cabrillo Field – All those trucks are NOT being considered in this project review.
- Citizens For Responsible Oil and Gas (CFROG) and Food & Water Watch (FWW) are fighting the approval of this project because without a full study public health, air, water and soil are put at risk.



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# Ocean View School District from school district website

## Renaissance Petroleum Project Fact Sheet

- ❖ Ventura County Planning Commission has approved 4 new oil wells and an expanded **production facility** at 3214 Etting Road between Dodge Road and Hailes Road **No**
- ❖ The project is expected to add four (4) new wells with the necessary production equipment
- ❖ Currently this site has one working well and one “flare” to **burn off by-products from the pumping process** **No**
- ❖ The project is approximately 1/3 of a mile from Oxnard Pacific Mobile Estates and Silver Wheel Mobile Home Park
- ❖ The production facility will continue to separate oil, water, and gas for a total of 35 **permitted oil wells in the Cabrillo Oil Fields**, including the four (4) new wells **No**
- ❖ The approved permit allows three (3) truckloads of produced fluids to be exported from the site in any one (1) hour, and oil tanker trucks may enter and exit the facility 24 hours per day, 7 days per week
- ❖ Two non-profit partners, Citizens For Responsible Oil and Gas (CFROG) and Food & Water Watch (FWW), filed an appeal and are waiting for a hearing date to be set before the Ventura County Planning Commission
  - **CFROG and FWW Have Raised Environmental Concerns Including:**
    - Potential increase in air pollution
    - Potential increase of truck traffic in the area
    - No** ■ Potential **increased release of toluene**, a chemical which affects the reproductive and central nervous systems
    - No** ■ Potential **increase in release of ethylbenzene and xylenes**, chemicals which may have respiratory and neurological effects
    - Potential increase in exposure to diesel fuel and exhaust that contains carcinogenic substances like benzene and PAHs



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September 2, 2017

Ventura County Planning Commission  
Chair W. Stephen Onstot  
Vice-Chair Richard Rodriguez  
Commissioner Nora Aidukas  
Commissioner Maggie Kestley  
Commissioner Phil White

Attention of:  
Kimberly Prillhart  
Planning Director  
Ventura County Planning Division  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
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**SUBJECT: Appeal of Planning Director's Decision  
Approved Permit Modification PL14-0103 dated April 3, 2017**

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I own real property interests within Ventura County that are in the vicinity of a producing oil and gas facility, located on the south side of Etting Road, north of State Highway 1, and west of Naumann Road. This facility is operated by Renaissance Petroleum, LLC ("RenPet") currently under Ventura County conditional use permit CUP-LU05-0086. My home is just over 500 feet west of the Naumann Drillsite. My home is the closest residence to the Naumann Drillsite. My home is 1000 feet southeast from the city limits of Oxnard. Be advised that I do not hear or smell anything associated with the activities at the Naumann Drillsite. I occasionally see the flare in operation. With the volume of truck traffic already traveling Etting Road, two additional trucks per day is insignificant.

RenPet has a hearing before the Planning Commission on September 7, 2017 to consider an appeal of the Planning Director's approval of permit modification PL14-0103 dated April 3, 2017. Please be advised that I am in full support of RenPet's activities and the Planning Director's approval of RenPet's permit modification. I urge you to reject the appeal in its entirety and that you approve the subject permit modification as well.

Sincerely,

  
Property Owner / Owner Representative Signature

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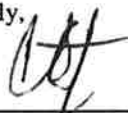
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