

Ventura County Board of Supervisors
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Dear Chairman Bennett and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

We are Working Families for Jobs and a Strong Economy, and we urge you to deny the appeal of a previously approved permit modification for Renaissance Petroleum.

The local oil and gas industry has been an integral part of Ventura County for over 100 years. It provides thousands of well-paying jobs to working class families throughout the county. These are head of household jobs that allow many Hispanic and Latino families to support families and enjoy a high standard of living. Local oil and gas production is a major contributor to our local economy, and provides millions of dollars in tax revenues that support public services like police, fire and schools, in addition to royalty payments to landowners in our area.

Oil operations in Ventura County are governed by an extensive network of more than two dozen federal, state, and local government agencies. This ensures that local operations are conducted under the most stringent environmental and safety standards in the world.

This permit modification is a very modest expansion of an existing operation that does not change the site boundary and even places limits on truck trips. The project has gone through all necessary legal processes, is fully compliant with all regulatory agencies, and is consistent with Ventura County land use policies.

We commend the county planning staff and the applicant for their extensive work to allow this project to move forward. Now, we urge the Board of

Supervisors to support local jobs, working class families, and a strong local economy by denying the appeal.

Sincerely,

David Cruz, Oxnard

Maira Castro, Oxnard

Dallas Rippey, Oxnard

Max Pina, Fillmore

Josh Medrano, Ventura

Gabriel Nunez, Santa Paula

Bill Lind, Ventura

Michele Pina, Fillmore

Mike Salinas, Oxnard

Martin Rodriguez, Ventura

Phillip Wilkes, Ventura

Andrew Flores Santa Paula

Pete Gutierrez, Oxnard

James Brunti, Ojai

Josh Brunti, Ojai

Thomas Beverford, Simi Valley

Reno Guterrez, Oxnard

Thomas Williams, Ojai

Andy Castillo, Oxnard

Tim Redondo, Camarillo

Johnathan Duran, Oxnard

Armando Delgado, Oxnard

Request To SPEAK Wendy
Keep it in the Ground

WENDY LOFLAND July 23, 2020

NO MORE BUSINESS AS USUAL. CONCERNING MONEY OVER PEOPLE. THE "BANALITY OF IT.
AS THE ICE RUNS COLD IN OUR VEINS

AS WE BECOME INNURED TO WHAT ~~ARLENE DAHL~~ ^{ANNAH ARENDT} CALLED THE LEADERSHIP IN GERMANY
AT A CERTAIN HOUR AND ERA.

THE AIR AND THE LAND (WHICH HOUSES OUR WATER) STAND TO LOOSE IN THIS
SCENARIO. THE AIR, ALREADY GROWING MORE DIRTY, WILL INCREASE ITS LOAD OF
TOXINS—SPREADING ITS LOAD FROM THE OXNARD PLAINS AND CAMARILLO TOWARD OJAI.
ONE OF THE PLACES WHERE IT WILL BOTTLENECK AND CONCENTRATE.

THE WATER, LYING UNDER THE BROKEN BONES OF THE EARTH WILL BE
VULNERABLE TO EVERY QUIET, HIDDEN ONSLAUGHT THAT THIS OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY
BRINGS ON, UNTIL WE HEAR THE WORDS: "THER'VE BEEN A FEW LEAKS" WE WILL HEAR
THE NEWS OF ACCIDENTS (SURELY A MISNOMER AT THIS TIME) A LITTLE LATE FOR OUR
WATER, FOR OUR CHILDREN, OUR ELDERLY, OUR LES-ABLED AND FOR OURSELVES.

THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO ALLOW ACTION AND APOLOGIZE LATER, NOR TO RUE THE
DAY WHEN YOU LET THIS ONE SLIP THRU. AT THIS TIME!!! WE ARE ALL ACUTELY AWARE
OF THE CONSEQUENCES. THERE IS ONLY ONE VIABLE POLICY AT THIS TIME.
KEEP IT IN THE GROUND!

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To the Ventura County board,
We ask kindly to oppose the production of any new oil wells. Oil wells are so dangerous, and harmful to the environment as well as us. Drilling in certain areas can produce ~~meth~~ ethylbenzene and xylenes which may cause respiratory and neurological problems. Proposing new wells should not be passed. Oil wells will always become faulty. The water over time can erode some of the wells, and when oil is spilled in the oceans it harms the animals, water, and many living organisms. Also by ~~opposing~~ the wells it will help decrease the amount of the oil trucks that travel. The trucks that carry and transfer the oil to certain areas and it is very dangerous. Oil cleanups from the ocean and off of the street will always be complicated. These trucks are also very flammable so if anything were to occur and there was an accident with the truck it is very harmful. The county must conduct a Cumulative and Health Impact review pursuant to CEQA and in light of this project being next to a state recognized disadvantaged community. Sincerely Malia Ward 916-578-1193

NOV 28, 2017

As I write this letter the city of Oxnard is the worst in cases of Asthma to young children in the county of Ventura. That's why I am asking you to think about the children. Oxnard already has the highest rate of young children getting asthma, so do you really think adding an additional oil well makes sense for the children. I ask you to please go deep within yourself and make the right decision and vote against these new oil wells.

Thank you
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Dear Supervisor Kelly Long,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Ventura County about the planning of the approved oil wells and the new production facility in the middle of prime agricultural land. I am truly concerned about the many of people who live in the area and the affects and impacts it can potentially cause. As one who suffers from asthma, I am troubled for the fellow residents that could possibly be exposed to these types of health issues. I strongly suggest that the County should conduct a cumulative and Health Impact review pursuant to CEQA and also to recognize the critical issue to the disadvantaged community. The Ventura community should be heard and represented in the most efficient way possible.

Regards,

Jennifer Warwick

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Camarillo ~~CA~~

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Dear District Supervisor Kelly Long,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed expansion of the Cabrillo Oil Field. My name is Caressa Eve Suarez, and I am a student at California State University, Channel Islands, in Camarillo. My neighboring city of Oxnard is already ranked in the top 20% of environmentally burdened cities in the state of California, with multiple environmentally hazardous infrastructures such as powerplants, oil well drill sites, and toxic waste disposal sites. It is not coincidence that Oxnard's population consists of racial minorities who are economically vulnerable. The public health of these communities are being thrown under the bus, as the expansion of the Cabrillo Oil Fields would mean even more air pollution and toxic waste. It is important to note that the (~~project~~) facility would be within 1600 ft of resident homes and within 2 miles of 9 Oxnard schools. Residents of the community at least deserve a full and complete analysis of the public health impacts and environmental impacts of the proposed project. Seeing that rates of asthma among children in Oxnard have already gone up, I believe approving this proposal without a full report of public health impacts would detrimentally affect local residents. This is clearly an issue of environmental justice, as affluent and predominantly white communities, like Malibu and Santa Barbara, aren't being targeted like Oxnard is. Therefore, I strongly urge the county to conduct a Cumulative and Health impact review of this project. I trust that as District Supervisor, you will represent the interests of the public over those of oil companies, especially as the state of California moves toward clean and renewable energy.

Regards,

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Dear County Board of Supervisors of Ventura County,

I am writing to express complete opposition to the Cabrillo Oil Field Expansion. The location chosen for the expansion will have a deep negative impact on an already disadvantaged community. Because of this I hope you take the time to review the following facts that will help you understand why the Cabrillo Oil Fields Expansion is a bad idea that will affect thousands. First, this is an issue of environmental justice. Residents of the area have already suffered for decades from the air pollution of the current oil operations in the area & use of harmful pesticides. If you don't believe me, ask the 9 year old Oxnard boy who is currently suing several agricultural firms over serious health problems he suffered in utero after his mother was exposed to pesticides. If the expansion is made then it would cause more harm to hundreds of other kids as the new production facility ~~is~~ would be within 1600ft of resident's homes, within 2 miles of 9 Oxnard schools including Oxnard College. With everyone moving around and getting to school and going to work, if the expansion is made then the truck traffic will increase. The explosive trucks will be using the very dangerous intersections of Pleasant Valley Rd & Dodge Rd, where residents have complained of continuous accidents and blinding conditions from the sun in the morning & evening. This will expose children traveling ~~on~~ on buses to moving oil trucks that can tip over and cause explosions. Not only that but production facilities have gas, emit air pollution, & require a significant number of trucks to transport crude oil, both diesel fuel & exhaust contains carcinogenic substances like benzene & PAHs. Health issues don't stop there, drilling sites like the Cabrillo Oil Field Expansion, produce Toluene, which may affect the reproductive & central nervous system, & ethylbenzene & xylenes which may have respiratory & neurological effects. Due to this I ask the County to conduct a Cumulative & Health Impact review pursuant to CEQA & in light of this project being next to a state recognized disadvantaged community. Thank you for taking the time to review

these facts & I hope you join us in making
Cabrillo a healthier, safer & cleaner area.

Thank you,

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(a concerned resident)

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Dear District Supervisor Kelly Long,

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Regards,

Caressa Eve Suarez

Gaines, Lori

From: Leslie Purcell <lesliepurcell@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2019 4:49 PM
To: Bennett, Steve
Cc: ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard
Subject: [External] Re: Agenda Item 50--Renaissance Petroleum Project, PL14-0103

While watching the current BOS hearing online, I have another comment regarding the flaring. It was stated that the APCD test flaring burned at 1600 degrees Fahrenheit! This heat production is an additional climate impact that has not been analyzed. No cumulative impact study has been done of the potential increase in heat in Ventura County (with possible effects on other areas) that would result if this project is approved. Indeed, there is a dearth of relevant information to analyze, as the applicant was not able to say how much gas would be flared. This is a previously unstudied potential significant environmental impact that goes to the fair argument standard for CEQA review.

Further, the Applicant's response to Supervisor Parks regarding the slant drilling extending thousands of feet in various directions, not known how far at this time, raises the question of possible impacts from drilling and fracking on the water quality of the surrounding areas. Water quality in the nearby area aquifers is currently being studied by USGS in regard to related contaminants, resulting in the BOS moratorium for more drilling in those areas. A similar moratorium should be considered for this current proposal by Renaissance Petroleum, until more necessary studies and CEQA review are performed.

Re: Beverly Hills High school oil well, contrary to one of the speakers in favor of this current proposal, there has been much discussion with data of negative health effects of that well's operation, including cancer links. Beverly Hills city council voted to close the well.

Also, per another speaker saying that Ventura has the strictest standards for oil production--Texas has stricter standards for flaring than California.

Please grant the appeal.

Thank you,
Leslie Purcell

On Tue, Jul 23, 2019 at 1:39 PM Leslie Purcell <lesliepurcell@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Steve,

I urge you, as my elected representative, to vote against the proposed expansion of oil drilling at this site, by a proposed addition of 4 new oil production wells, with a new natural gas flare. Proposed production would be extended until 2049, and would significantly add to the GHG emissions for Ventura County. New circumstances of the exigencies of climate change, partly a result of past increases in production of GHGs throughout the county and state, are not accounted for in a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), neither is the current California (and global) mandate to decrease such GHGs. Natural gas flaring is also a larger factor in GHG emissions than was previously considered, and must be studied as part of a CEQA/EIR process.

Further, environmental justice concerns are now required to be assessed under CA law, and this area of Oxnard is of special concern by State standards. There are many low-income residents living in close proximity to the existing well,

as well as the proposed expansion project. Health effects must be studied on these vulnerable populations, already at risk. The State of California assigned this community a score of 100 for pesticide exposure, 97 for impaired water and a pollution burden percentile of 91, using a tool to identify communities that are most impacted by pollution. The largely Latino community is near major transportation routes, including trucking from the Port of Hueneme. An additional oil and gas processing facility proposed to separate oil, water and gas for 20 permitted oil wells, would result in greatly increased truck traffic and air pollution in the area, and would add to the pollution burden for this vulnerable population, of heavy agricultural pesticide use, as well as herbicides used by both oil and agricultural industries.

The Ventura County Planning Commission's approval of this expanded project as an addendum of a 1986 Conditional Use Permit (CUP) did not consider these new and/or changed circumstances, as required by CEQA.. The original 1986 permit and MND did not consider the environmental impacts of continuous flaring of natural gas, nor an oil and gas production facility, in such close proximity to a vulnerable residential community.

Finally, allowing expanded oil and gas production until 2049 goes against the current VC GP update process, which is looking at ways to transition to a resilient energy future for our county, as well as the State mandate to cut back on GHGs, and instead work to sequester carbon. Contrary to the Staff report, I would urge you to find that there **is** substantial evidence supporting a fair argument that the proposed project may produce a previously unstudied significant environmental impact and vote **against** the MND Addendum as **not** satisfying the environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. Full CEQA review of this proposed project should occur.

Sincerely,
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(I am out of town, so not able to attend the hearing).