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From: Steve Pinsky <[REDACTED]>
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To: Bennett, Steve; Parks, Linda; Long, Kelly; Supervisor Huber; Zaragoza, John
Subject: Please approve Steve Bennett's oil contract moratorium

I recently learned of the apparent aquifer contamination in Fox Canyon due to steam extraction operations in the tar sands oil fields there, and to urge the board to adopt Supervisor Bennett's proposed interim ordinance to prevent further contamination. The effects of these methods are poorly understood, and the concerns many environmentalists have expressed about potential aquifer pollution and other environmental destruction seem to be proving well-founded.

Our aquifers and natural environment generally are crucial common resources that belong to the people and our posterity, and they should not be risked in the name of short-term economic development, especially for the sake of a limited and destructive industry like petroleum extraction. Oil companies have shown time and again that they cannot be trusted to self-regulate; any claims they make about safety must be independently confirmable, and the injection of toxic pollutants into our water table should be prohibited by default. These companies should not be allowed to gamble our health on their own short-term gain.

Oil has been a major industry in our county for a long time, but we can survive without it (in fact we must, these resources are finite even if fully exploited.) We can't survive without water.

Thanks,
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