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I urge you not to move forward with ITEM 34. Since taking office in January 2019, the Newsom administration has increased statewide oversight of the oil and natural gas industry, including the testing and management of idle wells. CalGEM appointed a new statewide oil and gas supervisor to oversee the division of over 350 employees that includes engineers, scientists and technical experts, and worked with regulators on the creation of an Idle Well Program and the Hazardous and Idle-Deserted Well Abatement Fund.

It is redundant, costly and unnecessary for the County to spend local resources on a separate regulatory structure and idle well program when the state is already managing its own program - particularly in the middle of a global pandemic where revenues are unpredictable for the unforeseeable future. It's important the County remember that local producers employ thousands of Venturans, contribute millions in tax revenues and are responsible for complying with all state regulations, including the State's idle well program.

The Planning Commission had a thoughtful discussion on this item on Thursday and narrowly passed a directive to complete a county study. Item #34 is premature. Please vote no on this item.