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From: Alesso MJ (Mike) at Aera <MJAlesso@aeraenergy.com>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 1:22 PM
To: Fogg, Mindy
Cc: PC Hearing Comments; ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard; Newell ML (Michele) at Aera; Larson K (Kayla) at Aera
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Sincerely,

Mike Alesso
Drilling/IRT Advisor
661 978-3965

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From: Coker TJ (Travis) at Aera <TJCoker@aeraenergy.com>
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9/80B Schedule



Sophie R. Ellinghouse, Esq.
Associate Counsel

May 15, 2020

via email: Dave.Ward@ventura.org

Dave Ward
Ventura County Planning Director
Resource Management Agency, Planning Division
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California 93009

Re: Ventura County Hearing on Proposed Amendments to County Zoning Ordinance Regarding Oil and Gas Development

Dear Mr. Ward,

The Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA) is a non-profit trade association representing companies that explore for, produce, refine, transport and market petroleum, petroleum products, natural gas, and other energy supplies in California and four other western states. More importantly, WSPA represents several oil and gas producers in the County of Ventura (County).

In September of 2019, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors directed County Counsel to amend the County's zoning ordinance as it relates to oil and gas permits and vested rights. It is our understanding that the County plans to present the vested rights zoning amendments at a Planning Commission meeting in the coming weeks. This matter is of utmost concern to WSPA. WSPA believes that oil and gas producers in Ventura County operating under existing use permits have a vested right to continue those operations, and a denial of those vested rights would not only be unlawful but constitute an unconstitutional taking. However, Planning Commission meetings are currently being held virtually during the state and county-wide COVID-19 shelter at home orders, which has hindered the public's ability to meaningfully and substantively participate in County hearings. Given the importance of this issue and the limited ability for meaningful public involvement at this time due to COVID-19, WSPA requests that the vested rights issue not be heard by the County until an in-person hearing can be scheduled.

Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act), "public commission, boards and councils and the other public agencies in this State exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business." (Cal. Gov. Code § 54950.) Moreover, the Act specifically intends to ensure that all meetings of the legislative body of a local agency shall be open and public and all persons shall be permitted to attend any such meeting. (Cal. Gov. Code § 54950.) Meetings subject to the Brown Act are not limited to face-to-face gatherings but include any communication meeting or device through which a majority of a legislative body deliberates, discusses or takes action. While the public's business must be conducted in open, noticed meetings, the public also has the right to participate in all meetings. (Cal. Gov. Code § 54954.3(a).)

As you know, the State and County are both under shelter in place orders due to COVID-19. Because of this, the County has been holding remote meetings using teleconferencing and videotelephony. WSPA is concerned that stakeholders, and the public alike, have not and will continue to not be given a meaningful opportunity to participate in these virtual meetings. For

example, recent agendas for Board of Supervisors meetings being held while under the State and County shelter at home orders include the notice that “the Hall of Administration Building is closed to the public” and provide instruction as to how one can “electronically attend the board meeting and provide public comment.” The agenda refers the reader to specific directions for submitting written public comments for both listed agenda items or general public comments for items not on the day’s agenda. In practice, however, few if any public comments have been read into the record during meetings held under the shelter in place orders for *any item*, whether on the agenda or not. Public comments delivered via audio or video technologies have not been included either. From a practical standpoint, the public has been substantially excluded from the process during the entirety of the shelter in place order.

More specifically, we refer the County to the manner in which the California Fish and Game Commission it conducted its April 2020 hearing on the establishment of wildlife corridors on private lands within Ventura County. This is a topic of significant import to countless County residents, and, unfortunately, members of the public were deprived of their right to participate because: (1) the call-in information for this hearing was changed without notice; and (2) individuals desiring to speak on the topic were never un-muted during the hearing. Given how regional regulatory agencies and governments have been conducting their remote meetings, WSPA is concerned that hearing the vested rights issue in a virtual forum will unlawfully impact the public’s right to participate in the process.

As noted in WSPA’s September 10, 2019 comment letter, the 2019 County Counsel Report incorrectly applies vested rights law and concepts to the matter at hand, and as such, there are concerns that the County’s draft amendments to the ordinance will violate producers’ vested rights to continue lawful oil and gas operations. This issue is of utmost importance to stakeholders, as well as the public, and it is imperative that both are afforded a meaningful opportunity to participate in the process. WSPA is committed to a truly sustainable energy future and empowering the future energy mix, partnering with state, local and community leaders in civil public discourse and calling out potentially damaging policy changes such as the ones being considered here that threaten equality, economy, environment, and energy. WSPA values the meaningful opportunity to participate in the public process and requests that the amended vested rights ordinance will not be heard until after the shelter in place orders have been lifted, and the hearing regarding this issue can be held in-person. If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 325-3117 or sellinghouse@wspa.org.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Ellinghouse".

Sophie R. Ellinghouse, Esq.

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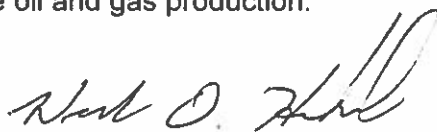
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Jay Licata
1544 Echidna Ln
Ventura, CA 93003

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Lee Morris
Aera Energy Employee

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From: Joel Newcomb <joelnewcomb@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, July 25, 2020 8:01 AM
To: Fogg, Mindy
Cc: PC Hearing Comments; ClerkoftheBoard, ClerkoftheBoard; Newell ML (Michele) at Aera; klarson@aeraenergy.com
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Sincerely,

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Joel Newcomb

joelnewcomb@verizon.net

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Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 8:52 AM
To: Fogg, Mindy
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Sincerely,

Michele Newell

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My family has been in Ventura county since the early 1900s working from agriculture to our oil and gas industry. I only hope that we can continue to do so.
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Sincerely,

Jason Ordonez
C.D Lyon
Project Manager

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Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Fogg, Mindy
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Please take an opportunity to read what we say...As a mom of three I have been blessed to work for a company that cares about their employees, environment and the community. Just like you we work hard to provide for our families.

Sincerely,

Maria C. Parrick
Engineer Associate
Aera Energy LLC/Ventura Field
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Sincerely,

Lowell Pollema



Engineering Manager of Technology – WC Projects Team

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lspollema@aeraenergy.com

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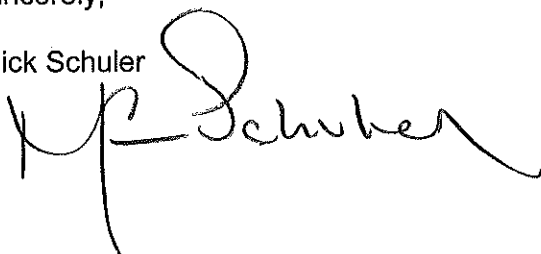
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Sincerely,

Mick Schuler

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mick Schuler", with a large, stylized "S" at the end.

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Evan Scott

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Sincerely,

Chris Shreffler

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Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 11:32 AM
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Regards,

William J Spear III
Ventura Manager of Operations

Aera Energy LLC

wjspear@aeraenergy.com

Cell-661-342-1771



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Respectfully,
Danny Tuazon

To: Mindy.Fogg@ventura.org

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Subject: Please Read Out Loud at Planning Commission - Item 7 CASE NUMBER PL20-0052

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: - Item 7 CASE NUMBER PL20-0052

Commissioners,

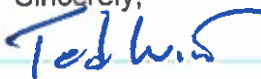
As a local oil and natural gas company employee, I am writing to express my opposition and deep concern on changing the approval process for legacy permits from ministerial review to discretionary approval by the Board. This is unnecessary and wasteful oversight for this industry as we are already regulated by more than 25 agencies in the State of California.

In this orchestrated effort to shut down all oil and gas operations in Ventura County, you will be devastating our diverse workforce that includes veterans, single mothers, second chancers and Union members. You will also be taking away the \$56 million in tax revenues that support vital services like education, social services and public safety during a time when the County already recognizes a multi-million dollar shortfall due to COVID-19. These changes will also reduce our use of locally produced oil and gas and increase our dependence on imported oil. Importing oil that we all need is reprehensible when it can be produced locally. Importing oil costs much more and the safety and environmental risks are far greater. We will also be providing more support to nations that do not share our values including women's rights, LGBT and more.

At a time when unemployment is at 13.5% and we have more than 100,000 individuals who have filed for unemployment insurance or pandemic assistance in the County, your focus should *not* be on efforts that will dramatically increase these statistics and instead, focus on the economic recovery of Ventura County.

With that, I am asking you to please prioritize jobs and protect essential revenue generating industries, like oil and gas production.

Sincerely,



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From: Young Republicans <vcyr2020@gmail.com>
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Chair White and Honorable Planning Commissioners,

The Ventura County Young Republicans expresses our concern regarding the recent effort to strip local oil and gas operations of their Conditional Use Permits.

This move is nothing but a political power grab by some members of the Board of Supervisors and part of a concerted effort to shut down all oil and gas operations in Ventura County.

Every level of government has declared that local oil and gas operations are an essential service during the COVID pandemic. With 13.5 percent unemployment in Ventura County, every job counts right now and we can't afford to be passing more job-killing regulations.

Our local economy and thousands of local workers will suffer further hardship if you continue down this path.

Please, reject this radical policy proposal.

Ventura County Young Republicans