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**From:** John Dixon [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, November 9, 2020 1:59 PM  
**To:** ClerkoftheBoard  
**Subject:** Legacy permits and vested rights

Supervisor Parks,

You have been a responsive and responsible representative for the people of Ventura County for many years. To date, you have avoided the extremism of ideological progressives. Your contemplated action to over-regulate existing oil and gas production would destroy this reputation in my eyes.

The Board's latest proposal reeks of environmental extremism and fiscal irresponsibility. It would deprive tens of thousands of individuals of the small, but helpful, royalties and production payments they receive monthly. Mineral rights owners tend to be Southern California's long-time residents, many of whom are on fixed incomes.

We live in dangerous times. Our State Senator, Henry Stern, is intent on shutting down the Aliso Canyon gas storage facility, ignoring the fact that over 2/3 of California residents rely on natural gas for heat. Our Governor, Gavin Newsom, has recently mandated the abolition of gasoline auto fuel in favor of electric vehicles. Politicians have done a poor job of picking technological winner and losers. Governor Newsom's meddlesome mandate choice will retard the development of the ultimate vehicle power solution, i.e., hydrogen fuel cells.

Buckminster Fuller said during the gas crisis of the 1970's that today's intractable problems will be solved by technologies not yet conceived. Politicians need to trust scientific development and incremental social change.

I urge you not to join the ranks of radical politicians who have allowed ideology to trump good judgement.  
Respectfully yours,

John Dixon  
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