

November 10, 2020

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

SUBJECT: Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of County-Initiated Amendments to Article 7, Section 8107-5 of the Ventura County Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance and Article 5, Section 8175-5.7 of the Ventura County Coastal Zoning Ordinance to Modify Permitting Requirements for Certain New Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Operations and to Address the Applicability of the County's Oil Development Regulations; Find Project Exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (PL20-0052); Adoption of Resolution Establishing One Regular Full-Time Position Allocation in the Resource Management Agency, Planning Division; Authorization for Auditor-Controller to Process Necessary Budgetary Transactions to Fund New Full-Time Position; All Supervisorial Districts. (Recommended Action No. 9 Requires 4/5ths Vote)

I. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. **CERTIFY** that your Board has reviewed and considered this Board letter, the staff report for the July 30, 2020 Planning Commission hearing (hereinafter, Planning Commission staff report) regarding the project and all exhibits thereto (Exhibits 1 through 28), and has considered all comments received during the public hearing process;
2. **FIND** on the basis of the entire record including the Planning Commission staff report (Exhibit 1) that the adoption of the proposed ordinance amending the Ventura County Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance (Exhibit 32) is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15308 as actions by a regulatory agency to assure the maintenance and protection of the environment because the project would implement a regulatory process involving procedures for protection of the environment; **FIND** that no substantial evidence exists precluding the use of this categorical exemption based on the presence of unusual circumstances or any other exception set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2; ~~and~~ **FIND** that adoption of the proposed ordinance amending the Ventura County Coastal Zoning Ordinance (Exhibit 33) is statutorily exempt pursuant to Public Resources Code section

21080.9 as an amendment to the County’s Local Coastal Program; and **FIND**, to the extent commenters have raised issues about the application of new 2040 General Plan policies to new oil and gas wells, that those impacts factually are the same as the impacts evaluated in the certified environmental impact report (EIR) for the 2040 General Plan, that there is no new or substantially more severe impact requiring a further EIR under CEQA Guidelines section 15162, and that it is appropriate to rely on that certified EIR for the extension of those policies to new oil and gas wells, and reliance on that EIR is an independent basis under CEQA for the adoption of the proposed zoning ordinance amendments.

3. **FIND** on the basis of the entire record and as set forth in the Planning Commission staff report (Exhibit 1) and Ventura County General Plan consistency analysis (Exhibit 36) that the proposed ordinance amending the Ventura County Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance (Exhibit 32) is consistent with the goals, policies and programs of the Ventura County General Plan and good planning practices and is in the interest of public health, safety and general welfare;
4. **FIND** on the basis of the entire record and as set forth in the Planning Commission staff report (Exhibit 1) that the proposed ordinance amending the Ventura County Coastal Zoning Ordinance (Exhibit 33) is consistent with the goals, policies and programs of the Ventura County General Plan, the Ventura County Coastal Area Plan, the Coastal Act (Exhibit 8) and good planning practices, and is in the interest of public health, safety and general welfare;
5. **ADOPT** the proposed ordinance amending Ventura County Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance Section 8107-5 (Exhibit 32);
6. **ADOPT** the proposed ordinance amending Ventura County Coastal Zoning Ordinance Section 8175.5.707-5 (Exhibit 33), subject to California Coastal Commission certification, and **ADOPT** a resolution (Exhibit 37) directing submittal of the ordinance to the California Coastal Commission for certification of this proposed amendment to the Ventura County Local Coastal Program;
7. **SPECIFY** the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009 as the custodian and location of the documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings upon which the foregoing actions and decisions are based;
8. **ADOPT** a resolution establishing one regular full-time position allocation in the Resource Management Agency Planning Division, Budget Unit 2911, effective November 29, 2020 (Exhibit 38) as follows:

Class Code	Classification Title	FTE	Range	Annual Salary	Unit
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