

RESOLUTION NO. 1939

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTS VALLEY IN RESPONSE TO THE CALL FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM FOR 2019 THROUGH 2024 (FR DOC NO: 2018-00083, COMMENT DEADLINE MARCH 9, 2018)

WHEREAS, the City of Scotts Valley and its visitors enjoy California's beaches and the Pacific Ocean for recreational, commercial, and educational activities, all of which support our local economy; and

WHEREAS, our city's residents value our state's ocean and coastal waters, which provide habitat to a vast array of wildlife, including fish, whales, sea turtles, and birds that depend on a healthy and clean environment; and

WHEREAS, offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration off the Pacific coast puts these coastal resources, and the communities and industries that depend on them, at risk from oil spills and other damage; and

WHEREAS, expanding offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration threatens coastal stakeholders, marine wildlife, human health and climate; and

WHEREAS, the City of Scotts Valley is opposed to inclusion of any offshore drilling tracts in any Outer Continental Shelf Planning Area on the Pacific Coast in the 2019-2024 Draft Proposed Program and any other future National Programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Scotts Valley hereby submits this resolution in response to the call for comments on the Draft Proposed Five-Year Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Leasing Program (DPP) for 2019 through 2024 as now proposed by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) as referenced in Federal Register Volume 83, Number 5 (Monday, January 8, 2018) Notices, Pages 829-834, FR Doc No: 2018-00083; and

WHEREAS, the City of Scotts Valley opposes the inclusion of any portion of the Pacific Coast in BOEM's Draft Proposed Five-Year OCS Leasing Program because such action threatens the regional clean-coast economy which relies on healthy ecosystems and fisheries and the multiple visitor-serving industries that depend on them; and

WHEREAS, the City of Scotts Valley finds the provision by BOEM of only one California public hearing opportunity on the Draft Proposed Five-Year OCS Leasing Program inadequate and hereby requests additional public hearings on this plan in our own community; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Proposed Five-Year OCS Leasing Program fails to adequately consider the laws, goals, and policies of the affected regions, including California's federally-certified Coastal Zone Management Plan, California's longstanding State Tidelands Oil and Gas Sanctuary, relevant County Local Coastal Plans, and duly-adopted local onshore OCS facility land-use ordinances which preclude outright, or require a vote of the electorate to consider, any proposed onshore facilities serving offshore oil and gas activities; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Proposed Five-Year OCS Leasing Program fails to offer a public comment period of adequate duration and scope to enable impacted communities to provide important input on the proposal, thereby curtailing requisite opportunity for citizen input; and

WHEREAS, concurrent with the proposed adoption of the Draft Proposed Five Year OCS Leasing Program the Administration is considering a weakening of enhanced safety and ecosystem protections put in place after the tragic April 20, 2010 BP Deepwater Horizon offshore oil spill; and

WHEREAS, the proposed drilling plans disregard California's coastal-dependent economy and the state's policies to protect it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the City of Scotts Valley adopts this resolution commenting as requested on the Draft Proposed Five-Year OCS Leasing Program for 2019 through 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these comments and other relevant supporting documentation be duly mailed to arrive prior to March 9, 2018 in an envelope labeled "Comments for the 2019-2024 Draft Proposed National Oil and Gas Leasing Program" to Ms. Kelly Hammerle, Chief, National Oil and Gas Leasing Program Development and Coordination Branch, Leasing Division, Office of Strategic Resources, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (VAM-LD), 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, VA 20166-9216 and/or be submitted via the online portal provided at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=BOEM-2017-0074>. Comments may also be submitted in person at one of the public meetings noticed at <https://www.BOEM.gov/National-OCS-Program>, which includes only one California hearing to be held in Sacramento on February 8, 2018. Further, copies of these comments will also be submitted in timely fashion to the California State Legislature, to California's Governor, to all members of California's Congressional Delegation, and to the White House.

The above and foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Scotts Valley at a regular meeting held on the 7th day of February, 2018 by the following vote:

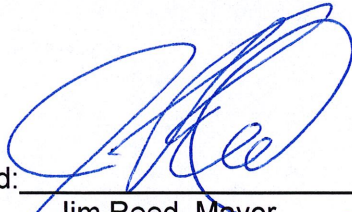
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NOES: NONE

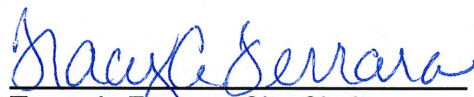
ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Approved: _____


Jim Reed, Mayor

Attest: _____


Tracy A. Ferrara, City Clerk