

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
ALAMEDA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-164

A RESOLUTION TO PROTECT OUR OCEAN AND COAST
FROM OFFSHORE DRILLING, EXPLORATION, AND FRACKING

WHEREAS, the County of Alameda and its visitors enjoy our beaches and the Pacific Ocean for recreational, commercial, and educational activities, all of which support our local economy; and

WHEREAS, our County'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 seismic exploration off the Pacific coast put these coastal resources, and the communities and industries that depend on them, at risk from oil spills, noise, and other damage; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of offshore oil and gas drilling, seismic exploration, fracking and other well stimulation techniques threatens coastal stakeholders, marine wildlife, human health, and climate; and

WHEREAS, a massive oil spill in 1969 off the coast of Santa Barbara fouled coastal waters and caused catastrophic economic and environmental damage; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 a pipeline servicing offshore oil platforms burst and fouled the same coastal areas, damaging wildlife and impacting recreational and commercial activities; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Interior develops and implements a nationwide offshore oil and gas leasing program that determines the size, timing and location of lease sales for the Outer Continental Shelf; and

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration has proposed to dramatically expand offshore oil and gas leasing in all U.S. waters, including to areas which have largely been off-limits to new federal leasing, including the Pacific Coast; and

WHEREAS, new federal offshore oil and gas leases have not been granted in the Pacific planning area since 1984; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing and other unconventional oil extraction techniques such as acid fracturing, matrix acidizing, gravel packing and cyclic steam injection collectively referred to here as "fracking and other well stimulation," provide another means to expand offshore oil and gas extraction; and

WHEREAS, fracking and other well stimulation increase pollution and the risk of oil spills; and

WHEREAS, the offshore oil industry is permitted to dump more than 9 billion gallons of wastewater into the Pacific every year including wastewater from fracking that may be laced with toxic chemicals that can harm human health and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the Governors of California, Oregon, and Washington, along with several cities and counties, have taken a stand against new federal offshore oil and gas leases in the Pacific Ocean, and several municipalities have called for a ban on offshore fracking; and

WHEREAS, the County of Alameda's 2018 Legislative Platform call for limiting or prohibiting the extraction, handling and transportation of fossil fuels as well as ensuring that fracking, offshore and onshore oil drilling, and mining on sensitive lands are prohibited; and

WHEREAS, expanding offshore drilling, fracking and other well stimulation off the Pacific coast will deepen the state's dependence on fossil fuels and undermine its efforts to address climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and moving toward renewable energy.

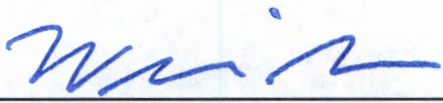
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Alameda (1) supports a ban on new offshore oil and gas drilling, seismic oil and gas exploration, fracking, and other well stimulation in federal and state waters off the Pacific coast, and (2) opposes new federal oil and gas leasing in U.S. waters, including off the Pacific Coast.

THE FOREGOING was **PASSED** and **ADOPTED** by a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda this 5th day of June 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Carson, Haggerty, Miley, Valle & President Chan

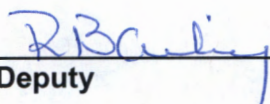
NOES: None

EXCUSED: None



Wilma Chan
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:
ANIKA CAMPBELL-BELTON
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: 

Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DONNA R. ZIEGLER, COUNTY COUNSEL

By: 
