

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA, IN  
OPPOSITION TO FEDERAL OIL AND GAS  
LEASES IN ALL UNITED STATES WATERS,  
AND SPECIFICALLY OFF THE COAST OF  
CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, City of Escondido residents value California state beaches 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, expanding offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration could threaten marine wildlife, human health, and the climate; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has proposed an expansion of offshore oil and gas leasing to new 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 off the coast of California since 1984; and

WHEREAS, Pacific waters have long-standing military activities and the Department of Defense (DOD) has expressed concerns with developing oil and gas in some areas due to ongoing defense operations. For example, DOD classified areas off the coast of Southern California as off limits to oil and gas activity in order to preserve combat readiness training, ensure a sterile environment for live fire, and to maintain margins for Naval and Marine Corps operations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Escondido is opposed to inclusion of any offshore drilling tracts in any Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Planning Area on the Pacific Coast and

U.S. Arctic in the pending 2019-2024 Proposed Program and any other future National Programs; and

WHEREAS, the State of California prohibited new oil and gas leasing in state waters due to the unacceptably high risk of damage and disruption to the marine environment; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of California, the Attorney General, the State Senate and Assembly, the State Lands Commission, the Coastal Commission, and Fish and Game Commission, the Pacific Fishery Management Council, along with a growing number of cities, have taken a stand against new federal offshore oil and gas leases in the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, opening new areas off California's coast to offshore drilling could 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 by the City Council of the City of Escondido, California:

1. That the above recitations are true.
2. That the City Council opposes new federal oil and gas leasing in all U.S. waters off the coast of California.
3. That the City Clerk shall send a copy of the approved resolution as a public comment from the City of Escondido to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) 2019-2024 Draft Proposed Program (Docket ID – BOEM-2017-0074) (Federal Register Number – 2018-00083).

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Escondido at a regular meeting thereof this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2019 by the following vote to wit:

AYES : Councilmembers: DIAZ, MARTINEZ, MCNAMARA

NOES : Councilmembers: MASSON, MORASCO

ABSENT : Councilmembers: NONE

APPROVED:

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*Paul McNamara*  
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PAUL MCNAMARA, Mayor of the  
City of Escondido, California

ATTEST:

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*Zack Beck*  
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ZACK BECK, City Clerk of the  
City of Escondido, California

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