CITY OF DANA POINT

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

January 15, 2026

Attn: Ms. Kelly Hammerle
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (VAM-LD)
45600 Woodland Road
Sterling, VA 20166-9216

RE: Comments for the 11th National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program

Dear Ms. Hammerle,

On behalf of the City of Dana Point City Council, I write to share the City's perspective regarding the consideration of new offshore oil and gas drilling licenses along the Southern California coast, including waters adjacent to Dana Point.

The City of Dana Point places a high value on the long-term protection of our coastal and marine resources. Our community's economy, identity, and quality of life are closely connected to clean oceans, healthy beaches, and a thriving marine environment that support tourism, recreation, and environmental stewardship. Given these priorities, the City has ongoing concerns regarding new offshore oil and gas activities in the region.

Protecting our coastal resources aligns with the City of Dana Point's Strategic Goals of maintaining a livable community, remaining a world-class coastal destination, and fostering sustainable economic health and prosperity.

We appreciate the opportunity to share the City's perspective and respectfully urge careful consideration of the potential long-term impacts of new offshore drilling licenses on coastal communities such as Dana Point.

Sincerely,

Kelly Reenders
Dana Point City Manager

cc: City Council

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