

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS SHEILA KUEHL AND
JANICE HAHN

February 13, 2018

**Motion adopting a resolution in support of a ban on new offshore oil and gas
drilling and fracking, and barring any new federal oil and gas leases in the Pacific
Ocean**

The Pacific Ocean is an immeasurably critical resource to Los Angeles County residents, visitors, and wildlife. Offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration threaten the Pacific Ocean and its life systems by putting it at risk of catastrophic oil spills and other damage. Past oil spills have harmed our wildlife and greatly impacted recreational and commercial activities. Fracking and other well stimulation actions increase pollution as well as the risk of oil spills and earthquakes. Despite these facts, the Trump Administration is considering expanding offshore oil and gas leasing to new areas which have largely been off-limits to new federal leasing, including the Pacific Coast. No new federal offshore oil and gas leases have been granted off the coast of California since 1984, and to do so now would be a giant step backward.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution that supports:

MOTION

Solis	_____
Ridley-Thomas	_____
Hahn	_____
Barger	_____
Kuehl	_____

1. A ban on new offshore oil and gas drilling, fracking, and other well stimulation in federal and state waters off the California coast, and
2. No new federal oil and gas leasing in all U.S. waters, including off the coast of California.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO PROTECT OUR OCEAN AND COAST FROM OFFSHORE DRILLING, EXPLORATION AND FRACKING

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles 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 Los Angeles County 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 put 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, fracking and other well stimulation techniques threaten 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 Trump administration is considering expanding 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, 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 off California's coast; and

WHEREAS, fracking and other well stimulation increase pollution and the risk of oil spills and earthquakes; 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 state of California prohibits 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, the State Lands Commission, along with several cities, 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 tracking; and

WHEREAS, expanding offshore drilling, fracking and other well stimulation off the California 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, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS adopts a resolution that supports:

1. A ban on new offshore oil and gas drilling, fracking, and other well stimulation in federal and state waters off the California coast; and
2. No new federal oil and gas leasing in all U.S. waters, including off the coast of California.

The foregoing resolution was on the thirteenth day of February 2018, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

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Executive Officer
Board of Supervisors

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