

RESOLUTION NO. 18-04

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF VENTURA
OPPOSING NEW OFFSHORE OIL LEASES IN FEDERAL WATERS
AND SEEKING THE SAME PROTECTIONS AS THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the County of Ventura has 43 miles of Pacific Ocean Coastline and famed surfing beaches from Rincon Point to Countyline, in addition many state and local beach parks, coastal hotels and businesses, and valuable coastal homes, and

WHEREAS, the County's two recreational and commercial fishing harbors, together with the Port of Hueneme support an ocean-oriented economy and gateway for commercial fishing, boaters, and visitors including over 350,000 annual visits to Channel Islands National Park, and

WHEREAS, the waters of the coastal Pacific Ocean support many magnificent and endangered species, including the world's largest mammal, the majestic Blue Whale, and

WHEREAS, the coastal waters of Ventura County are a national treasure that attract millions of visitors per year from around the world for beach going, surfing, fishing, diving, and boating, and

WHEREAS, coastal recreation and boating are important components of the local economy as well as treasured staples of life in Ventura County, and

WHEREAS, Ventura County is unfortunately familiar with the damage caused by coastal oil spills, have suffered impacts from the recent Plains All American pipeline spill, as well as living with the memory of the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill which gave rise to State and federal moratoria on offshore oil leasing, and

WHEREAS, California is the nation's third largest producer of oil, and Ventura County has an active onshore oil industry with thousands of wells in operation which contributes significantly to U.S. domestic oil production, and

WHEREAS, the people of Ventura County treasure the protection of Ventura County's coast and coastal waters every bit as much as the good citizens of the State of Florida (which does not produce significant domestic oil and gas), and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura hereby oppose new offshore oil leases in the federal waters off the California Coast and assert that the California coast deserves protection equal to the State of Florida.

Upon motion of Supervisor Bennett, seconded by Supervisor PARKS, and duly carried, the Board hereby approves and adopts this resolution on the 23 day of January, 2018.

Steve B...
Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura

ATTEST:

Michael Powers,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura, State of California.

By: *Lou Davis*
Deputy Clerk of the Board

