

RESOLUTION NO. 18-04-24-01

**PROTECTING OUR COAST FROM OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS
DRILLING AND EXPLORATION, FRACKING AND OTHER WELL
STIMULATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Dana Point's Ocean Water Quality Subcommittee 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, the City of Dana Point'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 exploration, fracking and other well stimulation off the Pacific coast puts these coastal resources, and the communities and industries that depend on them, at risk from oil spills, intense ocean noise and other damage; and,

WHEREAS, expanding offshore oil and gas drilling, fracking and other well stimulation complicates existing efforts to maintain clean and healthy coastal ecosystems and the tourism and recreation jobs and revenue that depend on them; 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 in Refugio State Park burst and fouled the same coastal areas, damaging wildlife populations and impacting recreational and commercial activities; and,

WHEREAS, the Administration 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, the U.S. Department of Interior's 2017-2022 Five-Year Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Leasing Program adopted as of November 18, 2016 contained no proposed offshore drilling along the Pacific Coast, and;

WHEREAS, the Interior Department's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is considering an expanded Five-Year OCS Leasing Program for the years 2019-2024, in response to which this resolution is hereby submitted, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Dana Point's Ocean Water Quality Subcommittee is opposed to inclusion of any offshore drilling tracts in any OCS Planning Area on the Pacific Coast in the pending 2019-2024 Draft Proposed Program (DPP) and any other future National Programs, 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 earthquakes; 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, the State Lands Commission, the Coastal Commission, the Fish and Game Commission, 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; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Dana Point's Ocean Water Quality Subcommittee supports (1) 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) no new federal oil and gas leasing in all U.S. waters, including off the Pacific Coast.

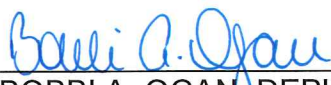
The Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to Secretary Zinke; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Acting Director Walter Cruickshank; Governor Jerry Brown; U. S. Senators Feinstein and Harris; U.S. Representative Darrell Issa; State Senator Pat Bates; State Assembly member William P. Brough; and any other interested parties.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 24th day of April, 2018.



PAUL WYATT, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
CHAIR OF THE OCEAN WATER QUALITY SUBCOMMITTEE
CITY OF DANA POINT

ATTEST:



BOBBI A. OGAN, DEPUTY CITY CLERK


STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE)
CITY OF DANA POINT)

I, Bobbi A. Ogan, Deputy City Clerk or designee of the City of Dana Point's Ocean Water Quality Subcommittee, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. **18-04-24-01** adopted by the City of Dana Point's Ocean Water Quality Subcommittee Ocean Water Quality Subcommittee of the City of Dana Point's Ocean Water Quality Subcommittee, California, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 24th of April, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: Subcommittee Members Dietmeier, Lane, Rayfield,
Schafhauser, and Chairman Wyatt

NOES: None

ABSENT: None



BOBBI A. OGAN DEPUTY CITY CLERK