



**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Valerie Cantella, Community Relations Manager

**SUBJECT:** Consider a Resolution Opposing Santa Barbara County Planning Commission Project Case #17RVP-00000-00081, a Proposal to Truck Offshore Oil Along Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Kern County Highways

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution No.19-\_\_\_ entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Opposing Santa Barbara County Planning Commission Project Case #17RVP-00000-00081, a Proposal to Truck Offshore Oil along Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Kern County Highways."

**BACKGROUND:**

ExxonMobil and Plains All American Pipeline are attempting to restart drilling efforts on California's Coastline. ExxonMobil is requesting to send up to 70 oil tankers per day on US Highway 101 and 166 through Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Kern Counties in order to restart three offshore platforms. Plains All American Pipeline applied to build a new 123-mile coastal pipeline to replace the one that caused the 2015 Refugio Oil Spill. In order to do this, ExxonMobil and Plains All American have applied for a permit from the County of Santa Barbara (Case #17RVP-00000-00081). The San Luis Obispo City Council passed a resolution opposing this permit at their January 15, 2019, City Council meeting, and a request was made by the Santa Barbara Sierra Club for the Goleta City Council to consider approving a resolution against as well. Mayor Paula Perotte and Mayor Pro Tempore Kyle Richards concurred and requested that staff bring this item forward for the consideration by the full Council

**DISCUSSION:**

The attached resolution was based on language provided by Santa Barbara Sierra Club and input from the Environmental Defense Center. The language is reflective of general sentiments expressed by, but not specifically outlined in, the City's legislative platform. In addition, in 2017 the City of Goleta approved resolution No. 17-39 (Attachment 2) supporting a ban on new drilling, fracking, and related techniques, and a phaseout of all oil and gas extraction, in state and federal waters in the Pacific Ocean.

This resolution has no application to trucking associated with decommissioning Platform Holly or State Lease 421.

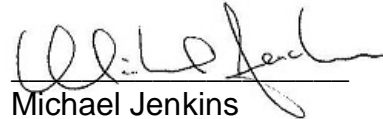
**FISCAL IMPACTS:**

There is no fiscal impact with this action.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

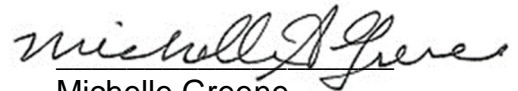
Council may also choose to take no action on this request.

**Legal Review By:**



Michael Jenkins  
City Attorney

**Approved By:**



Michelle Greene  
City Manager

**ATTACHMENT:**

- 1: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Opposing Santa Barbara County Planning Commission Project Case #17RVP-00000-00081, a Proposal to Truck Offshore Oil Along Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Kern County Highways.
- 2: No. 17-39, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Honoring and Protecting Our Coastal Resources.

**ATTACHMENT 1:**

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Opposing Santa Barbara County Planning Commission Project Case #17RVP-00000-00081, a Proposal to Truck Offshore Oil Along Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Kern County Highways



## **RESOLUTION NO. 19-XX**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION PROJECT CASE #17RVP-00000-00081, A PROPOSAL TO TRUCK OFFSHORE OIL ALONG SANTA BARBARA, SAN LUIS OBISPO AND KERN COUNTY HIGHWAYS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Goleta values 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**, Goleta's residents and its visitors enjoy our beaches and the Pacific Ocean for recreational, commercial, and educational activities, all of which support our local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the extremely high rate of accidents makes trucking one of the worst forms of oil transport; and

**WHEREAS**, oil truck accidents cause fires and explosions, injure and kill people, and spill hundreds of thousands of gallons of crude a year onto roads and into waterways; and

**WHEREAS**, burning the 4 million barrels of oil intended for trucking in a year would result in over 1.7 million metric tons of carbon pollution -- the same amount as burning nearly 2 billion pounds of coal; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015 a pipeline serving offshore drilling platforms burst near Refugio state beach which fouled beaches and coastal waters for miles, causing irreparable damage to the environment and wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, the operating company of the aforementioned pipeline was recently convicted on multiple charges for failing to properly maintain that pipeline, failing to timely call emergency response agencies, and killing marine mammals, seabirds, and other marine life; and

**WHEREAS**, that company has a long history of spills and enforcement actions against it; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed trucking routes would pass through critical habitat for several species protected as threatened or endangered under the

federal ESA, including red-legged frogs, California tiger salamanders and Southern California steelhead, which are highly susceptible to toxic crude oil; and

**WHEREAS**, the trucking proposal will have significant impacts to air and water quality, the climate, public health and safety, marine and terrestrial biological resources, and cultural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposal would bring aging offshore drilling platforms back to life, which is inconsistent with California's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and Goleta's desire to phase out oil and gas extraction; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017 the City of Goleta approved Resolution No. 17-39 supporting a ban on new drilling, fracking, and related techniques, and a phaseout of all oil and gas extraction, in state and federal waters in the Pacific Ocean; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution has no application to trucking associated with decommissioning Platform Holly or State Lease 421.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The City of Goleta opposes Santa Barbara County Planning Commission Project Case # 17RVP-00000-00081, an application to truck offshore oil along Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Kern County highways.

**SECTION 2.** The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2019.

ATTEST:

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PAULA PEROTTE, MAYOR  
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
DEBORAH S. LOPEZ  
CITY CLERK

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MICHAEL JENKINS  
CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA                    )  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA        )       ss.  
CITY OF GOLETA                        )

I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO  
HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 19-\_\_ was duly adopted  
by the City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the \_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 by the following vote of the Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
DEBORAH S. LOPEZ  
CITY CLERK





## **ATTACHMENT 2**

No. 17-39, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Honoring and Protecting Our Coastal Resources.



## **RESOLUTION 17-39**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, HONORING AND PROTECTING OUR COASTAL RESOURCES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Goleta's coastal waters and treasured shoreline, represent the spirit of our city and contribute to its social vibrancy, environmental resources and economic success; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of residents and visitors enjoy our ocean, beaches, mountains and abundance of diverse resources, for recreation, exploration, and relaxation; and tourism and recreation comprise an important part of the City's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015 a pipeline burst several miles up coast from the City of Goleta which fouled beaches and coastal waters, causing significant damage to the environment and wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1969 a well failure off our coast fouled the ocean and beaches, causing catastrophic damage to the region and sparking the beginning of the modern environmental movement; and,

**WHEREAS**, oil spills have caused extensive environmental and economic damage at dozens of locations on the West Coast, and around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been a decline in ocean health; protection must be increased against rising ocean acidity and plastics and chemical pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, recently the America First Offshore Energy Executive Order opens up the Pacific, Atlantic and Arctic Oceans to oil and gas drilling, which could lead to more spills, increased greenhouse gases and dependence on fossil fuels and delay the movement toward greater reliance on renewable energy; and

**WHEREAS**, that Executive Order threatens our local beaches and waterways, and it is critical that the City of Goleta immediately make known its opposition to the Executive Order in an effort to protect the health and welfare of its residents;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Goleta has several items about cleanup efforts related to on and offshore oil and gas facilities as well as oil-spill prevention in its legislative program; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been no offshore oil and gas leases in California since the 1969 well failure; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Legislature enacted laws withdrawing certain offshore areas from oil and gas leasing and now has an offshore oil and gas leasing moratorium in place; and

**WHEREAS**, the current exclusion of the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf from new oil and gas development is consistent with the long-standing interests of Pacific Coast States, as framed in the 2006 Agreement on Ocean Health adopted by the Governors of California, Washington, and Oregon; and,

**WHEREAS**, the California State Lands Commission has not issued a new offshore oil and gas lease since the 1969 spill; and

**WHEREAS**, the marine environment is capable of generating electricity from tidal, wave, and wind energy systems, which reduce carbon and impacts to marine life compared to oil and gas development and which are in use globally; and

**WHEREAS**, fracking and related techniques, where water and chemicals are injected under high pressure to crack rock formations and free up petroleum products, are linked to water and air pollution, health concerns, and harm to marine wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, several jurisdictions have called for or imposed greater regulation, bans, or moratoria on onshore fracking including Marin County, Alameda County, Santa Cruz County, San Benito County, Butte County, City of Los Angeles, City of Santa Barbara, and San Francisco; and

**WHEREAS**, offshore fracking and related techniques threaten our coast, wildlife, public health; protecting the environment and the health and safety of the public is of paramount concern;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Goleta supports:

**SECTION 1.**

In state and federal waters in the Pacific Ocean along the United States. (1) a ban on new drilling, fracking, and related techniques, (2) a phase-out of all oil and gas extraction and (3) a framework for responsible renewable energy development.


**SECTION 2.**

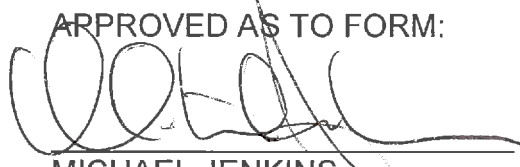
The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 3rd day of October, 2017

  
PAULA PEROTTE, MAYOR

ATTEST

  
DEBORAH S. LOPEZ  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
  
MICHAEL JENKINS  
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA    )  
CITY OF GOLETA                )       ss.

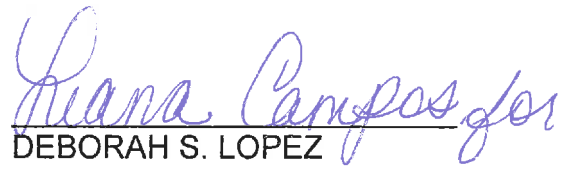
I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 17-39 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2017 by the following vote of the Council:

AYES:       MAYOR   PEROTTE,   MAYOR   PRO   TEMPORE   KASDIN,  
              COUNCILMEMBERS ACEVES, BENNETT AND RICHARDS

NOES:       NONE

ABSENT:     NONE

(SEAL)

  
DEBORAH S. LOPEZ  
CITY CLERK