

## RESOLUTION NO. 2018-45

### RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROTECTING OUR OCEAN AND COAST FROM OFFSHORE DRILLING AND FRACKING

**Whereas**, the County of Solano values our state's ocean waters and coasts, which provide habitat to a vast array of wildlife, including whales, sea turtles, birds and fish that depend on a healthy and clean environment; and

**Whereas**, our county's residents and visitors enjoy California's ocean and beaches for recreational activities, and depend on them for tourism and to support coastal economies; and

**Whereas**, offshore oil and gas drilling off the Pacific coast puts these coastal resources at risk of oil spills and other damage; and

**Whereas**, the County of Solano does not favor an expansion of offshore oil and gas drilling, fracking and other well stimulation off of the California coast because of the threat to our coast, our wildlife, and our climate; and

**Whereas**, a massive oil spill in 1969 off the coast of Santa Barbara fouled coastal waters and caused catastrophic environmental damage, and in 2015 a pipeline servicing offshore oil platforms burst and fouled the coast, damaging wildlife and coastal recreation; and

**Whereas**, the federal government has taken recent steps to vastly expand offshore oil and gas leasing in the Pacific, Atlantic and Arctic oceans and the eastern Gulf of Mexico that have been largely off-limits to new federal leasing; 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 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 leasing in state waters because of the unacceptably high risk of damage and disruption to the marine environment of the state; and

**Whereas**, the governor of California, the State Senate, the State Lands Commission and cities, including Los Angeles, have called for no new federal offshore leases in the Pacific Ocean, and several municipalities have called for limits to onshore fracking including Marin County, Alameda County, Santa Cruz County, San Benito County, Butte County and the city of San Francisco; and

**Whereas**, offshore drilling, fracking and other well stimulation deepens our dependence upon fossil fuels and undermine the state's efforts to address climate change; and

**Whereas**, President Donald J. Trump's America First Offshore Energy Executive Order could open the Pacific, Atlantic and Arctic oceans and the eastern Gulf of Mexico to new drilling, fracking, and other well stimulation, putting California's coastal resources at risk of more oil spills and exacerbating an already accelerating rate of global climate change.

**Resolved**, the Solano County Board of Supervisors supports (1) a ban on new drilling, fracking, and other well stimulation in federal and state waters off the California coast, (2) a prohibition of any new federal oil and gas leases in the Pacific, Atlantic or Arctic oceans and the eastern Gulf of Mexico - areas currently protected from new leases while at the same time ensuring existing oil wells are safe and protect the environment; and 3) an eventual phase-out of all oil and gas extraction off the California coast on a schedule sufficient to respond to the global climate change crisis.

Passed and adopted by the Solano County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting March 13, 2018) by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS Hannigan, Brown, Sperling, Thomson

and Chair Vasquez

NOES: SUPERVISORS None.

EXCUSED: SUPERVISORS None.

  
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JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk  
Board of Supervisors

By:   
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Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk