March 8, 2018

The Honorable Governor Jerry Brown
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Resolution opposing new offshore oil leases in federal waters off of the California Coast

Dear Governor Brown:

Attached to this letter is the adopted resolution opposing new offshore oil leasing off the coast of California as proposed in the Draft Proposed Five-Year Outer Continental Shelf Leasing Program for 2019 through 2024 by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), and referenced in the Federal Register Volume 83, Number 5 (Monday, January 8, 2018) Notices, Pages 829-834, FR Doc No: 2018-00083.

The County of Santa Barbara would respectfully requests the Governor to include the County’s comments in the consultation process.

Sincerely,

DAS WILLIAMS
First District, Vice Chair

JANET WOLF
Second District

JOAN HARTMANN
Third District, Chair

PETER ADAM
Fourth District

STEVE LAVAGNINO
Fifth District

cc: Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, 13th Senate District
Assemblymember Jordan Cunningham, 35th Assembly District
Assemblymember Monique Limon, 37th Assembly District
President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon
Senator Pat Bates, Senate Republican Leader
Speaker Anthony Rendon
Assemblymember Brian Dahle, Assembly Republican Leader
John Laird, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency
Members, California State Lands Commission
Dennis Bozanich, Legislative Coordinator, County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA OPPOSING NEW OFFSHORE OIL LEASES IN FEDERAL WATERS OFF OF THE CALIFORNIA COAST

RESOLUTION NO. 18-22

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County hereby submits this resolution in response to the call for comments on the Draft Proposed Five-Year Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Leasing Program (DPP) for 2019 through 2024 as proposed by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and referenced in Federal Register Volume 83, Number 5 (Monday, January 8, 2018) Notices, Pages 829-834, FR Doc No: 2018-00083.

WHEREAS, the coastal waters of Santa Barbara County are a national treasure that attract millions of visitors per year for beach going, surfing, fishing, diving, and boating; and

WHEREAS, coastal recreation, fishing, boating, and tourism are essential components of the local economy as well as treasured staples of life in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Harbor is a port for commercial fishing, recreational boating, diving, whale-watching, and cruise ship tourism; and

WHEREAS, the coastal waters off of Santa Barbara County include Channel Islands National Park, numerous marine protected areas, support uniquely rich biodiversity, and provide habitat for endangered species such the blue whale; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 an oil pipeline ruptured along the Gaviota Coast which fouled beaches and coastal waters in both Santa Barbara County and beyond, and caused catastrophic damage to the environment, wildlife, fisheries, and the local economy; and

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

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County finds the BOEM provision of only one California public hearing opportunity on the Draft Proposed Five-Year OCS Leasing Program wholly inadequate and hereby requests additional public hearings in our own community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara hereby opposes new offshore oil leases in the federal waters off of the California Coast and assert that the California Coast deserves protection equal to that of the State of Florida.
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 30th day of January, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Wolf, and Supervisor Hartmann

NOES: Supervisor Adam, and Supervisor Lavagnino

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

[Signature]
Das Williams
Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara

ATTEST:

Mona Miyasato
Clerk of the Board

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Deputy Clerk

Approved as to Form: Michael Ghizzoni
County Counsel

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Deputy County Counsel