

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Resolution No. _____

On the motion of Supervisor:
Duly seconded by Supervisor:
The following resolution is adopted:

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROPOSED
REGULATIONS FOR HYDRAULIC FRACTURING IN CALIFORNIA**

WHEREAS, great interest has been shown by the oil and gas industry in extracting oil and gas from the Monterey Shale Formation. The Monterey Shale Formation underlies much of the County of Santa Cruz; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz includes numerous areas of great environmental sensitivity subject to damage by poorly regulated extraction activities; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz has limited supplies of surface and subsurface potable water; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz is a seismically active area with several active earthquake faults; and

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing activities elsewhere have resulted in allegations of significant adverse impacts, including pollution of air and groundwater, exhaustion of local aquifers, noise pollution and alleged seismic problems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz hereby requests the Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources of the California Department of Conservation to amend their draft regulations to require the following:

1. Full disclosure of all chemicals to be used in hydraulic fracturing to allow proper assessment of risk to the environment and public health;
2. Expand public notification prior to hydraulic fracturing operations and require public notification of well casing failure;
3. Requirements to use traceable materials in all hydraulic fracturing operations to allow any leaks to be traced back to their source;
4. Baseline and follow-up testing of groundwater to verify that no contamination is occurring;
5. Proper assessment of seismic risks related to injection of large quantities of wastewater from hydraulic fracturing into deep wells;
6. Identification of the source and quantities of water required for hydraulic fracturing operations, and assessment of the impact on aquifers and other users, including people and wildlife;

7. Proper assessment of risk of pollution of surface and subsurface water supplies through hydraulic fracturing operations, including reinjection of hydraulic fracturing fluid flowback;

8. Proper assessment of the impacts and risks of storage, transportation and disposal of hydraulic fracturing fluid and flowback;

9. Proper assessment of fugitive air emissions associated with hydraulic fracturing, and requirements for methane capture;

10. Explicit acknowledgement that all hydraulic fracturing will be subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, and that each proposed fracking operation shall undergo thorough review under the provisions of the act;

11. Requirements for assessment of risks and impacts to jurisdictions adjacent to areas where hydraulic fracturing activities may occur, including traffic noise and impacts to shared water resources;

12. Explicit acknowledgement that hydraulic fracturing activities will be subject to appropriate local codes and regulations, in addition to state regulations; and

13. The proposed regulations should address other forms of well stimulation such as acidizing.

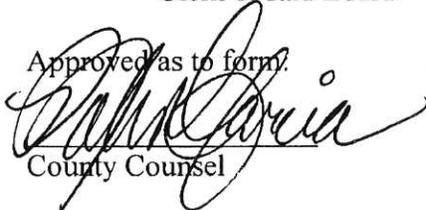
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this _____ day of _____ 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS
NOES: SUPERVISORS
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

Chairperson of said Board

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:


County Counsel

- Distribution:
- Planning
- Public Works
- Environmental Health
- California Dept. of Conservation
- Senator Bill Monning
- Representative Mark Stone
- Representative Luis Alejo
- Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
- Local Cities