

From: [Ada Braun](#)
To: [Melanie Hadden](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please oppose oil drilling off the San Mateo County Coastline!
Date: Sunday, November 14, 2021 11:39:15 AM

Dear Mrs Hadden

Please Approve Resolution 21-17 opposing oil and gas drilling in Federal and State waters off the California Coast.

See details below.

Thank you for your consideration

Ada Braun

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Issue: In response to concerns from local residents regarding the recent oils spill in Southern California, Vice President Nancy Reyerling requested a resolution (attached) opposing oil and gas drilling in Federal and State waters off the California Coast.

Motions for Consideration:

Recommended Motion: Approve Resolution 21-17 opposing oil and gas drilling in Federal and State waters off the California Coast.

Background/Discussion: The recent Southern California Oil Spill dumped thousands of gallons of oil in State and Federal water off the California Coast and impacting several local communities: - contaminating sensitive environmental habitats, - damaging coastal infrastructure, - disruption of the local fishing industry, - disruption of the local shipping and the supply chain, and - disrupting local industries that rely on a healthy coastal environment. It is understood oil still plays a large role in our day-to-day lives, however, it is clear that local communities and other local government entities charged with safeguarding our oceans and coastal waters take a proactive stance to oppose offshore drilling for oil and gas. It is also important for agencies to take steps to reduce reliance on oil and support more sustainable and safer forms of energy that will neither strain nor damage our environment. The San Mateo County Harbor District is taking proactive steps with replacing future vehicles with electric vehicles and considering solar panels in future builds.

The Harbor District is also very active in collecting used oil and disposing of it properly, Proposed Resolution Opposing Oil and Gas Drilling in Federal and State Waters Off the California Coast Regular Board Meeting November 17, 2021 Page 2 of 2 keeping it out of the environment. With respect to clean water, the District has taken several steps and is considering future projects which will reduce contaminants from entering the waters of Pillar Point Harbor. Recommended Motion: Recommended Motion: Approve Resolution 21-17 opposing oil and gas drilling in Federal and State waters off the California Coast.

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