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November 9, 2021

**Re: Diablo Water District's Position in Opposition to Future Oil & Gas Wells in East Contra Costa County**

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of Diablo Water District (DWD), I am writing to express the District's position in opposition to future oil and gas wells in East Contra Costa County. Our District is a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) in the East Contra Costa Subbasin.

GSAs have the authority and responsibility to protect our local groundwater aquifer. We are currently in a climate crisis and are proactively on track to achieve the State target of carbon neutrality 18-years ahead of schedule by 2027. Carbon emitting energy sources, such as oil and gas wells, will negatively impact future operations for our District and our subbasin.

DWD is writing to inform you that our District takes a position of opposition to all new (and refurbished) oil and gas wells in East Contra Costa. We urge the county to support the safe and environmentally friendly abandonment of existing gas and oil wells and have signed the current petition to ban these new wells in East Contra Costa County.

Thank you for your serious consideration of our District's position on this issue. If Diablo Water District can be a resource for you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me at [knight@diablowater.org](mailto:knight@diablowater.org).

Respectfully,

Kait Knight  
Program Analyst

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021 – 29**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DIABLO  
WATER DISTRICT STATING OPPOSITION TO FUTURE OIL &  
GAS WELLS IN EAST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the District is a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) in the East Contra Costa Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, GSAs have the authority and responsibility to protect the water quality in local groundwater aquifers; and

WHEREAS, oil and gas wells pose a potential source of groundwater quality degradation; and

WHEREAS, the District has adopted environmentally proactive policies and a carbon neutrality target of December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, carbon emitting sources of energy will have a negative impact on future District operations via climate change, sea level rise, and changes in precipitation patterns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Diablo Water District:

1. Oppose all new (and refurbishment) oil and gas well projects in East Contra Costa County; and
2. Support prudent maintenance and abandonment of existing oil and gas wells to protect the environment; and
3. Sign the current petition to ban new oil and gas drilling in Contra Costa County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be sent to State Senator Steve Glazer, Assemblymember Jim Frazier, Oakley City Council, Brentwood City Council, and the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of Diablo Water District at a meeting thereof held on October 27, 2021, by the following 4-1 vote:

AYES: Crockett, Kovalick, Tiernan, Seger

NOES: Pastor

ABSENT: None

DATED: October 27, 2021



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Dan Muelrath, Secretary