

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF INITIATING)
AMENDMENTS TO THE TEXT OF THE)
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE)
PLAN AND ZONING ORDINANCE AND TO)
THE LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM CONCERNING)
THE CONSOLIDATION OF OIL AND GAS)
PROCESSING FACILITIES ON THE SOUTH)
COAST.)

RES. NO. 85-357

WHEREAS the County Board of Supervisors directed staff to review the feasibility of consolidating all new facilities on the South Coast for processing offshore oil and gas into two sites; and

WHEREAS the County's goal is to accommodate offshore oil and gas development to the maximum extent feasible within local safety and resource constraints, and in a manner consistent with the County's long-range goals as specified in the County Comprehensive Plan and Local Coastal Program; and

WHEREAS to this end, and as it relates to oil and gas processing, the County intends:

- A. To ensure that the health, safety, and welfare of the public is protected in all phases of oil and gas processing.
- B. To maintain environmental standards at all sites.
- C. To avoid a proliferation of oil and gas processing facilities by consolidating new facilities as required by the California Coastal Act.
- D. To ensure that sites already designated for consolidated oil and gas processing are used as efficiently as possible.
- E. To allow that facilities at other existing sites may continue to operate within their current permit approvals as long as continued operation does not conflict with A, B, and C above; and

WHEREAS the proposed policy direction presents a means of implementing the goal and intentions stated above;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT, AND IT IS, HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The Board of Supervisors initiates amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and Local Coastal Program regarding the consolidation of oil and gas processing facilities on the County's south coast.

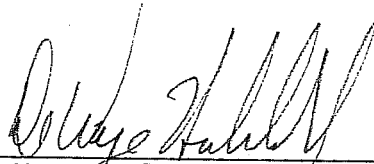
Specific amendment language is to be drafted according to the policy direction presented in Attachment A to this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this twelfth day of August 1985, by the following vote:

AYES: 5 -Yager, Kallman, Wallace, Holmdahl, Miyoshi

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0



Dewayne Holmdahl, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Howard C. Menzel
COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

By Thomas J. Pastore
Deputy Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

KENNETH L. NELSON
County Counsel

By Kenneth L. Nelson
Deputy County Counsel

ATTACHMENT A
OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION NUMBER 85-357

I. ALL NEW PRODUCTION WOULD BE PROCESSED AT THE TWO CONSOLIDATED SITES

- A. All new production processed on the South Coast is to be processed at the County-designated consolidated sites at Las Flores Canyon and Gaviota, within the land use and environmental constraints associated with each location. "New production" refers to all production for which the County approves processing on or following the effective date of initiation of these policies.
- B. No new sites shall be approved for new processing facilities.
- C. No existing processing site other than Las Flores Canyon and Gaviota shall be permitted for processing of new offshore oil and/or gas production, unless the County finds that all of the following conditions apply to the particular development.
 - 1. Processing the new oil and/or the new gas at one of the County-designated consolidated sites is not possible:
 - a. due to air quality constraints, as there are no facility design changes, best available control technologies, or innovative mitigation measures that would enable the proposed production to be accommodated within air quality standards; and
 - b. because it and other alternatives which could enable the proposed production to be accommodated at one of the County-designated consolidated sites would preclude development of the particular resource.
 - 2. Processing the new production at the proposed site:
 - a. is environmentally-preferable overall to processing at the consolidated sites, taking into account project-specific impacts of the entire project; cumulative impacts, including consideration of other projects and uses in the South Coast area; the extended life of the proposed, non-consolidated site; and all feasible mitigation measures; and
 - b. will be accomplished within an area that was zoned for coastal-dependent industry (M-CD) prior to August 26, 1985, and within an area given Preliminary Development Plan or Final Development Plan approval (or equivalent approval) for oil and/or gas processing facilities prior to August 26, 1985.

II. ALL PRODUCERS WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO THE CONSOLIDATED SITES

In order to prevent non-owners of the consolidated facilities from being forced out of (or not allowed into) processing facilities, the County would continue to ensure that all producers would have equitable, pro-rata access to the consolidated facilities and sites.

III. EXPANSION AT THE CONSOLIDATED SITES WOULD BE ONLY FOR SPECIFIC NEEDS

This policy stresses that commingled processing is the preferred method to maintain the environmental quality of the consolidated sites. Additional processing facilities at Las Flores Canyon and Gaviota would be approved only when:

- (a) existing (and approved) facility processing capacity is fully utilized and additional capacity is still needed; OR
- (b) the specific chemical characteristics and physical properties of the new production preclude processing it in the existing or modified facilities; OR
- (c) it is environmentally preferable to construct a collocated processing facility.

An expanded or collocated facility would be approved only when it is sited and designed in the safest and most environmentally-sound manner.

IV. FACILITIES WOULD BE PHASED-OUT AS PRODUCTION DIMINISHES

Consistent with current permit conditions on the Exxon, Chevron, and Union processing facilities, when throughput drops below 3 percent of permitted capacity at any processing facility, the County would review the facility permits and conduct a public hearing to determine if abandonment or other actions are appropriate.

V. POLICIES WOULD BE PERIODICALLY REVIEWED TO ENSURE THAT COUNTY GOALS ARE BEING MET

The policies will be reviewed periodically in light of up-to-date production forecasts, forthcoming monitored air quality data at the consolidated and other sites, advancements in air emission reduction technologies, the results of impact monitoring programs, and any other new safety and environmental information.