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MEMORANDUM

LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TO: Supervisor Malia Cohen, Chair
Land Use and Transportation Committee

FROM: Alisa Somera, Committee Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: November 14, 2016

SUBJECT: **COMMITTEE REPORT, BOARD MEETING**
Tuesday, November 15, 2016

The following file should be presented as a **COMMITTEE REPORT** at the Board meeting, Tuesday, November 15, 2016. This item was acted upon at the Committee Meeting on Monday, November 14, 2016, at 1:30 p.m., by the votes indicated.

Item No. 45 File No. 160222

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to prohibit the City from entering into or extending leases for the extraction of fossil fuel from City-owned land, and requiring inspections of any such land and evaluation of constructive future uses for such land.

RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT

Vote: Supervisor Malia Cohen - Aye
Supervisor Scott Wiener - Excused
Supervisor Aaron Peskin - Aye

c: Board of Supervisors
Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
Jon Givner, Deputy City Attorney

File No. 160222

Committee Item No. 2

Board Item No. 45

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1 [Administrative Code - Prohibition on Leasing for the Extraction of Fossil Fuels]

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3 Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to prohibit the City from entering into or
4 extending leases for the extraction of fossil fuel from City-owned land, and requiring
5 inspections of any such land and evaluation of constructive future uses for such land;
6 and affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California
7 Environmental Quality Act.

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15 subsections or parts of tables.

16 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

17 Section 1. Findings. The Planning Department has determined that the actions
18 contemplated in this ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act
19 (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with
20 the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 160222 and is incorporated herein by
21 reference. The Board affirms this determination.

22 Section 42. The Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Section 23.42, to
23 read as follows:

24 **SEC. 23.42. PROHIBITION ON LEASING OF CITY-OWNED LAND FOR THE**
25 **EXTRACTION OF FOSSIL FUELS.**

1 (a) Title. This Section 23.42 may be cited as the “San Francisco Keep It in the Ground
2 Ordinance.”

3 (b) Findings.

4 (1) The 2014 Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate
5 Change, a group of independent scientific experts from 195 countries under the auspices of the United
6 Nations, states:

7 (A) “Warming of the climate system is unequivocal, and since the 1950s, many of
8 the observed changes are unprecedented over decades to millennia. The atmosphere and ocean have
9 warmed, the amounts of snow and ice have diminished, and sea level has risen The period from
10 1983 to 2012 was very likely the warmest 30-year period of the last 800 years in the Northern
11 Hemisphere, where such assessment is possible (high confidence) and likely the warmest 30-year
12 period of the last 1400 years.

13 (B) “Human influence on the climate system is clear, and recent anthropogenic
14 emissions of green-house gases are the highest in history. Recent climate changes have had widespread
15 impacts on human and natural systems.

16 (C) “Without additional mitigation efforts beyond those in place today, and even
17 with adaptation, warming by the end of the 21st century will lead to high to very high risk of severe,
18 wide-spread and irreversible impacts globally (high confidence).”

19 (2) The World Meteorological Organization announced that 2015 is likely to be the
20 warmest year on record and that the years 2011-2015 have been the warmest five-year period on
21 record.

22 (3) The San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission’s 2011 report,
23 “Living with a Rising Bay,” found that a 55-inch sea level rise by the end of the century would cause
24 substantial impacts to San Francisco and California, including: putting \$62 billion of Bay Area
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1 shoreline development at risk, increasing the number of people at risk of flooding in the Bay Area to
2 270,000; and requiring at least \$14 billion worth of static structures to protect California's shorelines.

3 (4) At the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 21), 196 parties
4 including the United States, negotiated the Paris Agreement that reaffirms the goal of limiting global
5 temperature increase well below 2 degrees Celsius while urging efforts to limit the increase to 1.5
6 degrees.

7 (5) Climate scientists have published several studies of the world's remaining "carbon
8 budget," which is the maximum amount of future carbon that can be emitted into the atmosphere to
9 provide a certain probability of limiting global temperature increase to 2 degrees Celsius, including:

10 (A) The International Energy Association's "World Energy Outlook 2012"
11 estimates that "no more than one-third of proven reserves of fossil fuels can be consumed prior to 2050
12 if the world is to achieve the 2 degrees Celsius goal."

13 (B) The Carbon Tracker Initiative's 2014 report, "Unburnable Carbon,"
14 estimated that "to reduce the chance of exceeding 2 degrees Celsius warming to 20%, " the remaining
15 global carbon budget from 2011 to 2050 was 565 gigatons of carbon out of the 2,795 gigatons of
16 currently known fossil fuel reserves.

17 (6) Senator Jeff Merkley and Congressman Jared Huffman have introduced the "Keep it
18 in the Ground Act" to permanently prohibit new leases for the extraction of fossil fuels on all federal
19 public lands and in federal waters.

20 (7) Prohibiting fossil fuel leases on all City-owned property is consistent with Chapter 9,
21 Section 900(f) of the Environment Code, "Greenhouse Gas Emissions Targets and Departmental Action
22 Plans," which states the intent of the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to protect the health and
23 welfare in a manner that complements state and federal efforts to improve air quality by exercising a
24 leadership role in mandating local actions to reduce global warming.

1 (c) Prohibition. The City shall not enter into any lease, or extend any existing lease, that
2 provides for or allows the extraction of fossil fuel from City-owned land. For purposes of this Section
3 23.42, “fossil fuel” shall mean coal, petroleum, kerosene, oil, tar sands, oil shale, gas, and other
4 petroleum or hydrocarbon products that emit carbon dioxide monoxide as a byproduct of combustion.

5 (d) Fossil Fuel Remediation and Constructive Future Use. Regarding any City-owned property
6 that is or was previously leased for fossil fuel extraction:

7 (1) Within six months of the effective date of this Section 23.42, the Director of
8 Property, in coordination with the Department of the Environment, shall inspect such property to
9 ensure that any current or former lessee complies with, or complied with, all applicable federal, state,
10 and local environmental laws. Within 30 days of such inspection, the Director of Property shall submit
11 a report regarding the state of the property to the Board of Supervisors, including whether the Director
12 recommends additional inspections or further action;

13 (2) Upon the termination of any existing lease, the Director of Property, in coordination
14 with the Department of the Environment and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, shall
15 inspect such property to conduct an ecological evaluation of the property and ensure that the
16 lessee has removed all equipment and that the state of the property complies with all applicable
17 federal, state, and local environmental laws. Within 30 days of such inspection, the Director of
18 Property shall submit a report regarding the state of the property to the Board of Supervisors,
19 including a report on the value of the property as habitat and potential for restoration, and
20 whether the Director recommends additional inspections or further action; and

21 (3) Within 90 days of the inspection required under subsection (d)(2), ~~the~~
22 Director of Property, in coordination with the Department of the Environment and the San Francisco
23 Public Utilities Commission, shall submit to the Board of Supervisors a “Just Transition Plan” for
24 the property. The Just Transition Plan shall evaluate possible constructive future uses for such
25 property, including renewable electricity generation, recreation, and habitat protection and

1 restoration. The Just Transition Plan shall also assess adverse impacts to workers from the
2 termination of the lease and identify mechanisms to minimize or eliminate those impacts,
3 including potential job creation from the possible constructive future uses and public access.

4 (e) Prospective Effect. The prohibition in this Section 23.42 is intended to have prospective
5 effect only, and shall not be interpreted to impair the obligations of any existing lease entered into by
6 the City before the effective date of this Section, or any reserved rights held by the State of California
7 or other person or entity in a deed or other instrument.

8 (f) Exclusive Jurisdiction Departments. This Section 23.42 shall not apply to any department of
9 the City that has exclusive jurisdiction over its real property to the extent application to that
10 department would violate the Charter or interfere with the department's ability to carry out its core
11 functions under the Charter. The Board of Supervisors urges departments of the City that have
12 exclusive jurisdiction over real property to adopt policies consistent with the prohibition set forth in
13 this Section.

14 (g) Undertaking for the General Welfare. In enacting and implementing this Section, the City is
15 assuming an undertaking only to promote the general welfare. It is not assuming, nor is it imposing on
16 its officers and employees, an obligation for breach of which it is liable in money damages to any
17 person who claims that such breach proximately caused injury.

18 Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
19 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
20 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
21 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

22 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
23 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

24 By: EA Dietrich
25 Elizabeth A. Dietrich
Deputy City Attorney

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REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST
(11/1/2016, Amended in Board)

[Administrative Code - Prohibition on Leasing for the Extraction of Fossil Fuels]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to prohibit the City from entering into or extending leases for the extraction of fossil fuel from City-owned land, and requiring inspections of any such land and evaluation of constructive future uses for such land; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Existing Law

Current law does not restrict the extraction of fossil fuel from City-owned land.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would amend the Administrative Code to prohibit the City from entering into or extending leases for the extraction of fossil fuel from City-owned land.

Background Information

The City and County of San Francisco owns real property located outside of its boundaries throughout California, including at least one parcel in Kern County that was bequeathed to the City and is currently leased for oil and natural gas extraction. As a means of furthering the goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and exercising leadership in local actions to reduce global warming, this ordinance: (a) prohibits the City from extending any such existing leases and from entering into any new fossil fuel leases on all City-owned property; and (b) requires the City to inspect any such property to ensure compliance of the property with environmental laws, and to evaluate possible constructive future uses for the property.

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November 2, 2016

File No. 160222

Lisa Gibson
Acting Environmental Review Officer
Planning Department
1650 Mission Street, Ste. 400
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Ms. Gibson:

On October 18, 2016, Supervisor Avalos introduced the following proposed legislation:

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This legislation is being transmitted to you for environmental review.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

for Alisa Somera
By: Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director
Land Use and Transportation Committee

Attachment

c: Joy Navarrete, Environmental Planning
Jeanie Poling, Environmental Planning

Categorically Exempt under CEQA Guidelines
Section 15301 or Class 1 - Existing Conditions and
Section 15309 or Class 9 - Inspections.

Joy Navarrete 11/10/16

<p>Item 7 File 16-0222</p>	<p>Department: Real Estate Division (Real Estate)</p>
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Legislative Objectives

The proposed ordinance would amend the Administrative Code to add Section 23.42 to prohibit the City from entering into new leases or extending existing leases for the extraction of fossil fuels from City-owned land.

Key Points

- “Fossil fuel” in Administration Code Section 23.42 refers to coal, petroleum, kerosene, oil, tar sands, oil shale, gas, and other petroleum or hydrocarbon products that emit carbon monoxide as a byproduct of combustion. Chapter 9 Section 900(f) of the Environment Code states that it is the intent of the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to protect health and welfare in a manner that complements state and federal efforts to improve air quality by exercising a leadership role in mandating local actions to reduce global warming.
- The proposed ordinance does not apply to any City department that has exclusive jurisdiction over its real property to the extent that applying this ordinance would violate the Charter or interfere with the Department’s ability to carry out its core functions under the Charter.
- The City currently has an oil and gas lease with Chevron for 800 acres in Kern County, bequeathed to the City in 1941. Lease revenues are allocated to the Library and Recreation and Park Department.

Fiscal Impact

- Chevron paid the City lease revenues totaling \$3,727,024 over a five-year period. If the proposed ordinance is approved, the City would lose an estimated \$319,597 per year beginning in March 2020 when the current lease terminates.

Policy Consideration

- The 800 acre property under lease between the City and Chevron could be sold to a buyer who would assume the lease with Chevron until lease expiration in March 2020, with a deed restriction preventing a renewal of the lease or execution of future leases for oil and gas extraction.
- Terminating the lease between the City and Chevron would result in an estimated revenue loss to the Public Library and Recreation and Park Department of \$319,597 per year. Other City-owned parcels in Fresno and Kern Counties could be leased by the Real Estate Division to a private solar power company, resulting in an estimated \$484,000 per year that could make up the revenue loss.

Recommendation

- Approval of the proposed ordinance is a policy matter for the Board of Supervisors.

MANDATE STATEMENT

City Charter Section 2.105 states that the Board of Supervisors shall act only by written ordinance or resolution.

BACKGROUND

The 2014 Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a group of independent scientific experts from 195 countries under the auspices of the United States, found that 1983 to 2012 was very likely the warmest 30-year period of the last 800 years in the Northern Hemisphere. The report also found that green-house gas emissions¹ caused by human behavior—which climate scientists believe to be the main cause of recent global warming—are the highest in history and have influenced the climate system.

At the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference, 196 parties, including the United States, negotiated the Paris Agreement that reaffirms the goal of limiting the global temperature increase to well below 2 degrees Celsius, while urging to limit the increase to 1.5 degrees.

Impacts of Global Warming in San Francisco

According to the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission's 2011 report, "Living with a Rising Bay," a 55-inch sea level rise by the end of the century due to climate change would cause substantial impacts to San Francisco and California, including shoreline development and infrastructure, and residents living and working close to the shoreline.

Climate Action Plan in San Francisco

In May 2008, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 81-08 to establish greenhouse gas emission goals and department action plans. The Department of the Environment was assigned responsibility for determining the 1990 baseline greenhouse gas emissions for City departments, and setting goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions for city departments:

- By 2017, reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 25 percent below 1990 levels;
- By 2025, reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40 percent below 1990 levels; and
- By 2050, reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels.

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) created a Climate Action Plan in 2004, which was updated in 2013, outlining citywide actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the energy, transportation and solid waste sectors. In addition, SFPUC's 2011 Updated Electricity Resource Plan identifies SFPUC's strategies to provide electricity from renewable and zero greenhouse gas sources by 2030.

¹ Greenhouse gas or greenhouse gases means and includes all of the following gases: carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride.

DETAILS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

The proposed ordinance would amend the Administrative Code to add Section 23.42 to prohibit the City from entering into new leases or extending existing leases for the extraction of fossil fuels from City-owned land. "Fossil fuel" in Administration Code Section 23.42 refers to coal, petroleum, kerosene, oil, tar sands, oil shale, gas, and other petroleum or hydrocarbon products that emit carbon monoxide as a byproduct of combustion. According to the proposed ordinance, prohibiting fossil fuel leases on all City-owned property is consistent with Chapter 9 Section 900(f) of the Environment Code, "Greenhouse Gas Emissions Targets and Departmental Action Plans," which states the intent of the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to protect health and welfare in a manner that complements state and federal efforts to improve air quality by exercising a leadership role in mandating local actions to reduce global warming.

The proposed ordinance does not apply to any City department that has exclusive jurisdiction over its real property to the extent that applying this ordinance would violate the Charter or interfere with the Department's ability to carry out its core functions under the Charter.

Existing City Lease for Fossil Fuel Extraction

According to Mr. John Updike, Director of the Real Estate Division, the City currently has one lease that is used for the extraction of fossil fuels. In 1941, Alfred Fuhrman bequeathed Kern Oil Field, approximately 800 acres of land in Kern County, to the City. Shell Oil Company leased Kern Oil Field in 1963 from the City for an initial term of 35 years through March 1998 for the purpose of mining, exploring, and operating for oil, gas, and other hydrocarbon substances, and paid the City a fixed royalty of 12.5 percent of gross revenues. The Shell Oil Company was responsible for maintenance costs and taxes for Kern Oil Field. Mr. Fuhrman requested that all revenues to the City from Kern Oil Field be equally divided between the San Francisco Public Library, and the Recreation and Park Department.²

In May 1994, the City extended the lease through March 31, 2020 and increased the fixed royalty payable to the City to 15.5 percent. Chevron USA, Inc. is now the lessee of this lease agreement after a merger between Chevron and Texaco in 2001, which led to the consolidation of a number of firms, including the original Shell Oil Company.³

FISCAL IMPACT

As shown in Table 1 below, from 2011 to 2015, under the lease between Chevron and the City for the use of Kern Oil Field, Chevron paid the City royalty revenues totaling \$3,727,024. The proposed ordinance would result in the termination of this lease on March 31, 2020 when the lease expires, at which point the City would no longer receive royalty revenues.

² Revenues received by the Public Library can be used to acquire library collection materials in all formats, while revenues earned by the Recreation and Parks Department can be used for the adornment of Golden Gate Park.

³ In 1995, Shell Oil Company (Shell) formed and transferred the obligations of this lease to Cal Resources, LLC. In 1997, Shell renamed Cal Resources, LLC to Aera Energy, LLC. In 1999, Texaco California and Aera Energy completed a trade of assets, and the lease was transferred to Texaco California. In 2001, Chevron and Texaco merged to form Chevron Texaco Corporation. Texaco subsequently became a brand of Chevron.

Table 1. Annual Lease Revenues Paid by Chevron to the City for the Kern Oil Field Lease from 2011 to 2015^a

Year	Total Lease Revenues
2011	\$ 951,840
2012	801,446
2013	820,559
2014	833,581
2015	319,597
Total	\$ 3,727,024

Source: Real Estate Division staff.

^a Lease revenues paid to the City are net of property taxes paid by Chevron

According to Mr. Updike, revenues from Kern Oil Field have been in decline in recent years because of decreasing yield from Kern Oil Field and a lower fair market value for fossil fuels. As shown in Table 1 above, in 2015 the City received \$319,597 in total revenues.

POLICY CONSIDERATION

Alternative Use of Kern Oil Field

According to Mr. Updike, the Real Estate Division recommends selling the 800 acre property under lease between the City and Chevron to a buyer who can assume the remaining oil/gas revenue stream until lease expiration in March 2020, with a deed restriction preventing a renewal of the lease or execution of future leases for oil and gas extraction.

Potential Alternative Revenues

As noted above, revenues generated by the oil and gas lease between the City and Chevron are allocated to the Public Library and Recreation and Park Department. Terminating the lease would result in a revenue loss of \$319,597 per year, based on 2015 revenues, of which \$159,798 would be reduced revenues to the Recreation and Park Department and \$159,798 would be reduced revenues to the Library.

SFPUC has evaluated use of 484 acres in Kern County and Fresno County as a solar power project.^{4, 5} According to Mr. Updike, the City could potentially lease the 484-acre site in Kern County and Fresno County to a private solar energy company, at an estimated rent of \$1,000 per acre or \$484,000 per year. These revenues of \$484,000 per year could be used to offset the revenue loss to the Public Library and Recreation and Park Department from termination of the existing lease between the City and Chevron.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the proposed ordinance is a policy matter for the Board of Supervisors.

⁴ Total acreage in Kern County and Fresno County, bequeathed to the City in 1941 by Alfred Fuhrman, is 1480 acres, which includes 800 acres under lease to Chevron.

⁵ AEPC Group, LLC prepared a report in June 2016 for the SFPUC Renewable Energy Generation Group, evaluating the feasibility of generating solar power on the 680 acres in Kern County and Fresno County not under lease to Chevron.

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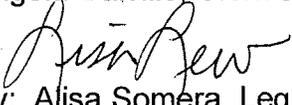
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MEMORANDUM

TO: John Updike, Director, Real Estate Division
Deborah Raphael, Director, Department of the Environment

FROM: JS Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director, Board of Supervisors

DATE: March 15, 2016

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On March 8, 2016, Supervisor Avalos introduced the following proposed legislation::

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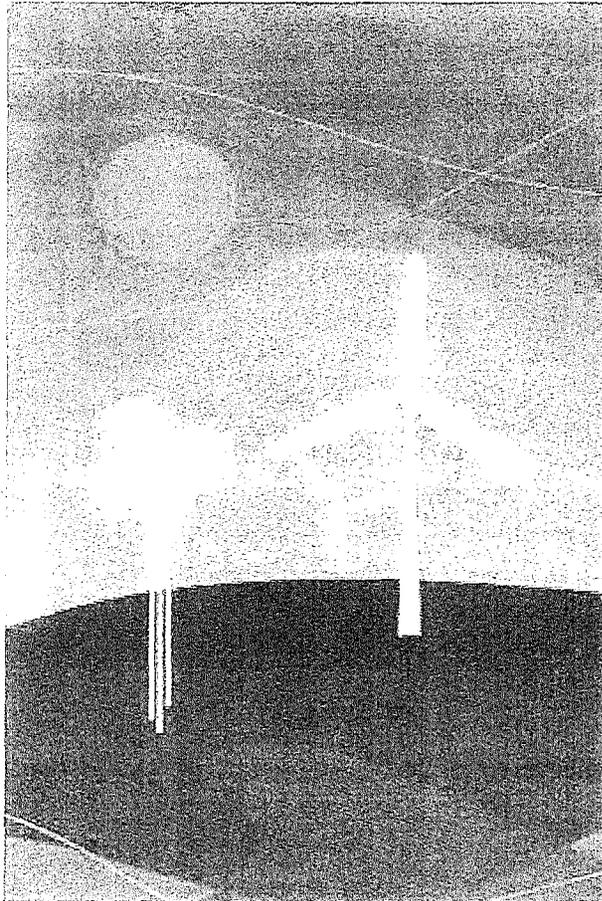
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This matter is being referred to you since it may affect your department.

If you have any comments or reports to be considered with the proposed legislation, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102 or by email: alisa.somera@sfgov.org.

c: Guillermo Rodriguez, Department of the Environment

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Budget and Finance Committee

Prohibition on Leasing for the Extraction of Fossil Fuels

(Item 7 - 10/26/16)

Jason Fried
Executive Officer
Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)
City and County of San Francisco



Generic Utility Scale Projects

Location	Potential Construction Phase Jobs Impacts (Jobs per \$million)	Potential Operation Phase Jobs Impacts (Jobs per \$million)
San Francisco	4.9	0.5
Regional	5.1	0.5
California	6.4	0.5

EnerNex Report, January 2015 (table 10, page 67 and Table 11, page 69)

Regional and State Projects

Project	Size (MW-AC)*	Cost (\$/M)*	Construction Phase Jobs*	Operation Phase Jobs*
Sunol Valley	17.5	\$85	570	4.7
Tesla Portal	2.8	\$17	76	0.7
Warnerville Substation	29.8	\$173	972	8.1

EnerNex Report, January 2015 (table 28, page 122)

*Uses the "Average" column from report

From: Luis Amezcua <lamezcua27@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2016 10:08 AM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS)
Subject: Item 7 -- Correspondence from Sierra Club
Attachments: Sierra Club Letter re Item 7.pdf

Dear President Breed and Board of Supervisors:

Please find attached Sierra Club's letter regarding Item 7 on today's agenda.

Thank you,

Luis Amezcua
Co-Chair, Energy-Climate Committee
Sierra Club, San Francisco Bay Chapter



November 01, 2016

President London Breed and Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City and County of San Francisco
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California 94102

RE: Item 7 – Prohibition on Leasing for the Extraction of Fossil Fuels

Dear President Breed and Board of Supervisors:

We thank the Board of Supervisors for your support of the “Keep It in the Ground” ordinance, which prohibits fossil fuel extraction from city-owned land. The Sierra Club strongly supports the ordinance.

This carefully crafted ordinance will not only move the City of San Francisco away from profiting from fossil fuel extraction, but it does so in a way that provides a very real opportunity to develop clean energy and create good new green jobs – all while protecting our environment and providing a reliable revenue stream to fund city services.

The impacts of the ordinance, if adopted, will be far-reaching. Residents in San Francisco will potentially have greater access to clean energy, while lessening the City’s overall carbon footprint and improving our climate. Residents in Kern County will be able to breathe healthier air, drink cleaner water, and have greater access to clean energy jobs. And the City can do this with the security that this decision doesn’t just make sense from an environmental and public health standpoint – it also makes sense from a financial perspective: according to the City’s Budget and Legislative Analyst, leasing the land to a solar energy provider could generate twice as much revenue per acre than the existing oil operations. If done right, the “just transition” of oil drilling operations to clean energy on City-owned land in Kern County can be a powerful example, not just for the state, but for the entire nation.

Nearly a decade ago, San Francisco leaders committed to transitioning to 100% clean energy, and gave itself the target date of 2030 to reach that goal. Now cities around the country – from San Diego to Salt Lake City – are following suit, with many more to come. We applaud the Board of Supervisors for continuing to demonstrate San Francisco’s climate leadership, and look forward to work with you to implement this important ordinance.

Sincerely,

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PRESIDENTIAL ACTION

Date: April 15, 2016

To: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Madam Clerk,

Pursuant to Board Rules, I am hereby:

- Waiving 30-Day Rule (Board Rule No. 3.23)

File No. _____ (Primary Sponsor)

Title. _____

- Transferring (Board Rule No. 3.3)

File No. 160222 Avalos
(Primary Sponsor)

Title. Prohibition on Leasing for the Extraction of F₂

From: Land Use & Economic Development Committee

To: Budget & Finance Sub Committee

- Assigning Temporary Committee Appointment (Board Rule No. 3.1)

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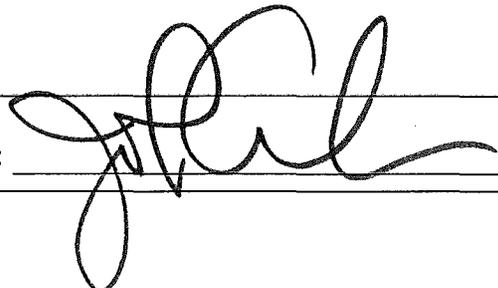
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