

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I implore the City to perform a proper Environmental Review in the West Pico Drill Site case and reject the improper Categorical Exemption. It is important that the City review all unapproved and illegal projects at the West Pico Drill Site now in this review, especially the 24 major illegal oil well projects executed without ZA review since 2000. The City should follow its own laws on the regulation of oil drilling, follow the State's CEQA law, and follow the City's own CEQA guidelines that say the drilling or redrilling or conversion of oil wells CANNOT be granted Categorical Exemption from Environmental Review. The City must reverse its illegal approval of By-Right Oil Drilling in the West Pico Drill Site case because it is wrong and it endangers the entire City by signaling a green light for oil companies to do anything without applying for reviews and approvals. I am skeptical that the City will ever be serious about phasing out oil drilling and production if it continues to allow illegal oil well drilling and rampant non-compliance with City laws and CEQA at oil drill sites. Stricter new laws mean nothing if there is no implementation, inspection, and enforcement by the City. I live near the West Pico Drill Site and closely adjacent to the Rancho Park Drill Site and the Hillcrest Country Club Drill Site and these sites directly affect my family's health and well-being!