



AGENCY: City Council
MEETING DATE: February 12, 2018
DEPARTMENT: Administrative Services
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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

TITLE:

RECEIVE REPORT AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION CALLING FOR PROTECTION OF OUR OCEAN AND COAST FROM OFFSHORE DRILLING, EXPLORATION AND FRACKING

ISSUE:

The current federal administration has proposed to expand offshore drilling off every coast in the United States –the Pacific, Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and Arctic while simultaneously rolling back offshore drilling safety rules. Many coastal communities are concerned about potential impacts to wildlife, tourism, fisheries, and other vital economic activities as a result of oil spills, toxic pollution, and more pipelines and offshore oil platforms.

In response, many communities are taking action to voice their opposition to new and expanded offshore oil drilling and fracking. Along the west coast, 23 communities (as of January 26, 2018) have passed resolutions opposing new offshore drilling and fracking.

The City was requested to bring forward to the City Council a resolution calling for the protection of our ocean and coast from offshore drilling, exploration and fracking. The Mayor agreed to agendize this matter.

ANALYSIS:

Fort Bragg can add its voice to the chorus of communities expressing concerns about offshore drilling and the need to protect our coasts, climate and healthy economy. President Trump's offshore drilling plan includes leases that could generate 50 billion tons of carbon pollution, and dramatically increase the possibility of a devastating oil spill

By passing this resolution, the Fort Bragg City Council will join over two dozen other California cities calling on the current administration to protect our coast from offshore drilling and fracking.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Consider adoption of attached Fort Bragg City Council resolution.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

Do not pass resolution and take no further action.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

CONSISTENCY:

Consistent with Fort Bragg City Council Goal 3.0, "Establish Fort Bragg as a Leader in Sustainable Practices".

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Resolution
2. Offshore Drilling Fact Sheet

NOTIFICATION:

None.