

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 18-__

Introduced by Council Member _____

RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF HAYWARD, TO PROTECT OUR
OCEAN AND COAST FROM OFFSHORE DRILLING, EXPLORATION
AND FRACKING

WHEREAS, the City of Hayward and its visitors enjoy our shoreline and the Pacific Ocean for recreation, commercial, and educational activities, all of which support our local economy; and

WHEREAS, our city's residents value our state's ocean and coastal water, which provide habitat to vast array of wildlife, including fish, whales, sea turtles, and birds that depend on a health and clean environment; and

WHEREAS, offshore oil and gas drilling and seismic exploration off the Pacific coast put these coastal resources, and communities and industries that depend on them, at risk from oil spills, intense ocean noise, and other damage; and

WHEREAS, expanding offshore oil and gas drilling, seismic exploration, fracking and other well stimulation techniques threatens coastal stakeholders, marine wildlife, human health and climate; and

WHEREAS, a massive oil spill in 1969 off the coast of Santa Barbara fouled coastal waters and caused catastrophic economic and environmental damage; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 a pipeline servicing offshore oil platforms burst and fouled the same coastal area, damaging wildlife and impacting recreational and commercial actives; and

WHEREAS, the Trump administration has proposed to dramatically expand offshore oil and gas leasing in all US oceans, including to new areas which have largely been off-limits to new federal leasing, including the Pacific Coast; and,

WHEREAS, new federal offshore oil and gas leases have not been granted in the Pacific planning area since 1984; and

WHEREAS, the seismic testing that supports offshore oil and gas leasing is a highly disruptive activity that has been shown to harm marine wildlife, from great whales to fish to zooplankton, over large areas if the oceans; and

WHEREAS, the hydraulic fracturing and other unconventional oil extraction techniques such as acid fracturing, matrix acidizing, gravel packing, and cyclic steam injection collectively referred to here as “fracking and other well stimulation,” provide another means to expand offshore oil and gas extraction; and

WHEREAS, fracking and other well stimulation increase pollution and the risk of oil spills and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, the offshore oil industry is permitted to dump more than 9 billion gallons of wastewater into the Pacific every year including waste water from fracking that may be laced with toxic chemicals that can harm human health and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the Governors of California, Oregon, and Washington, along with several cities, have taken a stand against new federal offshore oil and gas leases in the Pacific Ocean, and several municipalities have called for a ban on offshore fracking; and

WHEREAS, expanding offshore drilling, fracking and other well stimulation off the Pacific coast will deepen the state’s dependence on fossil fuels and undermine its efforts to address climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and moving toward renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Interior develops and implements a nationwide offshore oil and gas leasing program that determines the size, timing and location of lease sales for the Outer Continental Shelf; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Hayward hereby supports (1) a ban on new offshore oil and gas drilling, seismic oil and gas exploration, fracking, and other well stimulation in federal and state waters off the Pacific coast, and (2) no new federal oil and gas leasing in all U.S. waters, including off the Pacific Coast.

The Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to Secretary Zinke; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Acting Director Walter Cruickshank; Governor Jerry Brown; U.S. Senators Kamala Harris and Dianne Feinstein; U.S. Representative Eric Swalwell; State Senator Bob Wieckowski, State Assembly member Bill Quirk; and any other interested parties.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA _____, 2018

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
 MAYOR

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney of the City of Hayward