



July 25, 2012

Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom
State Controller John Chiang
Director of Finance Ana Matosantos
Commissioners
California State Lands Commission
100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100 South
Sacramento CA 95825

Dear Commissioners Newsom, Chiang and Matosantos:

It is our understanding that the California State Lands Commission intends to vote on the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Central Coastal California Seismic Imaging Project (Project) at your August 14 meeting in Sacramento. On behalf of our 150,000 members statewide and 2,200 + members and business people in the affected area, Sierra Club California and the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations asks you to please move this item to a meeting in the affected central coast region.

Commercial fishing and environmental communities in California's central coast, among others, expressed serious concerns about the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) that was circulated earlier this year. They will be directly affected by the proposed project and should have the opportunity to be present as you make your decision on this issue. By holding this vote in Sacramento, the local communities who will be most affected by this decision will have limited access to the meeting.

The seismic imaging project has garnered great attention from the local community. Forty-nine people showed up to speak at the commission's April workshop about the project and the draft EIR, and another 85 people (plus 149 petition signers) submitted written comments. There have been dozens of opinion pieces and letters to the editors in the central coast press regarding the seismic testing proposal. A proposal with such dramatic impacts on the local community, and that has captured so much public attention, should not escape local scrutiny for the final EIR.

We respectfully urge you to move this item to a meeting in San Luis Obispo County so that the local community can have the opportunity to weigh in on the final plan and witness your consideration and decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn Phillips".

Kathryn Phillips, Director
Sierra Club California

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Zeke Grader".

Zeke Grader, Executive Director
Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations.