



February 17, 2015

County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors  
Public Safety and Justice Committee  
Housing, Land Use, Environment and Transportation Committee  
70 West Hedding Street  
San Jose, CA 95112

**RE: Public Safety and Justice Committee, February 18, 2015, Item #8**

Dear Board Committee Members,

The Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter and our partners have been working behind the scenes for several months to bring a request for clean energy action to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. Therefore we would like to use this opportunity to share our requests with the Board, so you can give fair consideration to this larger program idea, along with the fracking moratorium you will consider.

We developed the attached letter to the Board and have been gathering additional signatories. Our letter suggests a General Plan amendment similar to what was passed in Santa Cruz County. We would also like to see the County pursue a Community Choice Aggregation program similar to Sonoma County, perhaps in partnership with the City of San Jose. <http://solarsonomacounty.org/Resources/Community-Choice-Aggregation.aspx>

The Sierra Club and Peninsula Democratic Club and other local organizations would like the Board of Supervisors to add a clean energy program to your agenda this year. Energy and the environmental don't have a place yet on the County's agenda for 2015 and we would like to change that. Contact us through Sierra Club Water Committee Chair Katja Irvin at (408) 569-8214 or [katja.irvin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:katja.irvin@sbcglobal.net) if you have any questions or would like to discuss our clean energy proposal.

Please consider initiating a stronger program in 2015 to promote clean energy and control production of fossil fuels that are a threat to the safety of our air, water, and climate.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katja Irvin".

Katja Irvin, AICP  
Chair, Water Committee  
Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter



Eileen McLaughlin, Board Member  
Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge



Connie Rogers  
Former Councilmember, City of Gilroy

Attachments:

Letter to Board requesting action on Oil and Gas Exploration

Cc:

Clerk, Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors

Mike Ferreira, Conservation Committee Chair, Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter

Mike Kerhin, Fracking Action Committee Chair, Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter

Gary Latshaw, Air Quality Committee Chair, Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter

Planning Office, Bill Shoe and Kirk Girard

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