



**Fw: LOCAC letter re acoustic seismic testing attached**

**James Patterson** to: cr\_board\_clerk Clerk Recorder  
Sent by: **Amy Gilman**

10/29/2012 11:41 AM

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From: Vicki Milledge <vickilocacchair@earthlink.net>  
To: Bruce Gibson <bgibson@co.slo.ca.us>, Cherie Aispuro <caispuro@co.slo.ca.us>  
Cc: Frank Mecham <fmecham@co.slo.ca.us>, James Patterson <jpatterson@co.slo.ca.us>, Adam Hill <ahill@co.slo.ca.us>, Paul Teixeira <pteixeira@co.slo.ca.us>  
Date: 10/29/2012 11:15 AM  
Subject: LOCAC letter re acoustic seismic testing attached

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Thank you for your consideration of our viewpoint.

Vicki Milledge  
LOCAC Chairperson  
vickilocacchair@earthlink.net  
805-704-8783



Final BoS Seismic testing letter.pdf



# LOCAC

## Los Osos Community Advisory Council

Bruce Gibson, District 2

October 29, 2012

San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors

Re: Offshore acoustic seismic testing proposed by Pacific Gas & Electric

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Dear Mr. Gibson:

At our regular LOCAC meeting of October 25, 2012, our Council considered the above referenced matter. After extensive public input and Council discussion, we concluded that we have fundamental concerns. We question the utility and appropriateness of the proposed testing in general and specifically.

Based on the scientific literature we have read to date, the amount of harm to the marine ecosystem and its permanence is not currently ascertainable because the data are sparse and contradictory. We have reservations about the testing itself and the method proposed. It should be strongly noted that all public comment at our meeting was opposed to testing in general and the proposed method in particular.

We request that you consider the following specific concerns and transmit them to the California State Coastal Commission:

1. Will the proposed testing provide enhanced protection to humans from adverse events at Diablo Canyon?
2. If it is expected to provide such additional protection, in what way(s) will it do so and to what extent?
3. Will such testing negatively affect humans, the marine ecology and the community's economy?
4. Will the potential benefit of such testing outweigh its potential harms?
5. If testing will, in fact, provide a net benefit to all, is the proposed method of testing the most appropriate approach, taking into account all stakeholders, including, but not limited to humans in the ordinary course of life, the marine ecology, fishermen and divers, and other businesses during and after such testing?

In summary, if the testing has no net benefit, then it would be an unnecessary and unreasonable burden on PG& E and an unreasonable risk to our community and our marine ecosystem. If the testing is of net benefit to all but this is not the most effective and safest method, then it would pose an unreasonable risk of harm to all stakeholders without concomitant benefits and should be redesigned. Only if the currently proposed testing protocol is of meaningful net benefit to all should it be endorsed. We feel this has not been clearly demonstrated.



Accordingly, we request that the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors urge the California Coastal Commission to:

- Require PG&E to analyze the seismic data they have already collected and submit the results for independent peer review before any acoustic seismic testing project is launched.
- Require further scientific research to determine the potential value of the seismic data to be gathered and the potential for long-term/permanent harm to the coastal marine ecosystem.
- Delay any acoustic seismic testing project to provide more time for both further research and opportunities for public access to research results and thus enable us to make more informed comment.

Sincerely,

Vicki Milledge, LOCAC Chairperson

ECC: LOCAC, Adam Hill, Frank Meechum, James Patterson, Paul Texiera, Cherie Aispuro



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Thank you,

Julie Tacker (On facebook: Stop the Diablo Canyon Seismic Testing)

This is cruel and unnecessary assault on our marine life.

Dixie Cliff  
San Luis Obispo, California

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John Morehead  
Morro Bay, California

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Leslie Kasanoff  
Los Osos, California

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We cause so much harm to the environment even without seismic testing. We need to be stewards, not destroyers!

Olga Lampkin  
Bakersfield, California

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We already have a good understanding of the fault lines around the nuclear plant. We don't need to endanger the marine animals just to do more testing.

Elizabeth Cordoba  
San Luis Obispo, California

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**Fw: WRITTEN COMMENT RE PG&E SEISMIC IMAGING PROJECT - OCT 30  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

**Amber Wilson** to: BOS\_Legislative Assistants  
Cc: cr\_board\_clerk Clerk Recorder

10/29/2012 02:26 PM

*Amber Wilson*

Secretary/Board of Supervisors  
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Cc: Jerry Gruber <JGruber@cambriacsd.org>  
Date: 10/29/2012 02:11 PM  
Subject: WRITTEN COMMENT RE PG&E SEISMIC IMAGING PROJECT - OCT 30 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

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Good afternoon Amber,  
On behalf of the CCSD Board of Directors and General Manager Gruber, attached is written comment for the record at October 30, County Board of Supervisors meeting, agenda item regarding PG&E Seismic Imaging Project.  
Thank you,  
Kathy

*Kathy Choate*

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Cambria Community Services District  
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SUBJECT: PG&E Offshore High-Energy Seismic Study  
(November 2012 – Coastal Committee Meeting Agenda Item)

Dear Commissioners:

As part of the October 25, 2012 regular meeting agenda, the Cambria Community Services District Board of Directors discussed and directed staff to draft a comment letter for submittal to the California Coastal Commission opposing PG&E's proposed Central Coastal Seismic Imaging Project as currently proposed.

PG&E's once 540-square-mile Offshore Central Coastal California Seismic Imaging Project in its revised proposal has been reduced to cover 129 square miles off the coast of Estero Bay from Port San Luis to Morro Bay; an area adjacent to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, the largest national marine sanctuary and one of the largest marine protected areas in the United States. Dozens of endangered species use these waters and the loud sounds emitted by the air guns could injure marine wildlife or drive it away from the area. This area is a most treasured and protected area of marine life.

Local coastal opponents of the test maintain it violates the California Coastal Act, and dispute PG&E's low risk assessment of injury and mortality to marine life and mammals, the damage to the ecosystem, as well as to the fishing industry and economy of the much treasured Coastal area from Port San Luis to Morro Bay.

The Cambria Community Services District Board of Directors joins other local governmental entities; including the City of Morro Bay, San Simeon Community Services District, SLO County North Coast Advisory Council, and Monterey County Board of Supervisors, in opposition to PG&E's Central Coast Seismic Imaging Project.

Sincerely,

  
Allan S. MacKinnon  
Board President

c: San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors

ITEM NO. 22 MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 30, 2012  
PRESENTED BY: KATHY CHOATE



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Date: 10/29/2012 02:36 PM  
Subject: Seismic testing

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I am totally against the  
Seismic testing scheduled to begin off the coast near  
The Diablo nuclear plant.  
Not only dangerous for the sea life but could actually  
Cause an earthquake. Please vote against Seismic testing!!!!

Sent from my iPhone



**Copies of Letters re: Seismic Matter on 10/30/12 Agenda**  
**Vicki Shelby** to: cr\_board\_clerk Clerk Recorder

10/29/2012 02:44 PM

Dear Clerk of the Board,

Here are a couple of letters received by Supervisor Mecham that I am not sure all received that we wanted to be sure got into the record.

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Ramina Anne Bacchus  
SLO, CA, California

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i suspect the larger purpose is finding possible oil reserves. what happens if the results show that there is significant threat of fault failure? will pge close diablo or charge ratepayers to try and retrofit? i especially am offended that we have to pay for this testing. its not my company, why shouldnt shareholders have to pay to insure their invesatment?

quinn plante  
arroyo grande, California

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"Thinking a smile all the time will keep your face youthful" - Frank G. Burgess

"Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been" - Mark Twain



**Fw: SLO Green Party opposes seismic testing off our coast**

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October 29, 2012

Dear Supervisors:

I am writing on behalf of the San Luis Obispo County Green Party regarding the permitting of the PG&E Acoustic Seismic Testing Project.

The SLO Green Party opposes Acoustic Seismic Testing off our coast. The repercussions to marine life would be disastrous.

We hope that the Board of Supervisors will take a clear position to oppose the PG&E Acoustic Seismic Testing Project.

Thank you for your time,

Peggy Koteen  
Green Party County Council Representative



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We share this planet w/ all creatures. Their existence teaches us and enriches our lives. Can we imagine a dead ocean-carcasses washed ashore? If we cannot coexist we have failed as a species. I would rather have power outages!

sue palmer  
San Luis Obispo, California

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