Get Oil Out !

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Dear Friends:

Unbelievably, it's been over 46 years since the Santa Barbara Channel Oil Spill occurred! As a result of this historic catastrophe, GOO! has maintained a defense for our coastline against the negative impacts of oil development.

UNFORTUNATELY, oil development and production still threaten our local coastal environment as much as ever. Earlier today, an onshore pipeline on the Gaviota Coast ruptured, spilling roughly 21,000 gallons of oil into a culvert, onto the beach and into the ocean, fouling 4 miles of coastline. It is exactly due to the risk of oil spills like this one that GOO!'s continued efforts to maintain a wall of defense to protect the Santa Barbara Channel and our coastline is critical.

FORTUNATELY, GOO!'s ever present eye on current and future proposals for oil and gas development and production remains strong. GOO! works persistently to prevent new oil development and to ensure that existing producers operate responsibly.   In addition to this wall of defense, GOO! stalwartly promotes renewable energy as an alternative to our fossil fuel dependence.

Presently, GOO! has a lengthy task list that includes protecting the coast from oil and gas development projects such as:

1. The *Paredon Project* is a proposal by Venoco to conduct directional (extended reach) drilling from an onshore operations site immediately above the seal haul out area and very close to Carpinteria Bluffs open space;

2. The *Carone Project* proposes to develop State Oil and Gas Leases 4000, 7911 and 3133 from a federal platform, Platform Hogan, installed in 1967, and send the oil to the La Conchita onshore facility via offshore pipeline;

3. The *Chevron Debris/Shell Mounds* were left behind off of the Carpinteria coast after the four "H" Platforms were removed from the Santa Barbara Channel in 1996. The middle layer of these muds contain drill muds and cuttings which were dumped from the platforms;

4. The *Lease 421 Project* is a proposal by Venoco to recommission two oil wells off the Ellwood coast which are in the surf zone. Production from these two wells, located on two piers directly in the surf zone, ceased in 1994, due to a break in the pipeline.

5. The **Ellwood Field Lease Line Adjustment** is a proposal by Venoco to expand the eastern boundary of State offshore lease (3242.1), thus increasing oil production from Platform Holly and at the legal non-conforming Ellwood Onshore Facility.

And the list goes on--there are many more oil development projects that, if approved, would jeopardize our coast, including a new laundry list of onshore development projects that will also contribute substantially to greenhouse gas emissions.

As you can surmise from this list, GOO!'s work is not done. **GOO!'s radar is always on for any and all oil development or oil production issues that have the potential to threaten our coastal environment**. GOO! has and will continue to monumentally defend against the threat of oil spills by the biggest and wealthiest companies in the world.

Of course, GOO! can only maintain these critical efforts with your help. If you believe in what GOO! represents – **GETTING OIL OUT AND GETTING ALTERNATIVES IN!**– please help us continue our work by becoming a member or renewing your membership today. You will have the satisfaction of knowing that your contribution will advance our shared goal of preserving the astonishing beauty of this place we are so lucky to call home.

To support GOO!'s ongoing efforts, please print and fill out the coupon below and send in your membership/renewal today, using the enclosed envelope. Thank You!

Sincerely,

Michael Lyons
President

YES, I want to renew my membership/join Get Oil Out! to keep the fight against offshore oil drilling in Santa Barbara County. Please find my membership donation enclosed.

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_____ $75 family

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