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County poised to set dangerous new precedent/violate CEQA – CFROG appeals

In a public hearing on Tuesday, June 21 at 1:30 the Ventura County Board of Supervisors will hear CFROG's appeal regarding a new oil and gas project along Koenigstein Road in Upper Ojai. CFROG filed the appeal to stop the County from setting a dangerous new precedent of allowing oil tanker truck traffic to use the intersection at Koenigstein Road and Highway 150 in the Upper Ojai Valley, and to compel the County to address inconsistencies in air quality calculation guidelines that result in violations of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Use of Intersection - Oil tank truck traffic has been prohibited at the intersection of Koenigstein Road and Highway 150 in Upper Ojai since the 70's. The trucks used an alternate route, that was washed out in 1993. Since then the operator has been using the intersection in violation of the permit, and yet the Ventura County Planning Director, and the Ventura County Planning Commission approved the current project. CFROG's appeal asks the Board to uphold the previous findings of past Supervisors who declared the intersection unsafe for oil tanker truck traffic, especially since the County has not performed a full traffic study by a licensed traffic engineer.

Air Emission Calculations - CFROG's appeal calls out inconsistencies between guidelines used by the planning department, which are not compliant with the Ojai Valley Area Plan's (OVAP) 5 lb rule for air emissions. The County says the emissions of the three new oil wells that are part of this project, need not be counted because they will be permitted by the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District, but CFROG points out, the OVAP - as part of the Ventura County General Plan - supersedes those guidelines and requires the emissions from the oil wells be counted. The OVAP states any discretionary project with air emissions over 5 lbs per day shall be deemed to cause a significant adverse impact, triggered a particular CEQA review. There is no dispute each oil well emits 2 lbs per day, for a total of six, exceeding the 5 lb rule.

[CFROG's Appeal Report is posted HERE.](#)

[Supporting documents, photos and video of intersection are HERE.](#)

CFROG is a 501c3 organization working to protect public health, safety and the environment by ensuring all oil and gas activities in Ventura County are permitted and regulated in a manner consistent with the law.