

WORTH PROTECTING

- SLO County groundwater
- Agricultural lands
- Rural character
- Pristine beaches
- Environmental quality
- Diverse economy
- Scenic vineyards

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

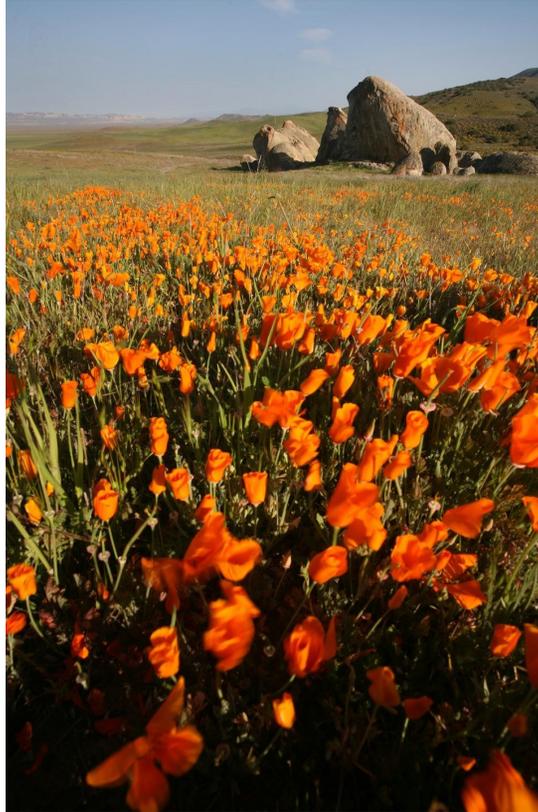
- Collect signatures for initiative
- Hold a house party
- Invite a speaker to your group or club
- Help raise funds or donate
- Phone bank
- Help to get out the vote
- Write letters to the Editor
- Attend and speak at City Council meetings

OUR MISSION

To protect San Luis Obispo County's precious water, agricultural lands, environmental quality, rural character, scenic vineyards, pristine beaches, and diverse economy through the promotion of renewable energy and the prohibition of any new oil wells or fracking in the County's unincorporated areas. Our plan is to successfully qualify and pass an Initiative at the November 2018 election which will prevent the drilling of new oil or gas wells and ban fracking on all the unincorporated lands of SLO County.

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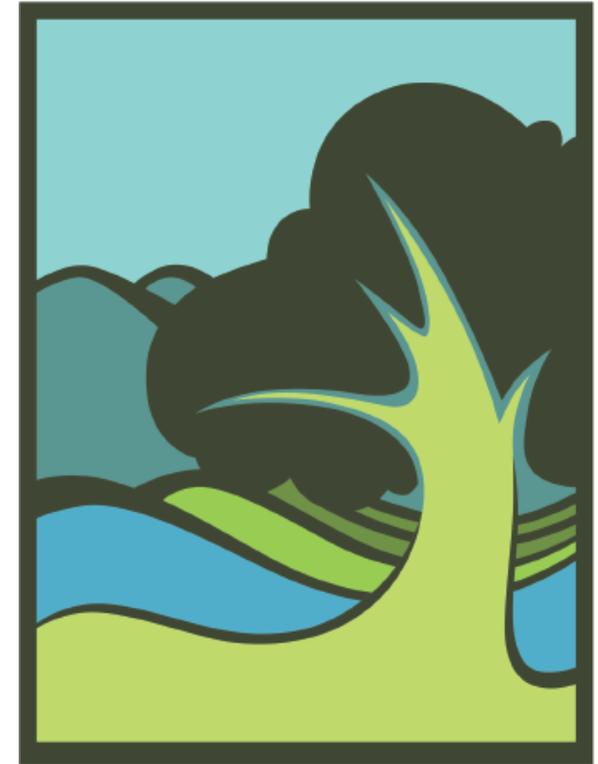
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**COALITION TO PROTECT
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
(CoProSLOCo)**

**BALLOT INITIATIVE TO
PROTECT OUR WATER
& BAN FRACKING**

We are a grassroots coalition of diverse individuals and organizations dedicated to protecting our County from the dangers of risky oil extraction practices.

SAVE OUR WATER

Oil extraction generates a large volume of toxic wastewater. For every barrel of oil, the oil industry in California generates roughly 18 barrels of chemical-laden waste fluid. This creates a waste disposal problem for oil companies.

Their preferred method is underground injection. They drill a well and dump the waste fluid into aquifers such as the Arroyo Grande Aquifer, which is protected by the Safe Drinking Water Act. The agency overseeing drilling in the state messed up and permitted oil drillers to use it as a waste fluid dump.

Oil waste fluid is contaminated with dangerous oilfield chemicals, as well as many substances that cannot be evaluated for hazards because companies have used “trade secret” loopholes to withhold information. Waste fluid can also contain cropkilling salts, carcinogens such as benzene, radioactive matter such as uranium, and heavy metals such as arsenic.

Waste fluid may not stay put. Leaks happen, and when they do, they can ruin nearby sources of drinking water.

Currently, the state is considering a proposal to expand the area in the Arroyo Grande Aquifer into which waste fluid can be injected.

SAVE OUR HEALTH



WHY A BALLOT INITIATIVE?

Our county has a long history of problems associated with oil extraction. On a Federal and State level, oil companies are often exempted from laws and regulations designed to protect valued resources such as air and water quality.

State agencies have allowed local oil extractors to dispose of oilfield waste water in underground wells without proper environmental review or permits. The EPA has ordered the State to suspend such underground disposal until its safety can be established—yet it still continues, endangering our water supplies.

In such a situation it is important that we take action to assert LOCAL CONTROL to protect our health and economy. We are doing this in the most direct manner possible with a citizen's initiative, just as neighboring Counties of San Benito and Monterey have done.

SAVE OUR FUTURE

WHAT DOES THE INITIATIVE DO?

- It bans fracking and new oil wells on unincorporated land in San Luis Obispo County (just like San Benito and Monterey Counties have done).
- It helps conserve and protect SLO County water resources from possible oilfield contamination.
- Conserves County fossil fuel resources in the ground for future generations, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and helps slow global climate change.
- It encourages SLO County to develop new plans, procedures, and economic incentives for renewable energy projects or upgrades as well as re-training programs in renewable energy installation and maintenance.

Learn More and Take Action:
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