I. Presentation on Hydraulic Fracturing (Fracking) and other related Enhanced Oil Well Stimulation Techniques

Chris Bazar, Director, Community Development Agency presented introductory comments and Bruce Jensen, Senior Planner, Community Development Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on Hydraulic Fracturing.

Hydraulic Fracturing also known as “fracking” is the high pressure injection of a mix of fluids and substances called “proppants” into an oil or gas reservoir. The mix fractures the reservoir rock. When the fluids are removed, the proppants keep open the cracks left by fracturing, allowing oil or natural gas to flow back to the well.

Speakers

Chi-Yuen Wang, Frank Burton, Charles Davidson, Aria Cahir, Barbara Stebbins, Jan Cecil, Tom Schwertscharf, Rosy Schlussel, Kenneth Gibson, JV McCarthy, Jan Volz-Kelly, Katherine Potter, Teresa Hardy, Melissa Miyaro, Ellen Augustine, Pierce Powell, Susan Harmon all support a Countywide ban on fracking.

Purpose:

☐ Report progress
☐ Advocacy or Education
☒ Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation or position
☐ Other:

Recommendation from Transportation and Planning Committee: Community Development/Planning staff to draft an ordinance to ban Hydraulic Fracturing in Alameda County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.