

CARMEL J. ANGELO
Chief Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board



**COUNTY OF MENDOCINO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

CONTACT INFORMATION
501 Low Gap Road • Room 1010
Ukiah, California 95482
TELEPHONE: (707) 463-4221
FAX: (707) 463-7237
Email: bos@co.mendocino.ca.us
Web: www.co.mendocino.ca.us/bos

January 10, 2017

The Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Opposition to Off-Shore Oil Drilling off the California Coastline

Dear Mr. President:

Due to the recent action of California Governor Jerry Brown requesting you consideration of a permanent ban on new drilling off the California coastline, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors would like to again express its strong opposition to any consideration of off-shore oil exploration or drilling off the California coastline and support a permanent ban.

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors has a more than twenty five year history of being in the forefront of ocean protection efforts initiated to protect the Mendocino Coast from extractive pursuits in the 1980's. Always a Board of diverse perspectives, we have consistently voiced unanimous opposition to any off shore oil development as inconsistent with our locally shared values, true economic vitality, and locally focused decision making.

Specifically, the Mendocino coastline is not suitable for off-shore oil drilling due to the rugged terrain, the potential threat to tourism, and the devastating impacts that an off shore oil spill would cause to our fishing industries and the pristine environment that drives all aspects of our local economy.

We implore you to remain true to your earliest endeavors to provide a lasting legacy of ocean and coastal protection all Californians deserve and benefit from in opposing all forms of oil exploration off the California coastline.

Thank you for your serious consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

John McCowen, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CARRE BROWN
First District

JOHN MCCOWEN
Second District

VACANT
Third District

DAN GJERDE
Fourth District

DAN HAMBURG
Fifth District

cc: Governor Jerry Brown
California State Association of Counties (CSAC)
Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC)