

August 22, 2003

Mr. David Kaiser
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(Sent by email to czmafc.proposedrule@noaa.gov and by first class mail)

Subject: Federal Consistency Energy Review Comments (Docket # 030604145-3145-01)

Dear Mr. Kaiser:

This letter is in response to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's proposed rule-making to revise regulations implementing the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA). We concur with and join Santa Barbara County in concerns with the proposed amendments as fully described in the letter dated August 19, 2003 from Naomi Schwartz, Chair of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors. As you know, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara County were both plaintiffs in *California v. Norton* and both have a continuing interest in the policies that affect the waters in the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf region.

Thank you for considering our comments and please contact me directly at (805) 781-5194 or by email at jeuphrat@co.slo.ca.us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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c: Board of Supervisors
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