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VIA EMAIL: jdmckenzie@co.slo.ca.us

Subject: Ecelaron LLC CUP / Draft Environmental Impact Report

Dear Mr. McKenzie,

San Luis Obispo COASTKEEPER®, a program of Environment in the Public Interest, is organized for the purpose of ensuring that the public has a voice with agencies and official responsible for enforcing water quality, watershed protection, and environmental regulations. As such, SLO COASTKEEPER® and our 800 Central Coast supporters are concerned that the project as currently presented in the DEIR could allow a hydro-fracking technique to be used. SLO Coastkeeper opposes fracking as a permit option for this project.

Fracking or hydro-fracking are techniques in which water and toxic chemicals are injected at high pressure into the ground to break up rocks and release the oil trapped there. While industry officials have claimed the drilling chemicals pose no risk, in 1987 the US E.P.A documented a case demonstrating that fracturing fluids do indeed pose a risk of contaminating ground water wells. The documented E.P.A. case has gone largely unnoticed for decades but includes evidence that many industry representatives were aware of it and also fought the agency's attempts to include other cases in the final study. Please refer to the following for further details of the EPA Study and the risk hydro-fracking techniques pose:

http://www.syvnews.com/news/local/article_07d4b564-900b-11e0-b2ae-001cc4c002e0.html

http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/pdf/201108/20110804ewg_cracks_in_the_facade.pdf

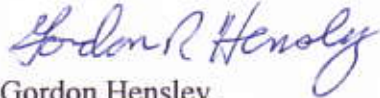
http://www.mercurynews.com/california/ci_18221203



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While the current DEIR does not analyze or anticipate the use of fracking, neither is there any explicit commitment precluding such techniques. As a precaution, to avoid the risk to the water resources and public health in the Huasna Valley, SLO Coastkeeper urges specific language in the EIR and any possible permit that hydro-fracking techniques are specifically not a part of this project.

Respectfully Submitted,



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San Luis Obispo **COASTKEEPER**



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