



After helping stop oil deal in budget, Jordan vows to continue the fight until it's over

Susan Jordan, a Democratic candidate for the 35th Assembly seat and the Founder and Director of the California Coastal Protection Network, worked alongside 53 environmental groups statewide in opposing the budget end-run that would have overturned the State Lands Commission's denial of the first new oil lease issued in state waters in 40 years. The Assembly defeated the proposal 43-28 on Friday.

Back in January, the independent commission denied the proposed Tranquillon Ridge project off the coast of Santa Barbara by Plains Exploration and Production Company (PXP) based on legitimate substantive reasons including concerns over a lack of enforceability over the terms of the confidential deal. But the governor insisted on putting the proposal back into the recent state budget legislation, in an attempt to bypass established public review procedures and gut the commission's legitimate and long-standing jurisdiction.

"We were successful in blocking the governor's end-run plan on Friday," Jordan said. "But we must remain vigilant because Santa Barbara's coastline – and that of our entire state – are at risk if this precedent-setting deal is approved. Clearly, the governor is looking for any possible opportunity to bypass the public to get this backroom deal done," Jordan continued.

According to the [San Jose Mercury News](#), many longtime activists said the PXP proposal would've set a precedent for additional drilling along the California coastline.

"All of the effort put into the PXP proposal would be better spent on moving forward with the development of alternative sources of energy, green jobs and conservation," Jordan concluded. "Reopening California's coastline to oil drilling is not just a dangerous precedent – it's a step backward in the fight against global warming."

Susan Jordan is an award-winning environmental advocate, business woman, and former Santa Barbara County planning commissioner. Assembly District 35 covers portions of Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. For more information, please contact Susan Jordan at jordan4assembly@gmail.com.

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The following environmental groups were listed in opposition to the oil drilling deal:

American Cetacean Society Monterey Bay- Carol Maehr

Amigos de Bolsa Chica- Dave Carlberg

Audubon California-Dan Taylor

Beacon Foundation- Vickie Finan

Bolsa Chica Land Trust- Paul Arms

Buena Vista Audubon- Joan Horowitz

Cabrillo Wetlands Conservancy- Mary Jo Baretich

California Coastal Network- Steve Asceti

California Coastal Protection Network- Susan Jordan

Citizens for the Preservation of Parks & Beaches- Shari Mackin & Carolyn Kramer

Clean Water Action- Miriam Gordon

CLEAN-Marcia Hanscom

Coast Action Group- Point Arena- Alan Levine

Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation- Marco Gozales

Coastwalk California- Fran Gibson

Committee for Green Foothills- Lennie Roberts

Defenders of Wildlife- Richard Charter

Ecoslo-Morgan Rafferty

El Dorado Audubon- Mary Parsell

Endangered Habitats League- Dan Silver

Environment California- Dan Jacobson

Environmental Action Committee of W. Marin

Environmental Health Coalition- Laura Hunter

Friends of Harbors, Beaches and Parks- Jean Watt

Heal the Bay- Sonia Diaz

Humboldt Baykeeper- Pete Nichols

Inland Empire Waterkeeper- Autumn De Woody

League for Coastal Protection- Mel Nutter

League for Coastside Protection- Scott Boyd

Madrone Audubon- Diane Hichwa

Malibu Coast Land Conservancy- Steve Uhring

Natural Resources Defense Council- Victoria Rome

North Coast Environmental Center- Jennifer Kalt

Ocean Outfall Group- Jan D. Vaandersloot

Orange County Coastkeeper- Garry Brown

Pelican Network- Jack Ellwanger

Residents for Responsible Desalination- Merle Moshiri

San Diego Audubon- Jim Peugh

San Diego Coastkeeper- Bruce Reznik

San Luis Obispo Coastkeeper- Gordon Hensley

Santa Monica Baykeeper- Tom Ford

Save or Shore- Lauren Gilligan

Sea and Sage Audubon- Scot Thomas

Sierra Club California – Michael Endicott

South Laguna Civic Association-Bill Rihn

Surfer's Environmental Alliance- Douglas Ardley

Urban Wildlands-Catherine Rich

Vote the Coast- Sara Wan

Western Alliance for Nature- Larry Wan

Wild Heritage Planners- Jack Eidt

Wildcoast- Serge Dedina

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