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Via email to [PublicComment@sandovalcountynm.gov](mailto:PublicComment@sandovalcountynm.gov)

November 26, 2018

The Honorable Dr. James F. Holden-Rhodes  
The Honorable Jay C. Block  
The Honorable Don G. Chapman  
The Honorable David J. Heil  
The Honorable F. Kenneth Eichwald  
Commissioners  
Sandoval County Commission  
1500 Idalia Road  
Building D  
Bernalillo, NM 87004

Re: Proposed Oil and Gas Ordinance

Dear Commissioners,

I am submitting the comments herein regarding the proposed Oil and Gas Ordinance on behalf of the Pueblo of Santa Clara, a federally recognized Indian tribe with lands located in Sandoval County. While we do appreciate you taking the Pueblo's comments into consideration, I must say that our overall comment is that the process of seeking tribal input for this ordinance has been haphazard at best. The turn-around time for comments is too short, particularly at this time of year when tribal leadership is busy with year-end meetings and cultural activities. Additionally, while we appreciate the Commission's proposal to meet with tribal leadership, suggesting that meeting so late in the game and scheduling it for the day before the Commission is set to vote on the ordinance does not show respect for our busy schedules or our input.

1. **Tribal Lands.** In Section I.B., the term "tribal trust lands" is used, and in Section VII.H.2.d, the term "Native American lands" is used. Neither term is defined. We would suggest using the term "Tribal Lands," and defining that term to mean "lands held in trust by the United States for a Pueblo or Tribe, and any land owned in fee by a Pueblo or Tribe subject to restrictions against alienation imposed by federal law."

2. **Cultural Resources.** The term “Cultural Resources” is defined in Section III.B., but is not used in the ordinance except as part of the term “New Mexico Cultural Resources Information System.” There are several provisions in the ordinance that refer to “historical, archeological or cultural sites,” but that term is never defined. There is one reference to “historic, archeological and *Native* American cultural sites,” at Section VII.H.2.d., but that term also is never defined, and, its inclusion in the ordinance suggests that Tribal or Pueblo cultural sites *aren’t* included in the term “historical, archeological or cultural sites,” which is unacceptable. It would be best to work with tribes to draft an appropriate term and definition, but at a minimum, using the term “cultural property,” as defined by NMSA § 18-6-3(B) would be better than what is currently used in the ordinance.
3. **Pueblo or Tribe.** The definition of “Pueblo or Tribe” should include the word “located” before the clause “wholly or partially within Sandoval County.”
4. **Article IV.**
  - a. Referrals. Pueblos and Tribes should receive a copy of all applications for any permit or use. The language used in Section IV.A. could be construed to only require such applications to be sent to Pueblos and Tribes that are determined to have an interest in or be affected by an application. Thus, Section IV.A should be revised to read:

. . . shall refer said comment for review and comment to other government agencies, cities, counties, or entities having a statutory or regulatory interest in the matter or are otherwise affected by the application; to Pueblos and Tribes; and to experts from municipalities and state and federal agencies.
  - b. Comments Received. Article IV.C. should be amended to include that upon a request for consultation by a Pueblo or Tribe that is made within the comment period, the County shall engage in consultation with such Pueblo or Tribe, which consultation shall include at a minimum, one or more face-to-face meetings with tribal leadership and/or their designees, and, at the request of the Pueblo or Tribe, attendance at on-site visits.
5. **Article V.**

Exploration Reports. The ordinance should require the Director to send copies of exploration reports to all Pueblos and Tribes, regardless of whether they submitted comments.
6. **Article VI.**
  - a. Referrals, Section VI.E.2. Referrals pursuant to Section IV.A should not be included under “Public Notice;” it should be a standalone section. Additionally, the term “notifications” should be replaced by the term “referrals” for consistency.
  - b. On-Site Visit, Section VI.F. This section should be amended to require the Director to send to Pueblos and Tribes notice of and an invitation to participate in on-site visits.
  - c. Authority, Section VI.I.2. This section should be amended to authorize the Director to impose additional conditions as are necessary to address issues raised by Pueblo or Tribes in comments or during consultation.

**7. Article VII.**

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**8. Article VIII.**

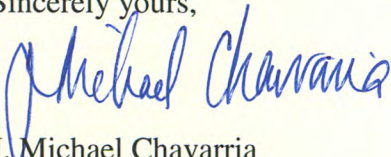
Setbacks, Section VIII.D.5. The required setbacks from cultural, historic, or archeological resources are limited to those listed on the State Historic Preservation Register. This section should be amended to include tribal cultural, historic, or archeological properties. Also, a new subsection should be added to require setbacks from tribal lands.

**9. Article X.**

- a. Notification Requirements, Section X.C. This section requires that notices of decisions be sent pursuant to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance ("CZO"), but we could not find any such requirement in the CZO. This section should be revised to delete the reference to the CZO and to specify instead the parties to receive notices of decisions, to include all Pueblos and Tribes, regardless of whether the County received comments from a Pueblo or Tribe.

The foregoing are examples of issues that we have identified in the short amount of time we have been given. Additional comments have been provided by the All Pueblo Council of Governors. It should be clear from the examples herein and APCG's comments that tribal consultation on this ordinance has been inadequate. We urge you not to adopt the ordinance until the foregoing issues are addressed and good-faith consultation has occurred.

Sincerely yours,



J. Michael Chavarria  
Governor

# Protect Sandoval County from Oil & Gas!

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Sincerely,

Mary Drabbs  
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albuquerque NM, 87109-6903

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Sincerely,

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Albuquerque NM, 87114-4594

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Sincerely,

Eleanor Bravo  
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Corrales NM, 87048-9045

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Sincerely,

Bruce Goette  
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Albuquerque NM, 87114-3412

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Sincerely,

Hugh Roberts  
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Sincerely,

Ruth Morris  
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Sincerely,

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Dear ,

As a resident of Albuquerque, I know that oil and gas development in Sandoval County could put the drinking water of nearly a million people at risk, and divides our communities into zoning districts for destructive fossil fuel projects. We must protect residents from oil and gas activity and preserve a clean environment. We should be working on developing clean energy alternatives, NOT more fossil fuels.

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Sincerely,

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Dear ,

As an elected official, it is your job to safeguard the health and welfare of the people that you represent. The oil & gas industry needs to be held responsible for the violations that occur during the extraction process. While drilling and fracking can bring a temporary economic stimulus to local economies, oil & gas booms tend to extract rather than build wealth. Oil and gas development in Sandoval County could put the drinking water of nearly a million people at risk, and divides our communities into zoning districts for destructive fossil fuel projects. We must protect residents from oil and gas activity and preserve a clean environment. We should be working on developing clean energy alternatives, NOT more fossil fuels.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Albuquerque NM, 87110-5958

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Sincerely,

Priscilla Martinez  
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ABQ NM, 87120-2488

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Elizabeth Elder  
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ALBUQUERQUE NM, 87106-2615

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Albuquerque NM, 87111-8174

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Frank Fisher  
1630 Borealis  
Rio Rancho NM, 87124-2804

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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# Sandoval County O & G Ordinance

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Good afternoon County Commissioners,

The following comments are submitted after reviewing the latest draft of the proposed ordinance on behalf of the Pueblo of Laguna.

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3. Article V, Paragraph F., 2., f. does not include a requirement for feedback to Pueblos/Tribes that submit "comments" and how those comments will be considered in determining whether to approve or deny an Exploration Permit.

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