

## Argument in Favor of Measure Z

**Monterey County has a bright future** if we protect our water, and our vital agriculture and tourism industries. Fracking, acidizing and wastewater injection **put that future at risk.**

### Measure Z allows us to stop the oil companies' dangerous land use activities:

- In 2008, Monterey County allowed an oil company to frack and acidize oil wells in Bradley.
- Recently, the California Water Boards warned local oil companies that they are injecting toxic wastewater into aquifers (underground water) which "may be suitable for drinking water supply".
- Now, the oil companies are seeking government permission to continue injecting wastewater into our protected aquifers.

### Measure Z protects our water:

- It bans fracking, acidizing and wastewater injection, which endanger our aquifers.
- It encourages oil companies to treat their toxic wastewater for beneficial reuse.

### Measure Z protects our health and safety:

- Toxic chemicals in fracking fluid and wastewater can cause **cancer** and chronic illnesses.
- Fracking and wastewater injection can trigger **earthquakes**, increasing seismic risk in a county with the San Andreas and many smaller faults.

### Measure Z protects our economy:

It safeguards our underground water supply, which is essential for Monterey County's

- **Agriculture** (\$8.2 billion in annual revenue and 73,000 local jobs), and
- **Tourism** (\$2.3 billion in annual revenue and 22,000 local jobs)

### Measure Z is fair and balanced:

- It prohibits new wells, but allows Monterey County's 1,500 oil wells to continue operating.
- It allows existing oil wells to be reworked via re-drilling, or horizontal drilling, to extend their productive lives.
- It preserves current oil jobs and County tax revenue.

**Vote YES on Measure Z ... Protect Our Water, Our Health, and Our Future**

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