

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

Initiative Measure to be Submitted Directly to the Voters

The County Counsel has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

An Initiative to Ban Hydraulic Fracturing “fracking”, Directional and Horizontal Drilling, and Waste Injection Wells In The County of Mendocino and to Invalidate Any and All Laws Contrary to this Purpose to the Extent They Effect The County of Mendocino .

The purpose of the initiative is to ban certain types of oil/gas extraction, which are called “unconventional extraction of Hydrocarbons” in the proposed ordinance. The ordinance defines “unconventional extraction of Hydrocarbons” as “hydraulic fracturing, “fracking”, directional and horizontal drilling, and waste injection wells.” The proposed ordinance creates strict liability for any damages to any person or property inside Mendocino County caused by “unconventional extraction” done by anyone inside or outside of the County of Mendocino.

The initiative would also declare null and void, within Mendocino County, any State, Federal or International law or other regulation that would violate the prohibitions contained within the proposed ordinance. The ordinance would also prohibit any corporations from asserting State, Federal or International preemptive laws to overturn this ordinance. The ordinance would also repeal all provisions of any ordinance, regulation or rules of any type, adopted by Mendocino County that are inconsistent with the provisions of the ordinance.

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