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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., et al. Plaintiffs and Respondents,

VS.

COUNTY OF MONTEREY, et al.

Defendants;

PROTECT MONTEREY COUNTY and DR. LAURA SOLORIO

Intervenors and Appellants.

After a Decision by the Court of Appeal Sixth Appellate District, Case No. H045791

Appeal from a Judgment Entered in Favor of Plaintiffs Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 16-CV-3978 and consolidated cases Honorable Thomas W. Wills, Judge

INTERVENORS' MOTION REQUESTING JUDICIAL NOTICE

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INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 8.520, subdivision (g), rule 8.252, subdivision (a), and Evidence Code section 459, Intervenors and Appellants Protect Monterey County and Dr. Laura Solorio hereby request judicial notice of the documents attached as Exhibits A through E. This request is submitted concurrently with the Intervenors' Opening Brief. These documents consist of (1) legislative history pertaining to provisions of the California Public Resources Code and (2) executive orders from the Office of the Governor that are relevant to the legal issues at the heart of this case. As such, each of these records meets the requirements for judicial notice as an "official act" of the "legislative [or] executive departments of the United States and of any state of the United States." (Evid. Code, § 452, subd. (c).) A copy of each document to be judicially noticed is filed in accordance with rule 8.74.

ARGUMENT

Pursuant to section 459 of the Evidence Code, this Court may take judicial notice of matters that comport with the requirements of Evidence Code Section 452, provided that the requesting party: (1) gives adequate notice to the adverse party; and (2) includes sufficient information to enable the Court to take judicial notice. (Evid. Code §§ 452, 453.) Intervenors' request meets both of these requirements.

Three of the five documents subject to this request consist of legislative history pertaining to the central statutory provisions of the California Public Resources Code at issue in this case. The

remaining documents are executive orders issued by the California Governor. As such, they fit squarely within "official acts of the legislative, executive, and judicial departments of the United States and of any state of the United States." (*Id.*, § 452(c).) Each excerpt of legislative history is supported by a declaration from the Legislative Intent Service, Inc., verifying its authenticity.

Courts routinely take judicial notice of legislative history materials. (See, e.g., *Heckart v. A-1 Self Storage, Inc.* (2018) 4 Cal.5th 749, 767, fn. 8 [taking judicial notice of bill's complete legislative history].) These materials may include committee reports, the final legislative history of the act, testimony from public hearings, or correspondence directed at the governor from the legislative analysist, state agencies, or individual lawmakers. (*Post v. Prati* (1979) 90 Cal.App.3d 626, 634; see also *Nguyen v. Western Digital Corp.* (2014) 229 Cal.App.4th 1522, 1550 fn.11 [taking judicial notice of bill amendments and committee analyses].) Such extrinsic materials "are often helpful in assessing constitutional issues raised with respect to a statute." (*Post v. Prati, supra*, 90 Cal. App. 3d at p. 634.)

Similarly, courts grant judicial notice of executive orders (See, e.g., *Sierra Club v. County of San Diego* (2014) 231 Cal.App.4th 1152, 1157, fn. 1 [granting judicial notice of Governor Schwarzenegger's greenhouse gas targets in Executive Order S-3-05]; *E.P. v. Superior Court* (2020) 59 Cal.App.5th 52, 55, fn. 5 [taking judicial notice on the court's own motion of multiple executive

orders addressing the COVID-19 pandemic].) Executive orders also constitute "official acts" under Evidence Code section 452, subdivision (c). (*Id.*)

Lastly, pursuant to California Evidence Code section 453, Intervenors have given Plaintiffs sufficient notice of the request and have provided the Court with sufficient information to enable it to take judicial notice of the matter. Therefore, the Court should grant judicial notice for each document listed and described below.

A. Documents subject to Judicial Notice

Intervenors request that the Court grant judicial notice of the following Exhibits A - E.

- **Exhibit A**: Legislative History of Senate Bill 703, Chapter 2074 (1961).
- **Exhibit B**: Legislative History of Senate Bill 161, Chapter 799 (1970).
- **Exhibit C:** Legislative history of Senate Bill 1022, Chapter 898 (1972).
- Exhibit D: Governor's Executive Order No. B-55-18 (Sept. 10, 2018), available at https://www.ca.gov/archive/gov39/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/9.10.18-Executive-Order.pdf (accessed Mar. 23, 2022)
- **Exhibit E:** Governor's Executive Order No. N-79-20 (Sept. 23, 2020), available at https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-

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B. The matter to be noticed is relevant to the legal issues before this Court.

The legislative history of Public Resources Code section 3106 relates directly to the issue before this Court: whether this particular section impliedly preempts provisions LU-1.22 or LU-1.23 of Monterey County's local ballot initiative, Measure Z. The legislative history illuminates the Legislature's reasons for enacting provisions of section 3106 and its purposes in amending the section over time. The legislative history can also reveal whether the lawmakers expressed any intent to preempt local laws. (*See Farm Raised Salmon Cases* (2008) 42 Cal.4th 1077, 1090 [reviewing legislative history and finding no indication of intent to apply preemption].) Intervenors seek judicial notice of committee reports, legislative analyses, and other contemporaneous documents that are part of the legislative history of the evolution of section 3106.

The executive orders are also directly relevant to the legal issues central to this case. Executive orders reflect the state's goals and priorities over time. (Cf. *Viva! International Voice for Animals v. Adidas Promotional Retail Operations, Inc.* (2007) 41 Cal.4th 929, 949-50 [examining federal executive branch actions for evidence of federal policy].) Here, the orders relate to state policies concerning environmental protection and climate change. The executive orders provide important context showing how the executive branch

directs state agencies (and in particular, the California Geologic Energy Management Division, or "CalGEM") to implement its statutory obligations in light of the urgent and growing need to address climate change. These executive branch policies, in turn, provide context for interpreting the Legislature's amendments of relevant statutes. (*See, e.g., Robinson v. Fair Employment & Housing Commission* (1992) 2 Cal.4th 226, 234-38 [discussing relevance of executive branch decisions to statutory interpretation].)

C. The Trial Court did not consider judicial notice.

The parties did not request that the trial court grant judicial notice of these records.

D. The matter to be noticed does not relate to proceedings occurring after the order that is the subject of the appeal.

The legislative history and executive orders predate the issuance of the appellate opinion that is the subject of this appeal to the Supreme Court.

CONCLUSION

Intervenors have met the requirements of Evidence Code sections 452, 453, and 459, and this motion provides the information required under California Rules of Court, rule 8.252. Intervenors therefore request that the Court grant judicial notice of the documents attached as Exhibits A-E and filed concurrently with this motion and the Intervenors' Opening Brief.

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[PROPOSED] ORDER

The Court finds that Intervenors' submitted records are the
proper subject of judicial notice and hereby GRANTS Intervenors'
Motion Requesting Judicial Notice in its entirety.
[Presiding Justice]

DECLARATION OF HOLLIN KRETZMANN

I, Hollin Kretzmann, declare as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney in good standing and licensed to practice before the Courts of this state. I am counsel of record for Intervenor Protect Monterey County in *Chevron U.S.A., Inc. v. County of Monterey*, (case number S271869).
- 2. I submit this Declaration in support of Intervenors' Opening Brief and Motion Requesting Judicial Notice, filed concurrently herewith.
- 3. I attest to the authenticity of the documents described below attached to Intervenors' Motion Requesting Judicial Notice.
- 4. I have attached as Exhibit D a true and correct copy of Governor's Executive Order No. B-55-18 (Sept. 10, 2018), which I downloaded from the state's website: https://www.ca.gov/archive/gov39/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/9.10.18-Executive-Order.pdf (accessed Mar. 23, 2022)
- 5. I have attached as Exhibit E a true and correct copy of Governor's Executive Order No. N-79-20 (Sept. 23, 2020), which I downloaded from the state's website: https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/9.23.20-EO-N-79-20-Climate.pdf (accessed Mar. 23, 2022)

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

March 25, 2022

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