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Court Strikes Down Frivolous Activist Lawsuit

(Sacramento, CA) -- California Independent Petroleum Association (CIPA) Chief Executive Officer, Rock Zierman, today issued the following statement after Alameda Superior Court Judge, the Honorable George C. Hernandez, Jr., released a final ruling in *Center for Biological Diversity and Sierra Club vs. California Department of Conservation, Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources*. CIPA was an intervenor in the case.

"Unbiased, independent scientific reviews have proven that responsible oil production can coexist with environmental protection. Activists with an agenda to stop all oil production continue to ignore the facts and have failed in three separate legal maneuvers. However, science and the courts have consistently sided with the facts, rather than the hyperbole of activists."

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