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## **KERN COUNTY OIL & NATURAL GAS PERMITTING PROGRAM PROTECTS ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY**

CIPA Chief Executive Officer Rock Zierman today issued the following statement after the Kern County Board of Supervisors approved an updated oil and natural gas permitting ordinance:

“The Board of Supervisors’ actions today are a major step forward for environmental protection, energy security, and economic prosperity in Kern County. It assures the public that energy is produced here locally under the toughest environmental protections on the planet rather than tankered in from Saudi Arabia. It requires our industry to pay hundreds of millions of dollars that will be reinvested in our community for clean water, retrofitting school buses and farm equipment, and fighting rural crime in exchange for a predictable process.”

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