

TOWN OF SUPERIOR
RESOLUTION NO. R-22
SERIES 2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF
SUPERIOR SUPPORTING A MOTION BY THE ROCKY FLATS STEWARDSHIP
COUNCIL TO OPPOSE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION, PRODUCTION, AND
HYDRAULIC FRACTURING ON AND UNDER ROCKY FLATS

WHEREAS, local governments have an obligation to protect the public health, safety, welfare, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the 14 member Rocky Flats Stewardship Council (RFSC) represents 900,000 residents in the region; and

WHEREAS, RFSC has long-term commitments to Rocky Flats and the Refuge, including the protection of water, ground water, and other environmental issues at the site; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Superior has drafted a Motion opposing oil and gas development and fracking at Rocky Flats, which the RFSC intends to consider at its June 3 meeting; and

WHEREAS, Rocky Flats operated from 1951 until 1989, serving as the nation's primary nuclear weapons trigger production facility; and

WHEREAS, cleanup of the site, which ended in 2007 did not eliminate all risk. The core production areas, settling ponds and two landfills hold the greatest hazards and remain under DOE's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, cleanup did not anticipate risks related to oil and gas production or hydraulic fracturing on and under the 6,200-acre Rocky Flats site. The impacts of such risks are unknown and unstudied, posing an unreasonable threat to public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, in November 2018, applications were filed with the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC), to develop oil and gas minerals located underneath the Rocky Flats site.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SUPERIOR, COLORADO, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Trustees SUPPORTS and strongly urges the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council to adopt the Motion to


oppose oil and gas exploration, production, and hydraulic fracturing on and under Rocky Flats.

ADOPTED this 8th day of April, 2019



Clint Folsom, Mayor

ATTEST:



Phyllis E. Hardin, Town Clerk-Treasurer

