



What People Are Saying About Aera's East Cat Canyon Project

"I own a cattle ranch directly across from the East Cat Canyon project. In the many years I've been working with Aera, they have proven to be a company with integrity that keeps their promises. In fact, they have gone over and above the call of duty in making sure they are a good neighbor. I strongly support their project, and know they will operate it safely and responsibly."

Rebecca Gowing
Cat Canyon Rancher

"Aera's safety record is superior. They are a very responsible company that protects people and the environment while producing oil. In fact, Aera's safety record is 18 times better than the records of California local governments and the state."

Ben Laverty
East Cat Canyon Property Owner

"This project is in a very rural area of North County, and we hope part of it will be used as a conservation area where wildlife habitat can be preserved, and we and other local organizations can conduct environmental education."

Sue Eisaguirre
NatureTrack

"Aera's support of United Way's literacy programs and the Workforce And Literacy Initiative (WALI) helps provide opportunities for thousands of people in Santa Barbara County to be better prepared for today's workforce. Their East Cat Canyon project will create quality jobs that can be filled by people in the county who have benefited from our programs."

Eddie Taylor
CEO, Northern Santa Barbara County United Way





“I own ranch land near Aera’s project, and I believe that protecting the county’s water resources is vitally important. Aera is a responsible environmental steward, and will create a project that will produce energy, and at the same time protect our water and other environmental resources.”

John Wickenden
North County Rancher

“Safe and environmentally responsible oil and gas operations like Aera’s East Cat Canyon project bring jobs, economic growth and tax benefits to our region.”

Zoe J Taylor
Director, Economic Development Vitality Team of Santa Barbara County

“I am a Santa Barbara vineyard owner and extra virgin oil producer. I also support responsible and reasonable economic growth in our county. Aera Energy has approached this project and our community in exactly the right way. They have demonstrated that they are a company that is open and transparent about their plans, and want to become a good neighbor in Santa Barbara.”

Steve Pepe
President Santa Barbara Econ Alliance

“The Santa Maria Valley Chamber appreciates the willingness of Aera Energy to invest in our community and our economy. The East Cat Canyon project will create hundreds of good jobs with good benefits for workers in our county. Local businesses will benefit from the investment Aera is making in our region. The project will generate millions of tax dollars every year for schools, law enforcement and other vital services. For these and many other, reasons the Chamber is proud to support this project and this company.”

Glenn Morris, ACE
Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce & VCB

“Many families in Santa Barbara County own mineral rights to the oil beneath their property, and many depend on royalties from that oil to make ends meet. As people who have for years - and often for generations - co-existed with oil production literally in their own back yards, NARO members are confident that this project will not only safely provide oil that California needs, but support local families as well.”

Ed Hazard
President, National Association of Royalty Owners - California

