

California's Fracking Bill Passes Assembly with Flawed Amendments

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NRDC, California League of Conservation
Voters, Clean Water Action and
Environmental Working Group Oppose
New Amendments, No Longer Support
SB4



The only remaining California bill this term to address fracking (SB 4) passed through the Assembly this morning with new amendments by the oil and gas industry that undermine the bill's original intent. The Natural Resources Defense Council,

California League of Conservation Voters, Clean Water Action and Environmental Working Group no longer support SB4 due to these amendments.

“Californians deserve to have their health and drinking water sources protected from oil and gas development. Last-minute amendments, added due to oil industry pressure, threaten to weaken the environmental review required by CEQA,” said Miriam Gordon, California Director of Clean Water Action.

“This unfortunate turn of events should give Governor Brown even more reason to immediately put in place a moratorium on fracking and well stimulation while the state evaluates the risks,” said Damon Nagami, senior attorney for NRDC.

“We appreciate Senator Pavley's leadership in addressing the environmental and public health threats from fracking,” said Sarah Rose, CEO of CLCV.

Prior to the introduction of the new amendments that compromise the bill, NRDC, CLCV, CWA and EWG had been working to put the critical safeguards that SB4 contains – new permit requirements, groundwater monitoring, public notification, inter agency management and independent hazards study

– in place to protect Californians from risky fracking activities.

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