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Oil drilling limits far from final

Wells couldn't be within 3,200 feet of homes, schools

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SACRAMENTO — Environmental groups were cautiously optimistic about California Gov. Gavin Newsom's proposal to ban new oil and gas wells within 3,200 feet of schools and homes, but the oil industry and labor allies

warned the plan would raise California energy prices and potentially bring political consequences for the governor.

The ambitious proposal, announced Thursday, would create the nation's largest buffer zone between wells and community sites, but it has a long way to go before it becomes official policy in the nation's seventh-largest oil producing

state. It would not shut down existing wells within the 3,200-foot zone but subject them to new pollution controls.

Newsom's administration pointed to studies that show living near a drilling site can elevate the risks of birth defects, respiratory problems and other health issues. More than 2 million Californians are estimated to live within

that distance of drilling, mostly in Los Angeles and Kern counties.

"This is about public health, public safety, clean air, clean water — this is about our kids and our grandkids and our future," Newsom said in Wilmington, a Los Angeles neighborhood with the city's highest concentration of wells. "A greener, cleaner, brighter, more resilient future is in our grasp, and this

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There's no Child's Play at this haunted house



CARMEL MISSION

\$4 million restoration complete

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The Carmel Mission has undergone its third restoration, valued at \$4 million, just in time for its 250th anniversary.

The restored location was originally built in 1797. With 11 total structures and five museums throughout the 22-acre complex, the Carmel Mission is considered to be the most authentically restored Franciscan mission.

"I am humbled by the community support and proud of the foundation's ongoing efforts and commitment to restore this incredible landmark during a very challenging time," said Stephanie Zelei, the executive director of the

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Carmel Mission Foundation.

The most recent restoration focused on the Basilica Forecourt and the 100-year-old Downie Museum. Crews completed seismic strengthening of the unreinforced adobe and restored the roofline, fireplace and wood support beams, making the building ADA compliant.

The front perimeter wall has also been rebuilt, the entrance gates have been refurbished and a gated pedestrian entrance was added alongside the museum store.

“Our community has practiced a legacy of joining together in restoring this national historic landmark as the Monterey Peninsula developed around it,” Zelei said. “It is an exciting time, and we want to share this incredible history.”

The two donors who contributed \$1.5 million or more to the foundation will be honored with plaques in the Forecourt and the Downie Museum. Donors who contributed \$5,000 or more will have a

plaque in the Central Courtyard.

There have been two previous restorations since the inception of the Carmel Mission Foundation — 2013 and 2016.

The 2013 restoration focused on the structure of the Basilica, while the 2016 restoration focused on the Central Courtyard, creating an updated outdoor gathering space that the Parish and Museum were able to use during the pandemic.

The mission is designated as a U.S. National Historic Landmark and a California State Landmark, in addition to being listed in the National Registry of Historic Places. It's a part of the California Missions, historical locations that served as outposts for the religious arm of the Spanish colonizers.

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Carmel Mission Basilica front facade. PROVIDED/CARMEL MISSION FOUNDATION