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Solidarity with Standing Rock Sioux, Water Protectors on Dakota Access Pipeline

Statement by members of Californians Against Fracking & Dangerous Drilling

Sacramento, CA—We congratulate the Standing Rock Sioux tribe and their partners and supporters across the world, who are celebrating a significant decision by the Army Corps of Engineers to explore alternate routes for the Dakota Access Pipeline. Though the ultimate outcome remains unknown, every decision made by governmental agencies that shows respect to native peoples' rights and protects natural resources is a win. While we work to halt extraction and its related byproducts and impacts, our coalition stands in solidarity with frontline communities suffering under the current conditions caused by our civilization's fossil fuel addiction. As we celebrate, we know that the struggle continues, and we stand in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux tribe and other indigenous nations.

"Indigenous leaders and activists from all walks of life have shown the power of the people, and that our commitment to protecting the resources that sustain us is an unstoppable force. This decision is a victory for people's rights over corporate interests," said Catherine Garoupa-White, Coordinator of Californians Against Fracking and Dangerous Drilling. "Now all of us are accountable for continuing the pressure to keep fossil fuels in the ground, ultimately eliminating the need for dangerous, disruptive infrastructure such as pipelines."

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Californians Against Fracking & Dangerous Drilling is a coalition of environmental justice, public health, agriculture, labor, faith, food safety and environmental organizations working to win a statewide ban on fracking and other dangerous oil and gas extraction activities in California.