

Californians Concerned About Fracking, Lack of Regulations

New polling shows that more than three-quarters of residents polled in California's 30th, 31st, 32nd, 43rd, and 58th assembly districts have concerns about fracking. Nearly half of residents polled in each district say their concerns are very serious. More than 75% of respondents in each district also have concerns about the lack of regulation of fracking in California, and more than half of Republican respondents in each district share these concerns.

Residents want more information and regulations first; in three districts – 30, 43, and 58 – more than half of respondents support a moratorium on fracking until then. In District 31, 47% of respondents support a moratorium, while 43% support it in District 32.

Across all five districts, a clear majority said it was very important for their assembly member to vote to protect communities from potential threats from fracking to California's air and water.

Strong majorities in all districts supported a requirement for fracking companies to notify the state and nearby property owners before they begin an operation. Respondents showed an even stronger desire – over 80% in all districts – to require fracking companies to test groundwater for chemicals before and after fracking to protect groundwater from pollution. Both of these requirements were supported strongly across party, age and gender lines.

Concerns about fracking in general	District 30	District 31	District 32	District 43	District 58
Very serious concerns	49%	43%	47%	49%	52%
Somewhat serious concerns	16%	19%	15%	16%	18%
Minor concerns	12%	14%	14%	12%	12%
No real concerns	22%	23%	21%	21%	17%
Not sure	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%

Concerns about lack of regulation	District 30	District 31	District 32	District 43	District 58
Very serious concerns	51%	44%	50%	53%	53%
Somewhat serious concerns	19%	21%	14%	13%	20%
Minor concerns	10%	13%	12%	14%	12%
No real concerns	19%	22%	24%	19%	14%

Not sure 1% 1% 1% 1% 1%

Assembly member voting to protect from potential fracking threats to air/water

	District 30	District 31	District 32	District 43	District 58
Very important	57%	51%	52%	58%	61%
Somewhat important	14%	16%	14%	12%	13%
Not too important	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
Not important at all	19%	21%	22%	20%	16%
Not sure	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%

Require fracking companies to notify state/nearby property owners before fracking?

	District 30	District 31	District 32	District 43	District 58
Yes	78%	74%	72%	81%	83%
No	15%	19%	19%	12%	12%
Not sure	7%	7%	9%	7%	5%

Require fracking companies to test groundwater for chemicals before/after fracking

	District 30	District 31	District 32	District 43	District 58
Yes	85%	80%	80%	86%	89%
No	13%	15%	14%	10%	5%
Not sure	3%	5%	6%	4%	6%

Moratorium on fracking in CA until more info/state-level regulations in place

	District 30	District 31	District 32	District 43	District 58
Support	50%	47%	43%	52%	55%
Oppose	35%	36%	36%	34%	28%

Not sure

15%

17%

22%

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