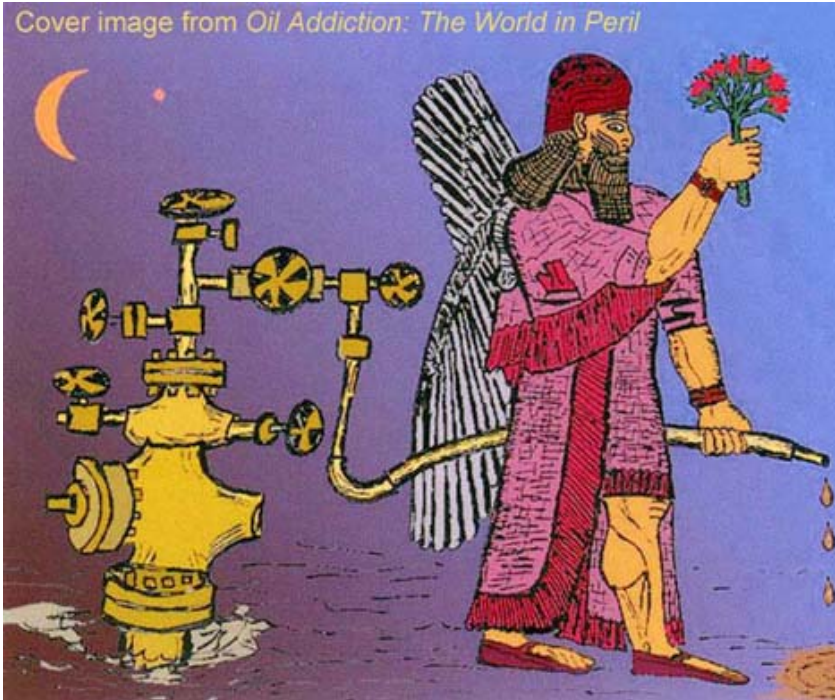




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From: Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History (PGMNH)  
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RE: Sustainable Monterey County Group Discussion  
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Event Date/Time: Thursday, May 11, 2006, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
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### PGMNH to Host Group Discussion on Sustainable MoCo Development



On May 11, 2006 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., the City of Pacific Grove kicks off the first in a series of group discussions about the possibility of sustainable development in Pacific Grove and Monterey County. This free event will be held at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History.

The public is invited to join in a conversation with representatives from groups working to prepare the community for a world without cheap oil. Participants will include Chris Fitz of *LandWatch Monterey County* and Ashley Hefner of *Sustainable Monterey County-Beyond Peak Oil*. More information on the mission and activities of the latter group can be found at: [www.postcarbon.org/groups/monterey](http://www.postcarbon.org/groups/monterey).



Also on hand will be Pierre Chomat, author of *Oil Addiction: The World in Peril*. Chomat, who has lived on the Monterey Peninsula, was a manager in the French petroleum engineering industry and actively participated in the development of oil facilities. His professional expertise and personal knowledge of the Middle East & other oil-producing areas give him a unique perspective on energy issues. His book will be on sale during the event, and there will be a book signing.

While the oil industry may at first seem removed from the day-to-day realities of Monterey County, these issues are quite relevant in light of the industry's continued interest in the oil fields near San Ardo. These Salinas Valley fields are located near the eastern border of Monterey County, and were first developed by Edward Doheny in the early 1900s. Interest in the area is still high with several oil companies, and plans are in the works to lay an 11-inch pipeline.

For more information about this event, contact Museum Director Paul Finnegan at (831) 648-5716, ext. 12, or e-mail [pfinnegan@ci.pg.ca.us](mailto:pfinnegan@ci.pg.ca.us)

The Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History is located at Forest & Central avenues, and is open free to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Call (831) 648-5716 for Museum information, or [pgmuseum@mbay.net](mailto:pgmuseum@mbay.net) / [www.pgmuseum.org](http://www.pgmuseum.org)