

Katherine Douglas

Public Comment - Group 2

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From: susan chapin <oakiebailey@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 5:39 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: California coast

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To the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

We have regularly had to defend the precious coast that we in California are stewards. Please consider the future health of our shore and off shore ocean.

Some talking points that are relevant:

- The Board of Supervisors should deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines.
- Another spill from these facilities is likely and would be devastating to Santa Barbara County and the Gaviota Coast.
- Sable likely cannot afford to cover the cost of remediation if/when another major spill occurs. The public should not have to pay to clean up another spill.
- It is possible that Sable never restarts these facilities, forcing it into bankruptcy. Sable has not provided any assurances that it will be able to pay to decommission its facilities in that scenario.
- The Board cannot approve the transfer of permits from Exxon to Sable because Sable has not met the conditions of the permits. For example, the pipeline does not have the critical corrosion protection technology required by the permits.
- Sable has received notices of violations from three state agencies and recently received a second cease-and-desist order from the Coastal Commission for continuing work on its facilities without a proper permit. The questionable behavior of Sable's management team shows that the Board cannot trust them to responsibly operate this project.
- ** It's also important for the Board to hear how the Refugio Spill affected you personally, so please add your own thoughts.

Thank you,
Susan Chapin

Katherine Douglas

From: caroleannc@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 5:41 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable's pipeline project

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To Whom It May Concern, Santa Barbara County offices,

My family and I are long-time Santa Barbara residents. We are opposed to Sable's gas line project for the following reasons:

- The Board of Supervisors should deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines.
- Another spill from these facilities is likely and would be devastating to Santa Barbara County and the Gaviota Coast.
- Sable likely cannot afford to cover the cost of remediation if/when another major spill occurs. The public should not have to pay to clean up another spill.
- It is possible that Sable never restarts these facilities, forcing it into bankruptcy. Sable has not provided any assurances that it will be able to pay to decommission its facilities in that scenario.
- The Board cannot approve the transfer of permits from Exxon to Sable because Sable has not met the conditions of the permits. For example, the pipeline does not have the critical corrosion protection technology required by the permits.
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- ** It's also important for the Board to hear how the Refugio Spill affected you personally, so please add your own thoughts.

Thank you, Carole Ann Cole and family

Katherine Douglas

From: Norene Charnofsky <ncharnofsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 5:48 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please Deny Permit to Sable!

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Dear Supervisors:

The Gaviota Coast and California in general, and especially our ocean wildlife, cannot afford another disastrous oil spill!! Please deny the permit to Sable. They have not demonstrated that they can act responsibly and remediate ANY pipeline rupture.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,
Norene M. Charnofsky
Ventura, CA

Katherine Douglas

From: Thomas Trappler <trappler@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 6:12 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment Against Sable Oil Project

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,
Speaking as a Santa Barbara resident, I strongly believe that the Board of Supervisors should deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines. Another spill from these facilities is likely and would be devastating to Santa Barbara County and the Gaviota Coast. Santa Barbara's natural beauty is not only a source of comfort, joy and good health of residents, it is a strong economic driver in terms of tourism business, which would be devastated when an oil spill occurs. Sable likely cannot afford to cover the cost of remediation if/when another major spill occurs. The public should not have to pay to clean up another spill. It is possible that Sable never restarts these facilities, forcing it into bankruptcy. Sable has not provided any assurances that it will be able to pay to decommission its facilities in that scenario. The Board cannot approve the transfer of permits from Exxon to Sable because Sable has not met the conditions of the permits. For example, the pipeline does not have the critical corrosion protection technology required by the permits. Sable has received notices of violations from three state agencies and recently received a second cease-and-desist order from the Coastal Commission for continuing work on its facilities without a proper permit. The questionable behavior of Sable's management team shows that the Board cannot trust them to responsibly operate this project. Please take action now to protect the priceless natural beauty of Santa Barbara for all of us and future generations.

Kindest regards,
Thomas Trappler

Katherine Douglas

From: Nicholas Solakian <nsolakian@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 6:19 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Stop Sable Oil Project

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- The Board of Supervisors should deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines.
- Another spill from these facilities is likely and would be devastating to Santa Barbara County and the Gaviota Coast.
- Sable likely cannot afford to cover the cost of remediation if/when another major spill occurs. The public should not have to pay to clean up another spill.
- It is possible that Sable never restarts these facilities, forcing it into bankruptcy. Sable has not provided any assurances that it will be able to pay to decommission its facilities in that scenario.
- The Board cannot approve the transfer of permits from Exxon to Sable because Sable has not met the conditions of the permits. For example, the pipeline does not have the critical corrosion protection technology required by the permits.
- Sable has received notices of violations from three state agencies and recently received a second cease-and-desist order from the Coastal Commission for continuing work on its facilities without a proper permit. The questionable behavior of Sable's management team shows that the Board cannot trust them to responsibly operate this project.
- We need progress. More oil in Santa Barbara is not the future.

-Nicholas Solakian

Katherine Douglas

From: Bob Crocco <robert.crocco@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 6:28 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable

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- As a resident of Santa Barbara, I believe it is essential that we protect our environment, both onshore and offshore.
- It is our moral and ethical responsibility to steward our planet for all generations.
- The Board of Supervisors should deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines.
- The Board cannot approve the transfer of permits from Exxon to Sable because Sable has not met the conditions of the permits. For example, the pipeline does not have the critical corrosion protection technology required by the permits.
- We should be prepared and willing to take all legal measures to stop these transfers, including a robust legal defense in court.

Thank you
Bob Crocco
93105

Sent from my iPad

Katherine Douglas

From: Margaret Connell <margaretaconnell@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 6:54 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable oil

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Please deny renewal of Sable permit. There should be no further risk if oil spills on the Santa Barbara coast.

Thank you.

Margaret Connell

Katherine Douglas

From: John Douglas <jed805@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 7:13 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please deny Sable Offshore Corp. application

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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

Please deny Sable **Offshore Corporation's** application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines. Another spill from these facilities is likely and would be devastating to Santa Barbara County and the Gaviota Coast.

Sable likely cannot afford to cover the cost of remediation if **and** when another major spill occurs. The public should not have to pay to clean up another spill. It is possible that Sable never restarts these facilities, forcing it into bankruptcy. Sable has not provided any assurances that it will be able to pay to decommission its facilities in that scenario.

The Board cannot approve the transfer of permits from Exxon to Sable because Sable has not met the conditions of the permits. For example, the pipeline does not have the critical corrosion protection technology required by the permits.

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John E. Douglas
Santa Barbara

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John Enrico Douglas
jed805@gmail.com

Katherine Douglas

From: marilyn kandus <m.kandus@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 8:13 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines.

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Please deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines.

Too dangerous - likely to screw up again

Mari Kandu
M.kandus@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

Katherine Douglas

From: Stella Cosgrove <stella.cosgrove@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 8:19 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny the Permit Transfer from ExxonMobil to Sable

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Hi there,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed transfer of permits from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore Corporation for the operation of the Santa Ynez Unit, including the associated offshore platforms, onshore processing facilities, and the pipeline responsible for the devastating 2015 Refugio Oil Spill.

As a resident of Santa Barbara, I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact that the 2015 spill had on our community and environment. The spill devastated 150 miles of California coastline, destroying thousands of acres of shoreline and restarting this defective pipeline could result in a spill once a year and a major rupture every four years. Moreover, the California State Fire Marshal has granted Sable a waiver to operate the pipeline without effective corrosion protection—the very issue that led to the 2015 disaster.

Sable's financial instability further exacerbates these concerns. Operating at a \$682 million deficit, there is a significant risk that the company may be unable to cover the costs of remediation in the event of another spill, potentially leaving taxpayers to shoulder the burden.

The Santa Ynez Unit was previously the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Santa Barbara County. Restarting these facilities would significantly increase fossil fuel production and greenhouse gas emissions, undermining the county's climate goals and contributing to the global climate crisis.

Given these factors, I urge you to deny the transfer of permits to Sable Offshore Corporation.

Best,

Stella Cosgrove

Katherine Douglas

From: Sage Low <sage@modog.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 9:23 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny the Permit Transfer from ExxonMobil to Sable

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From: Rebecca Tucker <becca.tannebring@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 9:35 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: No to Sable

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Please vote no to restarting Sable.

Let's learn from history - Refugio spill:

- devastated 150 miles of the California coast,
- polluted thousands of acres of shoreline and habitat,
- killed hundreds of marine mammals and birds and shut down fisheries.

Now, more than ever - is not the time to reopen (corroded) wounds and put our head in the sand instead of facing the climate crisis.

Thank you,

Becca Tucker
Santa Barbara County resident since 2008
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978.697.7508

Katherine Douglas

From: Gabriela Cooney <gabrielacooney@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 9:40 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny the Permit Transfer from ExxonMobil to Sable

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From: Marissa Hiramoto <marissahiramoto@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 9:44 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny the Permit Transfer from ExxonMobil to Sable

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Katherine Douglas

From: Eva Grunburg <evagrunburger@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 9:48 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny the Permit Transfer from ExxonMobil and Sable

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed transfer of permits from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore Corporation for the operation of the Santa Ynez Unit, including the associated offshore platforms, onshore processing facilities, and the pipeline responsible for the devastating 2015 Refugio Oil Spill. As a resident of Santa Barbara, I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact that the 2015 spill had on our community and environment. The spill devastated 150 miles of California coastline, destroying thousands of acres of shoreline and restarting this defective pipeline could result in a spill once a year and a major rupture every four years. Moreover, the California State Fire Marshal has granted Sable a waiver to operate the pipeline without effective corrosion protection-the very issue that led to the 2015 disaster. Sable's financial instability further exacerbates these concerns. Operating at a \$682 million deficit, there is a significant risk that the company may be unable to cover the costs of remediation in the event of another spill, potentially leaving taxpayers to shoulder the burden. The Santa Ynez Unit was previously the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Santa Barbara County. Restarting these facilities would significantly increase fossil fuel production and greenhouse gas emissions, undermining the county's climate goals and contributing to the global climate crisis. Given these factors, I urge you to deny the transfer of permits to Sable Offshore Corporation.

Sincerely,
Eva Grunburg

Katherine Douglas

From: Annalise Williams <annalisewill4@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 10:12 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: DENY THE PERMIT TRANSFER FROM EXXONMOBIL TO SABLE

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed transfer of permits from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore Corporation for the operation of the Santa Ynez Unit, including the associated offshore platforms, onshore processing facilities, and the pipeline responsible for the devastating 2015 Refugio Oil Spill.

As a resident of Santa Barbara, I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact that the 2015 spill had on our community and environment. The spill devastated 150 miles of California coastline, destroying thousands of acres of shoreline and restarting this defective pipeline could result in a spill once a year and a major rupture every four years. Moreover, the California State Fire Marshal has granted Sable a waiver to operate the pipeline without effective corrosion protection-the very issue that led to the 2015 disaster.

Sable's financial instability further exacerbates these concerns. Operating at a \$682 million deficit, there is a significant risk that the company may be unable to cover the costs of remediation in the event of another spill, potentially leaving taxpayers to shoulder the burden.

The Santa Ynez Unit was previously the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Santa Barbara County. Restarting these facilities would significantly increase fossil fuel production and greenhouse gas emissions, undermining the county's climate goals and contributing to the global climate crisis. Given these factors, I urge you to deny the transfer of permits to Sable Offshore Corporation.

Thanks,
Annalise Williams

Katherine Douglas

From: Anna Means <annameans@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 10:14 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny the Permit Transfer from ExxonMobil to Sable

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I strongly urge you to deny the permit transfer from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore Corporation. This project is an unnecessary step backward for our community, posing environmental, economic, and safety risks that cannot be ignored.

The pipeline Sable plans to use is outdated and structurally compromised, having already caused one of California's worst coastal oil spills in 2015. Restarting operations with the same corroded infrastructure increases the likelihood of another failure. Despite this, Sable has been granted a waiver to operate without proper corrosion protection. Approving this transfer would essentially greenlight another preventable disaster.

From an economic perspective, Sable's financial instability is alarming. The company is operating at a \$682 million deficit, raising serious concerns about its ability to fund cleanup efforts in the event of another spill. If they fail to cover the costs, taxpayers will once again be left footing the bill, just as we saw after the Refugio spill.

Additionally, approving this transfer undermines Santa Barbara County's climate commitments. The Santa Ynez Unit was the largest single source of greenhouse gas emissions in the county before its shutdown. At a time when California is working to transition away from fossil fuels, allowing this project to move forward would be a direct contradiction to those goals.

Santa Barbara has a long history of standing up against offshore drilling, from the 1969 oil spill to the fight against Exxon's trucking proposal. This is another moment where we must put community and environmental well-being ahead of corporate interests. Please uphold Santa Barbara County's legacy of coastal protection and reject this permit transfer.

Thank you,

Anna Means

Katherine Douglas

From: Sage Low <sage@modog.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 10:25 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Opposition to the Transfer of Permits for the Santa Ynez to Sable Offshore Corporation

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Katherine Douglas

From: Samantha Podoll <samanthapodoll4@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 10:30 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny the Permit Transfer from Exxon to Sable

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed transfer of permits from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore Corporation for the operation of the Santa Ynez Unit, including the associated offshore platforms, onshore processing facilities, and the pipeline responsible for the devastating 2015 Refugio Oil Spill.

As a resident of Santa Barbara, I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact that the 2015 spill had on our community and environment. The spill devastated 150 miles of California coastline, destroying thousands of acres of shoreline and restarting this defective pipeline could result in a spill once a year and a major rupture every four years. Moreover, the California State Fire Marshal has granted Sable a waiver to operate the pipeline without effective corrosion protection-the very issue that led to the 2015 disaster. I saw the death of wildlife and destruction of marine habitat around my home at the beautiful beaches that are in danger of even more destruction with the permit transfer.

Sable's financial instability further exacerbates these concerns. Operating at a \$682 million deficit, there is a significant risk that the company may be unable to cover the costs of remediation in the event of another spill, potentially leaving taxpayers to shoulder the burden.

The Santa Ynez Unit was previously the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Santa Barbara County. Restarting these facilities would significantly increase fossil fuel production and greenhouse gas emissions, undermining the county's climate goals and contributing to the global climate crisis. Given these factors, I urge you to deny the transfer of permits to Sable Offshore Corporation.

Sincerely,
Samantha Podoll

Katherine Douglas

From: Susan Shields <shields3033@netscape.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 10:45 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Application for permit transfer from Exxon Mobil to Sable Offshore Corp.

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I reside in the county of Santa Barbara and support the EDC in their determination that the County Supervisors should deny the transfer of these permits. Sable has not shown it can afford to remediate another oil spill and clearly cannot be trusted to oversee these facilities safely.

Susan Shields
3033 Calle Rosales, S.B. 93105

Katherine Douglas

From: Karen And Doug Kirk <kirkkd@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 3:59 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable Oil Offshore Corporation

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To The Distinguished Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

PLEASE Think, Study and Care and Do NOT let Sable Oil Offshore Corporation transfer permits from Exxon Mobile, because of so many legal and logical reasons!

Has Sable Oil professionally shown that they are capable of:

1. Financially being able to operate these many facilities
2. Their ability to remedy potential spills
3. Compliance with the permits conditions (Financial Certificates & having on shore pipeline protection)

Will Sable Oil Operate Responsibly? Complying with the already determined & NOT followed: Two(2) "Cease & Desist" Orders and various: "Notice of Violations" from various governmental agencies which were issued in the past?!?!?!?

Thank YOU for NOT transferring these important permits and protecting our Environment, Communities and Climate.

Karen and Doug Kirk

Katherine Douglas

From: Caroline Hummer <carolinehummer@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 6:08 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable Pipeline Transfer

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I am writing to express my opposition to the transfer of ownership of our channel's oil derricks to Sable Offshore.

We should be moving towards decommissioning all of our oil derricks, not continuing their use through new ownership. The use of the oil derricks actively work against our coastline's safety and the greater environmental goals of our county and our state.

Sable has not proven that they have the resources or ability to manage another spill if it were to happen, which would be catastrophic to our ecosystem. Please do not approve this transfer.

Best,
Caroline Hummer
3950 Via Real
Carpinteria CA 93013

Katherine Douglas

From: Diane Evans <dlevans@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 8:17 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Transferring permits from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore Corporation

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Good Morning

I was shocked February 15 when we drove down the Gaviota Coast and witnessed an army of bulldozers tearing up the landscape. I thought the County was united in the goal to save our unique and important stretch of California coastline. When I learned the mess was being created by Sable pipeline work, I was even more shocked. I find it hard to believe the County would risk the Gaviota Coast to Sable given the recent Refugio oil spill, particularly in light of how much we have learned about the cultural and biological importance of this environmentally sensitive area in the past 10 years.

Diane Evans

Katherine Douglas

From: Cheryl Niccoli <cniccoli@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 8:24 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable Oil

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We citizens have enough on our minds these days without thinking of an oil spill in our futures. It's beyond me that the Board would consider allowing a second-rate oil company to restart production using a faulty pipeline that has already failed once and cost the County millions. Whatever tax dollars they are offering to operate isn't anywhere near enough to offset the danger. Do not allow this transfer.

Cheryl Niccoli
Santa Barbara

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From: Sarah Webber <swebber@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 9:17 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny the Permit Transfer from ExxonMobil to Sable

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As a resident of Santa Barbara and UCSB environmental studies student, I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact that the 2015 spill had on our community and environment. The spill devastated 150 miles of California coastline, destroying thousands of acres of shoreline and restarting this defective pipeline could result in a spill once a year and a major rupture every four years. Moreover, the California State Fire Marshal has granted Sable a waiver to operate the pipeline without effective corrosion protection-the very issue that led to the 2015 disaster. Sable's financial instability further exacerbates these concerns. Operating at a \$682 million deficit, there is a significant risk that the company may be unable to cover the costs of remediation in the event of another spill, potentially leaving taxpayers to shoulder the burden.

The Santa Ynez Unit was previously the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Santa Barbara County. Restarting these facilities would significantly increase fossil fuel production and greenhouse gas emissions, undermining the county's climate goals and contributing to the global climate crisis. Given these factors, I urge you to deny the transfer of permits to Sable Offshore Corporation.

Katherine Douglas

From: Linnea Brooks <linneabrooks2019@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 9:26 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable Oil Pipeline Concerns

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Given these factors, I urge you to deny the transfer of permits to Sable Offshore Corporation.

Sincerely,
Linnea Brooks

Katherine Douglas

From: Jackie Sirotic <jackiesirotic@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 9:27 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Urgent Concern: Deny Permit Transfer for Sable Offshore in Santa Barbara

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed transfer of permits from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore Corporation for the operation of the Santa Ynez Unit, including the associated offshore platforms, onshore processing facilities, and the pipeline responsible for the devastating 2015 Refugio Oil Spill.

Santa Barbara has been my home for the last three years, both in and out of the water. As a surfer, marine science researcher, and lover of the outdoors, I spend a lot of time studying and interacting with the ocean. I have a profound appreciation for its beauty and the vital role it plays in sustaining marine life. This upcoming transfer scares me for the future of Santa Barbara County—specifically for the marine life in the area and the human life that borders it. I also fear for the future of both our ocean and the safety of those who depend on it, and I feel a deep responsibility to protect it from further harm.

The 2015 oil spill caused widespread destruction to thousands of acres of shoreline, and restarting this pipeline poses significant risks, including the potential for annual spills and major ruptures every four years. The California State Fire Marshall's waiver to allow Sable to operate the pipeline without effective corrosion protection is deeply concerning, as it directly contributes to the same problem that caused the 2015 disaster. Furthermore, Sable's financial instability, with a \$682 million deficit, leaves serious doubts about their ability to cover the costs of remediation in the event of another spill. This could potentially leave taxpayers to shoulder the burden.

The Santa Ynez Unit was previously the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Santa Barbara County. Restarting these facilities would not only increase fossil fuel production but also hinder our county's climate goals and contribute to the global climate crisis.

For the sake of our community, the ocean, and future generations, I urge you to deny the transfer of permits to Sable Offshore Corporation.

Sincerely,
Jackie Sirotic

Katherine Douglas

From: Whitney B. Rubison <whitneyrubison@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 9:29 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable Oil Pipeline Comment

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Whitney Rubison, and I have been a resident of Santa Barbara for 14 years. I urge you to deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines.

The risks associated with these facilities are simply too great. Another spill from these aging pipelines is not a question of if, but when—and the consequences would be devastating to our community and the Gaviota Coast. We have already seen firsthand the destruction caused by the Refugio Spill, which severely impacted our coastline, wildlife, and local economy. The thought of another disaster, with no assurances that Sable can afford remediation, is **unacceptable**. The public should not have to bear the cost of cleaning up yet another spill.

Additionally, Sable has not demonstrated financial stability or accountability. If these facilities remain offline, Sable could go bankrupt, leaving behind an environmental and financial mess with no clear path to decommissioning. Even more concerning, Sable has not met the conditions of the permits they seek to acquire, and their repeated violations and disregard for regulations make it clear they cannot be trusted to operate responsibly.

This decision is about protecting our community, environment, and future. I strongly urge you to reject this permit transfer.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Whitney Rubison
Santa Barbara Resident

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Whitney B. Rubison
859.537.5166
[LinkedIn](#)

Katherine Douglas

From: Luke Adams <lukeadams2006@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 9:38 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable Pipeline

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed transfer of permits from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore Corporation for the operation of the Santa Ynez Unit, including the associated offshore platforms, onshore processing facilities, and the pipeline responsible for the devastating 2015 Refugio Oil Spill.

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The Santa Ynez Unit was previously the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Santa Barbara County. Restarting these facilities would significantly increase fossil fuel production and greenhouse gas emissions, undermining the county's climate goals and contributing to the global climate crisis.

I ask why make the choice to undermine the very foundation of our coastal communities by reopening this Sable Pipeline? We are all too dependent on the coastal ecosystems and environments impacted by the inevitable disaster of the Sable Pipeline to allow it to reopen. The ocean needs us. We cannot let corporate greed and corporate profit erode the environment that we, and many others, depend on. I urge that together, as a community, we stand up to Big Oil and protect the ocean and our communities.

Given these factors, I urge you to deny the transfer of permits to Sable Offshore Corporation.

Katherine Douglas

From: JEROME R HOFFMAN <jrh@g.ucla.edu>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 9:51 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable Oil Pipeline - No!

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I urge you in the strongest possible terms to reject Sable's application to transfer permits from Exxon for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines. The Gaviota Coast cannot risk yet another spill!

This would be true even if Sable met all the conditions of the permit. But it has not! The pipeline does not have the required corrosion protection, and Sable has already received multiple notices of violations from state agencies and from the Coastal Commission.

The people of Santa Barbara need you to deny this application! Please do not fail us, or fail to do what is required of you.

Thank you. jrh

Jerome R Hoffman, MA MD
Professor of Medicine Emeritus
UCLA School of Medicine

Katherine Douglas

From: david rowell <davidrowell10@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 9:55 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable Oil Company Pipeline

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I have been a resident of Santa Barbara for over 40 years. Please do not allow Sable to go forward with the pipeline and production of three offshore platforms. As you may recall the corroded pipeline caused an oil leak creating an environmental disaster. The Gaviota Coast is one of the most pristine environments and it is not worth the risk. There is no guarantee that other portions of the pipeline are corroded and will leak. There is not enough money or compensation to mitigate the potential environmental destruction. The economic benefits of allowing this are short term thinking while preservation of the Gaviota Coast is long term and multi- generational. The idea is to phase out fossil fuels and replace it with sustainable energy. Therefore, approving this would be moving backwards against our fight against climate change. Santa Barbara should lead by example and not cave to any pressure to make our environment more polluted and less safe. Remember the 1969 SB oil spill triggered the creation of Earth Day and we need to keep that in mind as we move forward to create a better future.

Thank You for your consideration
David Rowell

Katherine Douglas

From: Bren Lanphear <brenlanphear@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 9:57 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Stop Sable Oil Project

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing because I am deeply concerned about the prospect of the oil company Sable receiving permits to restart work on corroded pipelines that have devastated Santa Barbara in the past, and surely will again in the future if these pipelines are revisited.

It is my understanding that Sable is requesting to restart the same pipeline that caused one of the largest oil spills in California history only 10 years ago, and in addition, three offshore platforms and two onshore processing facilities— and all this without any environmental review.

I am advocating that the Board of Supervisors deny Sable's application to transfer permits of the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores pipelines.

Not only is restarting these facilities a terrible idea — oil spills need be a thing of the past, and by revisiting we are moving backwards as a society— but Sable itself has showcased questionable management behavior at best (it has already received notices of violations from 3 state agencies, as well as a cease-and-desist order from the Coastal Commission). There is no reason we should entrust our coastline to this entity. It is an economic threat, as destroying our oceans will have long term repercussions on tourism and fishing industries, as well as a health threat to both wildlife and humans.

According to the County's own analysis, **we can expect a spill once a year and a rupture every four years. This is unacceptable.**

I don't usually write these letters, but protecting our oceans, our environment, our community, our wildlife, and our integrity as an environmentally conscious and forward-thinking community is drawing me out of the woodwork, and it will draw others. Companies like this cannot exhibit this behavior and expect to carry on as usual— we need to be moving forward, not backwards. Taxpayer money should be invested in clean energy, not tried-and-true failures of the past.

Please do not turn a blind eye here. I believe this is an economic, environmental, and moral issue at hand, and you have the unique privilege of stopping it. I urge you to do the right thing and represent the Santa Barbara community, not cave to oil entities.

Sincerely,

Brennan Lanphear
Santa Barbara Resident since 2011

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Brennan Lanphear

Katherine Douglas

From: Kat Westermark <kikiwest101@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 10:10 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny the Permit Transfer from ExxonMobil to Sable

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Dear County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed transfer of permits from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore Corporation for the operation of the Santa Ynez Unit, including the associated offshore platforms, onshore processing facilities, and the pipeline responsible for the devastating 2015 Refugio Oil Spill.

As a resident of Santa Barbara, I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact that the 2015 spill had on our community and environment. The spill devastated 150 miles of California coastline, destroying thousands of acres of shoreline and restarting this defective pipeline could result in a spill once a year and a major rupture every four years.

Moreover, the California State Fire Marshal has granted Sable a waiver to operate the pipeline without effective corrosion protection-the very issue that led to the 2015 disaster. Sable's financial instability further exacerbates these concerns. Operating at a \$682 million deficit, there is a significant risk that the company may be unable to cover the costs of remediation in the event of another spill, potentially leaving taxpayers to shoulder the burden. The Santa Ynez Unit was previously the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Santa Barbara County. Restarting these facilities would significantly increase fossil fuel production and greenhouse gas emissions, undermining the county's climate goals and contributing to the global climate crisis. Given these factors, I urge you to deny the transfer of permits to Sable Offshore Corporation.

Sincerely,
Katarina Westermark

Katherine Douglas

From: Irene Cunningham <irene@cunninghamparris.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 10:21 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Don't transfer permit to Sable!

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

We are asking you to deny Sable's application to transfer permits from Exxon Mobile. Sable has not shown that it can afford to remediate another oil spill, which is inevitable eventually.

We should have learned by now how devastating oil spills are to our beautiful coast and its sea life, and it is up to us to protect it for its citizens and posterity.

Sable has received notices of violation from three state agencies and recently received a second cease and desist order from the Coastal Commission for continuing work on its facilities without a proper permit. **SABLE CANNOT BE TRUSTED!**

Please deny this permit transfer.

Best regards,
Charles J and Irene P. Cunningham
Solvang, CA 93463

Katherine Douglas

From: Olivia Hume <oach2003@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 10:35 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Stop Sable Pipeline

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed transfer of permits from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore Corporation for the operation of the Santa Ynez Unit, including the associated offshore platforms, onshore processing facilities, and the pipeline responsible for the devastating 2015 Refugio Oil Spill.

As an avid surfer and environmentalist I am deeply concerned about how the transfer of permits will affect Santa Barbara's standout qualities — our pristine oceans, vibrant community, diverse ecosystems, and numerous native species. It is of the utmost importance for us, the people, to protect our natural world from yet another human-caused disaster.

The 2015 Refugio Oil Spill destroyed thousands of acres of shorelines. Restarting this pipeline could result in a spill once a year and a major rupture every four years. Moreover, the California State Fire Marshall granted Sable a waiver to operate the pipeline without effective corrosion protection which is the very issue that led to the 2015 disaster. Sable's financial instability further exacerbates these concerns. Operating at a \$682 million deficit, there is a significant risk that the company may be unable to cover the costs of remediation in the event of another spill, potentially leaving taxpayers to shoulder the burden.

The Santa Ynez Unit was previously the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Santa Barbara County. Restarting these facilities would significantly increase fossil fuel production and greenhouse gas emissions, undermining the county's climate goals and contributing to the global climate crisis.

Given these factors, I urge you to deny the transfer of permits to Sable Offshore Corporation.

Please, listen to the people and stop the Sable pipeline.

Best,
Liv Hume

Katherine Douglas

From: Peter Smith <rpetersmith@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 10:37 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Transfer of pipeline to Sable

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Hello,

I am writing to share my objections to Exxon's transfer of the oil pipeline to Sable Offshore Corporation.

I don't want the pipeline to reopen at all - there's no guarantee that we won't get another spill from it. If a spill were to happen under Sable's watch, it's unlikely that Sable would have the resources for remediation.

Large oil companies are supposed to be responsible for safely operating their equipment and then decommissioning it in a responsible way. Instead, once their assets' value has decreased, they have made a practice of selling them to smaller companies that probably do not have the resources to live up to those obligations.

Sable has already established a reputation for violating state agencies' requirements and working on assets without proper permits - it's not likely that they will spend the resources to operate the pipeline as safely as we all want.

It's even more doubtful that they have the resources to properly decommission the pipeline when the time comes.

Sable should not own the oil pipeline in Santa Barbara County.

Thanks,

Richard Peter Smith
220 W Quinto Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Katherine Douglas

From: Sydney Beckett <sydsurf@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 10:45 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable Pipeline

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Given these factors, I urge you to deny the transfer of permits to Sable Offshore Corporation.

Sincerely,

Sydney Beckett

Sent from my iPhone

Katherine Douglas

From: John Brooks <johnbrooks69@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 10:51 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Transfer of Permits proposal

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- The Board of Supervisors should deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines.
- Another spill from these facilities is likely and would be devastating to Santa Barbara County and the Gaviota Coast.
- Sable likely cannot afford to cover the cost of remediation if/when another major spill occurs. The public should not have to pay to clean up another spill.

John Brooks Executive Director of the First Amendment Foundation of Ventura County

Katherine Douglas

From: biancaberron@umail.ucsb.edu
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 10:59 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Stop Sable

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed transfer of permits from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore Corporation for the operation of the Santa Ynez Unit, including the associated offshore platforms, onshore processing facilities, and the pipeline responsible for the devastating 2015 Refugio Oil Spill.

As a surfer and Captain of the UCSB Surf Team, the ocean is a very important place for me and the UCSB community. We go in the ocean nearly everyday and it is the space of many of our most cherished memories. It is imperative that it is not threatened with disaster-causing oil pipelines.

The Refugio Oil Spill destroyed thousands of acres of shorelines.

Restarting this pipeline could result in a spill once a year and a major rupture every four years. Moreover, the California State Fire Marshall granted Sable a waiver to operate the pipeline without effective corrosion protection which is the very issue that led to the 2015 disaster. Sable's financial instability further exacerbates these concerns. Operating at a \$682 million deficit, there is a significant risk that the company may be unable to cover the costs of remediation in the event of another spill, potentially leaving taxpayers to shoulder the burden.

The Santa Ynez Unit was previously the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Santa Barbara County. Restarting these facilities would significantly increase fossil fuel production and greenhouse gas emissions, undermining the county's climate goals and contributing to the global climate crisis.

Given these factors, I urge you to deny the transfer of permits to Sable Offshore Corporation.

Best,
Bianca Berron

Katherine Douglas

From: andybarrad@cox.net
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 11:24 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Say NO to Sable Offshore Corporation

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

You know the reasons for voting to NOT allow The Sable Offshore Corporation to take over from ExxonMobile.

You represent the people of Santa Barbara and have a duty to protect our coast and style of life.

Please do the right thing so our children can continue to enjoy and appreciate our world as it is, rather than see the adults continue to destroy their inheritance.

Thank you,
Andy Barrad
832 Willowglen Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Katherine Douglas

From: Mary Ella Holtam <meholtam@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 9:13 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny the Permit Transfer from ExxonMobil to Sable

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Mary Holtam and I am a resident of Santa Barbara and student at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed transfer of permits from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore Corporation for the operation of the Santa Ynez Unit, including the associated offshore platforms, onshore processing facilities, and the pipeline responsible for the devastating 2015 Refugio Oil Spill.

I am a surfer and member of the University of California, Santa Barbara Surf Team. Therefore, I am very connected to our local waters and witness the health of our coastline firsthand. I have been surfing at Refugio since I was a small child. Witnessing firsthand the impact that the 2015 spill had on this precious slice of coastline was devastating.

The spill destroyed thousands of acres of shorelines. Restarting this pipeline could result in a spill once a year and a major rupture every four years. Moreover, the California State Fire Marshall granted Sable a waiver to operate the pipeline without effective corrosion protection which is the very issue that led to the 2015 disaster. Sable's financial instability further exacerbates these concerns. Operating at a \$682 million deficit, there is a significant risk that the company may be unable to cover the costs of remediation in the event of another spill, potentially leaving taxpayers to shoulder the burden.

The Santa Ynez Unit was previously the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Santa Barbara County. Restarting these facilities would significantly increase fossil fuel production and greenhouse gas emissions, undermining the county's climate goals and contributing to the global climate crisis.

Given these factors, I urge you to deny the transfer of permits to Sable Offshore Corporation.

Mary Holtam

Katherine Douglas

From: karen Telleen-Lawton <ktl@alumni.stanford.edu>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 11:29 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable Oil

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Dear Sirs and Madams,

I urge the Board of Supervisors to deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines.

We can't afford another spill. Sable likely won't be able to afford the cost, nor can the County.

So much bad faith has been demonstrated by the involved oil companies over the years, I am surprised and amazed that the issue has progressed so far.

Thanks for listening - and acting for your constituents.

Karen Telleen-Lawton

Katherine Douglas

From: Toby G.M. <tobygm07@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 12:12 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Refugio Pipeline

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The Santa Ynez Unit was previously the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Santa Barbara County. Restarting these facilities would significantly increase fossil fuel production and greenhouse gas emissions, undermining the county's climate goals and contributing to the global climate crisis.

Given these factors, I urge you to deny the transfer of permits to Sable Offshore Corporation. Please do the right thing here and keep our oceans free of disgusting oil.

Thank you.

Toby Gollan-Myers,
Goleta Resident

Katherine Douglas

From: Brooke Bent <brookembent@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 12:56 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: STOP the transfer of permits to Sable Offshore Corporation!

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed transfer of permits from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore Corporation for the operation of the Santa Ynez Unit, including the associated offshore platforms, onshore processing facilities, and the pipeline responsible for the devastating 2015 Refugio Oil Spill. The spill destroyed thousands of acres of shorelines. Restarting this pipeline could result in a spill once a year and a major rupture every four years. Moreover, the California State Fire Marshall granted Sable a waiver to operate the pipeline without effective corrosion protection which is the very issue that led to the 2015 disaster. Sable's financial instability further exacerbates these concerns. Operating at a \$682 million deficit, there is a significant risk that the company may be unable to cover the costs of remediation in the event of another spill, potentially leaving taxpayers to shoulder the burden. The Santa Ynez Unit was previously the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Santa Barbara County. Restarting these facilities would significantly increase fossil fuel production and greenhouse gas emissions, undermining the county's climate goals and contributing to the global climate crisis. Given these factors, I urge you to deny the transfer of permits to Sable Offshore Corporation.

As a young person, my concern about my future has never been higher. The ocean is where I find the most peace and joy and projects such as Sable Offshore Corporation threaten the health and success of many ocean species. Santa Barbara, and the surrounding ocean, is my home and it deserves to stay as beautiful and healthy as it is now, forever. Please help preserve our beautiful ocean by denying the transfer of permits to Sable Offshore Corporation.

Thank you. I hope that you can understand how incredibly urgent and distressing this issue is to so many people.

- Brooke Bent

Katherine Douglas

From: Lee Heller <leehellerk9@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 1:00 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: No to Sable

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Dear Chair and Board,

I realize that the legal landscape around this project is very complicated. But I believe that the Planning Commissioners were ill advised when they were told they could not refuse to approve the transfer in question.

Sable's aggressive legal behavior is appalling given how poorly capitalized they are to deal with what is likely to be a major and an inevitable disaster.

I lived in Summerland for 18 years. We dealt constantly with the consequences of poorly managed aging oil and gas infrastructure. Yes that's old stuff, but in fact those companies are not around to be held to account for the environmental damage, requiring the state to pony up money in a constant game of whack-a-mole. And that's just one small stretch of beach. I shudder to think about the environmental consequences of this extensive stretch of Swiss cheese pipeline that is being managed by a company with no track record of compliance and no evidence of fiscal sufficiency.

Please vote to protect the ecological and economic treasure that is our central coast.

Lee Heller
Santa Barbara CA
Sent from my iPhone

Katherine Douglas

From: Kathleen/Kate <ishka@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 1:30 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable Offshore Corporation

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Please do not threaten the beautiful coast by allow this company to reopen a pipeline that has already failed, almost a decade ago, causing devastating damage to the coast.

Hundreds of animals along the coast were coated with the thick crude oil and many died. State parks and beaches located along the Gaviota Coast were temporarily closed. While much smaller than the oil rig blowout that resulted in the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill, this spill may have greater long term effects due to its potential impact on four state marine protected areas. Due to the unique characteristics of the area, it is one of the most studied marine environments in the United States.

No amount of money and clean up can reverse all the damages caused, only time and nature can repair the damage caused.

Thank you.

Kate Ashley

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

Katherine Douglas

From: Cynthia Kennedy <cynthiaekennedy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 1:39 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable Oil Permit

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Dear Supervisors,

I wish to register my opinion to NOT allow permitting of oil production or transportation in Santa Barbara County by Sable.

Thank you,

Cynthia Kennedy



Katherine Douglas

From: Sophia Apostolakos <sophiaapostolakos@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 1:42 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Opposition to ExxonMobil Sable Offshore Corporation

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed transfer of permits from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore Corporation for the operation of the Santa Ynez Unit, including the associated offshore platforms, onshore processing facilities, and the pipeline responsible for the devastating 2015 Refugio Oil Spill. The spill destroyed thousands of acres of shorelines. Restarting this pipeline could result in a spill once a year and a major rupture every four years. Moreover, the California State Fire Marshall granted Sable a waiver to operate the pipeline without effective corrosion protection which is the very issue that led to the 2015 disaster. Sable's financial instability further exacerbates these concerns. Operating at a \$682 million deficit, there is a significant risk that the company may be unable to cover the costs of remediation in the event of another spill, potentially leaving taxpayers to shoulder the burden. The Santa Ynez Unit was previously the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Santa Barbara County. Restarting these facilities would significantly increase fossil fuel production and greenhouse gas emissions, undermining the county's climate goals and contributing to the global climate crisis. I am a surfer and am in the ocean in Santa Barbara almost every week. This devastation not only would destroy wildlife but also the beaches for many humans and animals alike to enjoy.

Thank you,

Sophia Apostolakos

Katherine Douglas

From: Jessica Dias <jessphi37@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 1:43 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Comments for the SB County Board of Supervisors - Don't Enable Sable

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing as a concerned citizen of Santa Barbara County. The Board of Supervisors should deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines.

We learned as a result of the devastating 2015 oil spill that the pipelines that carry oil from the offshore platforms to the Las Flores processing facility are corroded and not safe to operate. Another spill from these facilities is likely and would be devastating to Santa Barbara County and the Gaviota Coast.

Sable likely cannot afford to cover the cost of remediation when another major spill occurs, which it most certainly will with the condition of the pipeline. Sable has not provided any assurances that it will be able to pay to decommission its facilities in that scenario. It is possible that Sable never restarts these facilities, forcing it into bankruptcy. The public should not have to pay to clean up another spill.

Further the economic impacts of another oil spill would negatively impact our local communities and the death toll to our precious wildlife and the beautiful Gaviota coast that all Santa Barbara County residents hold so dear, is not worth it.

The Board cannot approve the transfer of permits from Exxon to Sable because Sable has not met the conditions of the permits. For example, the pipeline does not have the critical corrosion protection technology required by the permits.

Sable has received notices of violations from three state agencies and recently received a second cease-and-desist order from the Coastal Commission for continuing work on its facilities without a proper permit. The questionable behavior of Sable's management team shows that the Board cannot trust them to responsibly operate this project.

I urge you to do the right thing by all Santa Barbara County residents and deny Sable's application to transfer permits.

Thank you,

Jessica Dias
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Goleta, CA 93117

Katherine Douglas

From: Margot Davis <wally97@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 2:23 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: No sable oil project

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Hello, I have recited in Ventura County for 50 years. I am a senior citizen, 85 years old. Please do not approve this oil project I think of future generations and how they will already suffer from the damage of the fossil fuel industry even if you stop it now, thank you for your consideration.

Margot davis
148 W. Simpson
Ventura, CA 93001
Sent from my iPhone

Katherine Douglas

From: Mahoney, Timothy <tmahoney@socalgas.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 3:53 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: I support Sable

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I support Sable Energy.

Katherine Douglas

From: Pamela Wilkinson <ppwilkinson@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 3:56 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Vote NO on transfer of permits to operate to Sable

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I plan to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, February 25. You may not see me, because the last 2 times I've attended a hearing involving Sable, all the seats in the main room were taken by Sable folks who got there before me, so I sat in auxiliary rooms. However, I want to be sure my voice is heard.

I urge you to DENY Sable's request to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines, and do NOT allow them to restart the same pipeline that ruptured 10 years ago, three offshore platforms, and two onshore processing facilities without any environmental review.

ExxonMobil probably does have the financial and operational capacity to run these facilities; however, Sable Offshore Corporation most likely does not.

Santa Barbara County has worked hard to prepare for a cleaner energy future, and we need to continue going forward, and not allow Sable to operate a dangerous pipeline that has already caused a huge oil spill only 10 years ago.

Sincerely,

Pamela Wilkinson