

County of Santa Barbara BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

October 21, 2025

Present: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and

Supervisor Lavagnino

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 25-00919

RE:

Set a hearing to consider recommendations regarding the Environmental Defense Center (EDC) and Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) appeals of the Planning Commission's October 30, 2024 approval of the Change of Ownership, Change of Guarantor, and Change of Operator for the Santa Ynez Unit (SYU), Pacific Offshore Pipeline Company (POPCO) Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipeline System Final Development Plan (FDP) Permits, as follows: (Set a hearing for November 4, 2025. Time estimate: 3 hours)

- a) Deny the appeals, Case Nos. 24APL-00025 and 24APL-00026;
- b) Make the required findings for approval of the Change of Owner, Operator, and Guarantor for the respective SYU, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipeline System FDP Permits, including California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings;
- c) Determine the requests are not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5); and
- d) Grant de novo approval of the Change of Owner, Operator, and Guarantor for the respective SYU, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipeline System FDP Permits, subject to the Conditions of Approval; or
- e) Alternatively, the Board could provide other direction to staff to prepare findings to reverse or modify the Planning Commission's approval.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be set for a hearing, as follows: November 4, 2025 in Santa Barbara (EST. TIME 3 HRS.). The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino