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**From:** Katie Davis <kdavis2468@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2023 4:07 PM  
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**Cc:** Jonathan Ullman  
**Subject:** August 22 BOS meeting, Agenda #2, Plains Valve Project - Deny the appeal and the project

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

I am writing to support the Planning Commission's denial of the valve upgrade project and urge you to uphold their well-considered findings for denial arrived at after extensive comment, discussion and meetings.

This project should be denied, and the damaged and ill-designed pipeline that caused the 2015 Refugio oil spill should be decommissioned.

1. The existing pipeline system is unsafe to operate due to the way it is constructed and Plains's failure to maintain it. For instance, it was badly corroded. At the criminal sentencing hearing after Plains was convicted for negligence, the prosecutor tried to prohibit Plains from restarting or even threatening to restart this pipeline. Exxon and Plains seemed to agree that the pipeline is unsafe and impossible to fix, which is why they proposed trucking the oil and building a new pipeline instead.
2. It is unclear who the responsible party for this pipeline is, and this project is part of an attempt to restart a dangerous pipeline and avoid liability. The transfer from Plains to Exxon is being appealed, and from Exxon to Sable has not been approved by the County, while Sable is advertising their plans to restart production, presumably using this damaged pipeline. The transfer to a blank check company, financed by Exxon, seems like an attempt by Exxon to avoid liability for an extremely risky restart operation. Instead, it is Santa Barbara County residents who will be left with the mess and the bill.
3. The application to add valves did not consider the impacts of restarting the pipeline, oil production from their offshore platforms, oil processing plants, etc. Environmental review is supposed to consider the **existing condition** as the baseline, i.e., corroded and shut down after a spill. Approval of the project would wrongly rely on the original (almost 40-year-old) EIR, which is wildly outdated and wrong, as we now know due to the spill. It would also rely on other exceptions that shouldn't apply. Approval would expose the county to legal risk.
4. The gaviota coast is a unique, biodiversity hotspot, worthy of special protection. As a reminder, the spill from this pipeline caused millions of dollars of economic damage. It shut down or tarred beaches all the way to Orange County. Hundreds of dolphins, seals, sea lions, pelicans and other birds and animals washed up dead. We have learned the lesson from too many oil spills, and there should be no second chances for this pipeline and its negligent owners.

5. We are in a climate crisis. This year the UN Secretary General had searing words for fossil fuel companies like Exxon. He says, "We need a renewables revolution, not a self-destructive fossil fuel resurgence." He says, "It is immoral for oil & gas companies to be making record profits from the current energy crisis on the backs of the poorest, at a massive cost to the climate."

Don't let Exxon or its successor restart dangerous offshore oil production in our precious waters while avoiding liability and environmental review. The denial should be upheld. The pipeline does not need shut-off valves if it's not in operation. The pipeline should be properly decommissioned instead.

Thanks for your consideration.

Regards,  
Katie Davis  
Chair, Sierra Club Santa Barbara-Ventura Chapter



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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I'm including below some news items related to agenda item #2 on the August 22 BOS meeting for the public record.

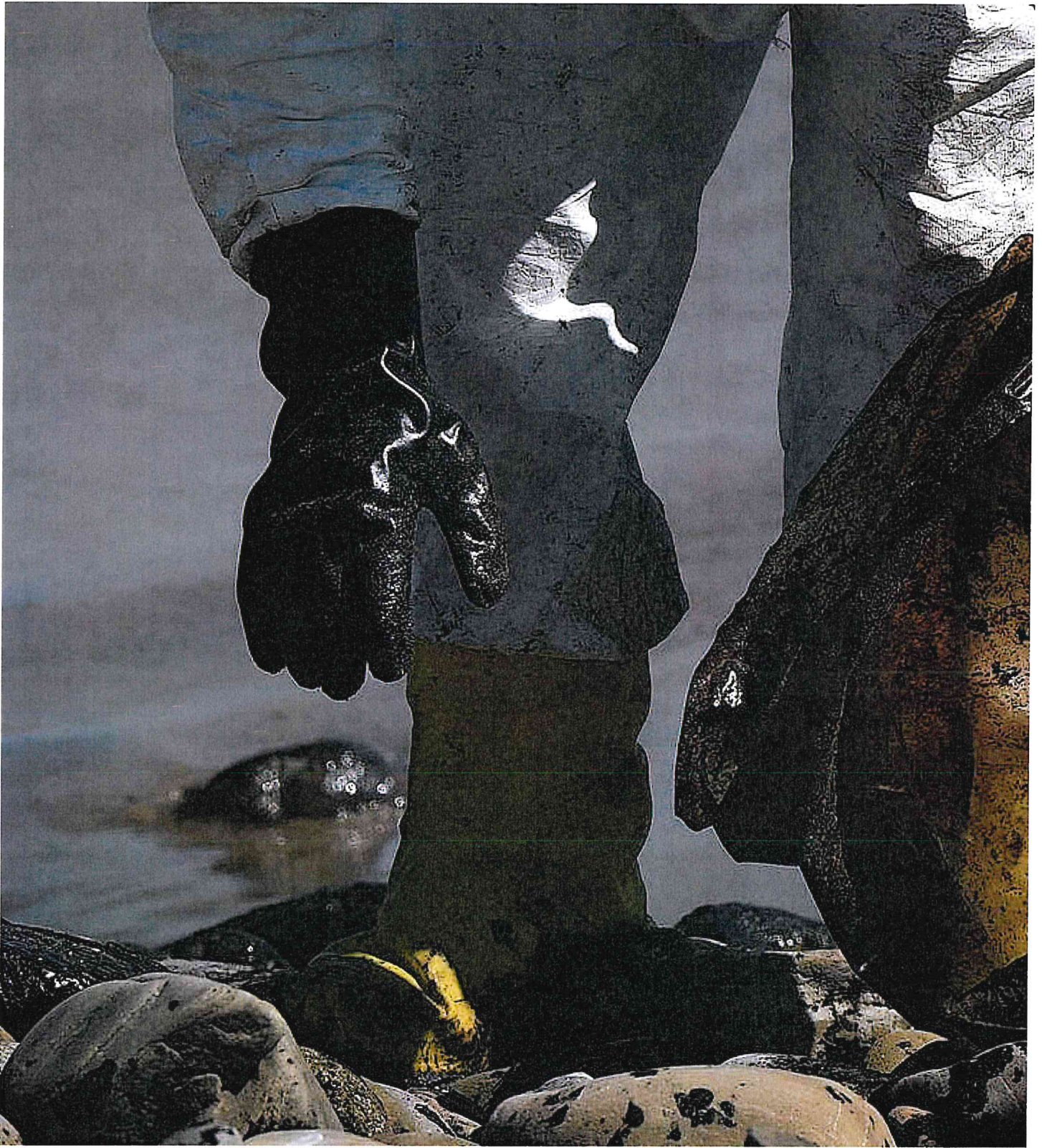
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# 'Diabolical plan': ExxonMobil seeks to restart oil spill pipeline

Andrew Pridgen, SFGATE

Feb. 25, 2023

<https://www.sfgate.com/centralcoast/article/exxonmobil-santa-barbara-oil-spill-pipeline-17804092.php>



A worker cleans oil from the rocks and beach at Refugio State Beach in Goleta, Calif., May 22, 2015. The oil company behind a crude spill on the California coast vowed to do the "right thing" to clear up the mess, even as reports emerged of past leaks involving its pipelines.

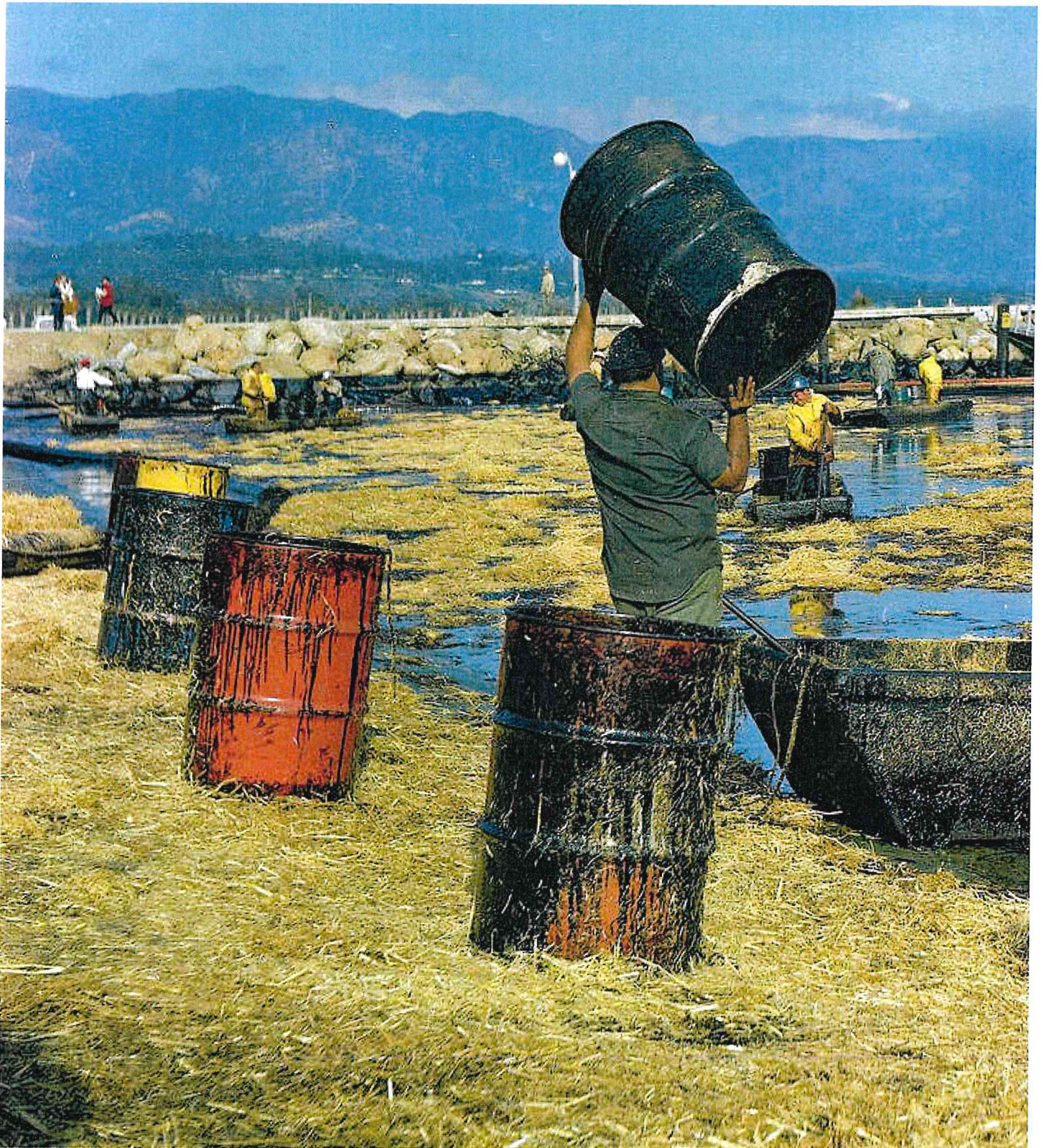
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Big oil is attempting to get the ruptured pipelines that caused the 2015 Refugio Beach oil spill on the Central Coast back up and running again.

And locals, environmentalists and watchdog agencies are not happy about it.

“ExxonMobil is kind of stirring the pot that began in the late ’60s with the big spill,” Doug Kern, executive director of the Gaviota Coast Conservancy, told SFGATE. “There’s really — in this community — that will just never be forgotten. I’ve had people send me photos after that big spill in the late ’60s came out of water with oil all over themselves, just hideous.”

The first oil spill off the coast of Santa Barbara, on Jan. 28, 1969, was at the time the biggest in U.S. history, and it had a profound and lasting impact. “Right where we’re sitting right now, you transformed from this ecosystem of amazing richness, amazing biodiversity, amazing biological activity into a sort of Armageddon of blackness,” Douglas McCauley, an associate professor of marine biology at UC Santa Barbara, told NPR in 2019 on the 50th anniversary of the spill.



Workers collect oil-soaked straw from the beach at Santa Barbara, Calif., on Feb. 7, 1969, following a leak from an off-shore well that covered area beaches. The oil spill more than a generation ago helped give rise to the modern environmental movement itself.

Uncredited/AP

In the wake of the spill, Santa Barbara became an environmental epicenter, giving birth to Earth Day. Nonetheless, history repeated itself during the May 19, 2015, disaster. The Plains All American Pipeline (Plains LP) ruptured and spilled an estimated 630,000 gallons of oil onto Refugio State Beach, half an hour up the coast from Santa Barbara.

The 2015 spill impacted a 7-mile stretch of ecologically and culturally sensitive land; it was so dramatic, the damaged pipeline was originally slated to be removed.

## ‘We’re risking another oil spill’

Almost eight years later, not only is the pipeline still intact — but proposed improvements are in the offing.

“They’re trying to start the oil transport through old pipelines as soon as they can,” Tevin Schmitt, a watershed scientist for Wishtoyo Chumash Foundation, told SFGATE. “We’re risking another oil spill, and any oil spill is a problem.”



Buckets filled with oil-contaminated sand are lined up during a cleanup operation near Refugio State Beach on May 22, 2015, in Goleta, Calif.

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Though the pipeline has been dormant since the Refugio spill, over the past year ExxonMobil has been focused on restarting oil production in the area by any means possible, critics say.

“They’ve got a new plan in front of the planning commission, where they’re going to install valves,” Schmitt said, “and they’re going to start pushing hundreds of thousands of gallons of oil through this pipeline and people should know about it.”

## ‘Significant and unavoidable harms’

A year of attempts to get oil production on the Santa Barbara coast going again for ExxonMobil has also been a year of setbacks for the oil giant.

It started on March 8, 2022, when the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors dealt a blow to ExxonMobil’s plans. The board denied the company’s bid to resume oil production and transport in the area, which would have seen “24,800 oil-filled truck trips a year on coastal Highway 101 and hazardous Route 166, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week,” according to the Center for Biological Diversity.

The plan to transport oil via truck would have “helped the company restart three 1980s drilling platforms off the Santa Barbara coast,” the local Sierra Club chapter said, following the decision.



On Feb. 6, 1969, state forestry conservation crews gathered up oil-soaked straw on a beach in Santa Barbara.

Wally Fong/AP

“The county’s rejection of ExxonMobil’s proposal was based on the project’s significant and unavoidable harms to biological, water and cultural resources in the event of a spill as well as the

proposed trucking's other threats to health, safety and general welfare," the Sierra Club release said.

The decision to recommend against trucking relied heavily on a March 21, 2020, crash, when an oil tanker detached and rolled over on a trip from Bakersfield to Santa Maria, spilling some 4,500 gallons of oil into the Cuyama River, according to the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office investigation.

## ExxonMobil acquires ruptured pipelines

An opportunity to tank oil in and out seemingly off the table for now, ExxonMobile cut out the middleman and acquired the ruptured pipeline from Plains All American Pipeline in October 2022.

Its intent: to get oil moving through the pipeline once more.



An oil spill protest in Santa Barbara on May 21, 2015, in response to the crude oil pipeline leak at Refugio State Beach.

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“ExxonMobil has signed an agreement with Plains All American Pipeline to acquire lines 901 and 903 located in Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Kern counties,” Julie L. King, a spokesperson from ExxonMobil, confirmed to Noozhawk. “A team from ExxonMobil Pipeline Company will conduct a thorough inspection of the pipelines to determine how to safely and responsibly return them to service.”

When ExxonMobil acquired the pipelines, Plains LP had an existing application “for the installation of 16 new valves on existing Line 901 and Line 903 running from the Gaviota Coast to the Los Padres National Forest within Santa Barbara County,” according to the project proposal.

The project was initially approved by the county zoning administrator Aug. 22, 2022. The appeals hearing — three parties have appealed the decision — will take place during a March 1 county planning commission meeting.

“I’m sure they’re going to try to find any way they can to restart those oil platforms,” Kern of the Gaviota Coast Conservancy, one of the appellants, said.

In regards to the upcoming planning commission decision, ExxonMobil spokesperson King told SFGATE via email, “We’ll hold from commenting until the hearing on March 1.”

## ‘They’re doing it without environmental review, and it pisses me off’

According to the project plan, the valves are a requirement of Assembly Bill 864 (2015) which “requires pipeline operators to install Best Available Technology (‘BAT’) on existing pipelines in the Coastal Zone to reduce the volume of a potential release.”

Kern, of the Gaviota Coast Conservancy, said on the surface replacing valves on a pipeline “seemed like a safety project and ordinarily we wouldn’t be opposed to anything that would have to do with safety.” But he and the conservancy discovered that there may be other factors at play.

“We’ve got a pipeline that’s basically Swiss cheese and ripe for additional new leaks,” he said. “So they put in new valves which may control these leaks we know are going to be coming? Seems silly to put this back into production right now with a really poorly designed project.”



An oil spill protest at Santa Barbara, Calif., in response to the oil pipeline leak at Refugio State Beach along the Gaviota coastline, May 31, 2015.

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Watershed scientist Schmitt explained that while the planning commission is technically making a decision on valve installation, doing that work would be the first step to pipeline reactivation.

And that decision would be going forward “with a number of statutory and categorical [California Environmental Quality Act] regulations they wouldn’t have to go through,” Schmitt said. “They’re doing it without environmental review, and it pisses me off.”

Kern agrees that the planning commissioners’ upcoming decision could have broader implications: “I don’t want to say people are trying to sneak this through,” he said. “But there’s no CEQA review of all this. That’s not right because it’s really leading to a bigger project.”

## ‘An even easier and more diabolical plan’

Other environmental groups, though not named on the appeal for the valve installation project, are also monitoring the outcome of the March 1 decision. Linda Krop, chief counsel for the Environmental Defense Center, one of the lead agencies opposing reopening offshore drilling off the coast of Santa Barbara, told SFGATE the March 1 planning commission decision technically “does not allow [ExxonMobil] to restart. It would allow them to install some valves.”

Krop said her organization’s interests are not aimed at the valve install specifically, rather in restricting “building or restarting of a new pipeline,” but said she’ll be “watching closely” March 1.



A dead lobster and sea anemone are seen in an oil-filled tide pool near Refugio State Beach on May 20, 2015, north of Goleta, Calif.

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For watershed scientist Schmitt, the fact that the county is even considering putting the pipeline back into use in any capacity is “beyond unreasonable.”

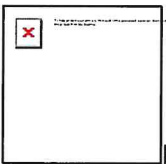
“Looking through reports, there’s substantial corrosion for the 901 pipeline,” he concluded. “These pipelines shouldn’t exist anymore. They shouldn’t have existed when they caused an oil spill in 2015.

“But [ExxonMobil] clearly wants to get them going again, so they went with an even easier and more diabolical plan.”

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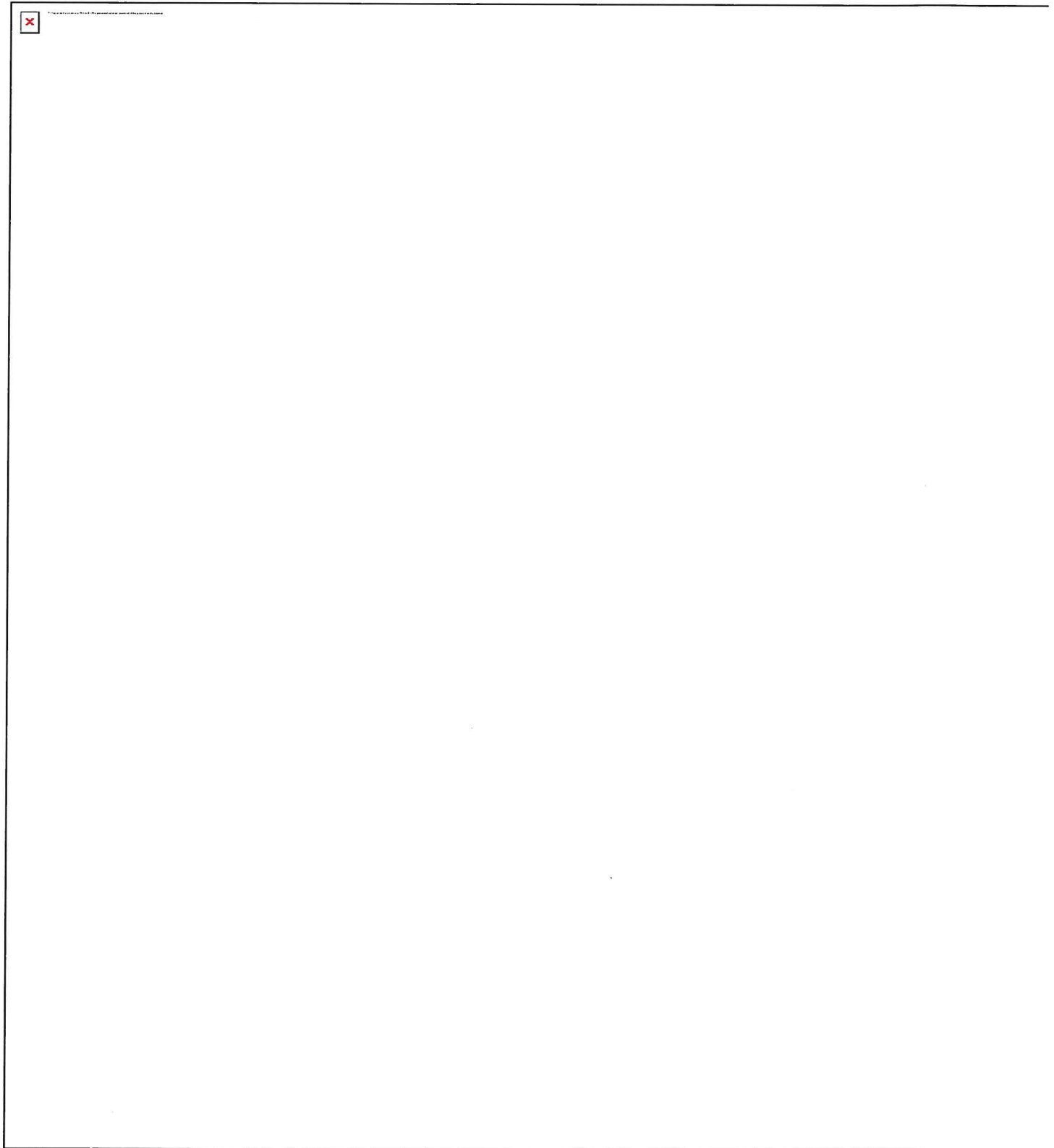
## Environmental Activists Flood County Planning Commission to Oppose Plains Pipeline Project

*Dozens of public commenters spoke in opposition to Plains All American Pipeline’s project that would install safety valves, pave way to restart oil production and use of pipeline*



by [Serena Guentz, Noozhawk Staff Writer](#) March 2, 2023 | 10:56 am

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Plains All American Pipeline's Line 901, which ruptured in 2015, causing the Refugio Oil Spill. Exxon, which now owns the pipeline, is seek to install valves on the line. Giana Magnoli / Noozhawk photo

The [Santa Barbara County Planning Commission](#) heard public comments from about two dozen community members on Wednesday regarding [appeals against](#)

Plains All American Pipeline's request to install safety valves to the crude oil lines that caused the 2015 Refugio oil spill.

Plains All American Pipeline was found criminally and civilly liable for the May 19, 2015, spill, with federal investigators determining that the company failed to detect the leak and external corrosion.

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The rupture in the oil pipeline — which runs from the Gaviota Coast to San Luis Obispo and Kern counties, and hasn't operated since the spill — spilled over 123,000 gallons of oil onto the shoreline and ocean near Refugio State Beach.

Last October, Plains All American Pipeline sold the pipelines to ExxonMobil, although Plains is still considered the applicant for this project since the change of ownership request has not yet been processed. ExxonMobil has expressed wanting to restart production and use of the pipelines.

The project involves installing 16 safety valves in the pipeline in order to comply with Assembly Bill 864, which requires operators near coastal zones to use the “best available technology, including but not limited to, the installation of leak detection technology, automatic shutoff systems, or remote controlled sectionalized block valves, or any combination of these technologies, based on a risk analysis conducted by the operator, to reduce the amount of oil released in an oil spill to protect state waters and wildlife.”

Five of the 16 safety valves would be check valves with an automatic shut-off system for one-way flow closure, and the remaining 11 would be motor-operated valves with electrical shut off.

Appeals were filed by the Gaviota Coast Conservancy, the Tautrim Family, and GreyFox, LLC, with appellants questioning the environmental review process — the last environmental impact report being prepared nearly 40 years ago, long before the 2015 oil spill — and concern for the implications of restarting use of the pipeline, among other issues.

Nearly all of the two dozen public commenters at Wednesday's meeting spoke in opposition to Plains' project, asking the commissioners to uphold the appeals.

“History proves that this pipeline is a disaster,” said Brett Garrett. “It’s obvious that the result of this project is going to be oil flowing and likely oil spilling and, even if it doesn’t spill, contributing to climate crisis.”

While the project currently being considered by the County Planning Commission just involves the installation of safety valves, public commenters and environmental activists expressed wanting to put a stop to the project now to prevent the applicant from restarting oil production and use of the pipeline.

“We are facing climate disaster and our futures are at stake, our children are at stake. We are already experiencing climate disasters in our community – fires and floods, and 40 families in Guadalupe that just lost all of their homes,” said Torrie Cutbirth, who became emotional during her public comment.

“I apologize if this is not appropriate to cry passionately at a hearing, but I cannot stand any longer for fossil fuel companies to ruin and destroy the place that I call home. ... When our lives are at stake, when our local species [are at stake] – not only the red-legged frog, but our bottlenose dolphins, our monarch butterflies, our beautiful Indigenous people who have called this land home for thousands of years. I beg you to end this today.”

The Planning Commission was split on whether to uphold the appeals and decided not to make any decision on Wednesday, but instead continued the item to its April 26 meeting, where staff will return with options for further environmental review.

“The ownership and operation of this pipeline is so convoluted and risky that it makes sense for the commission to want more information before making a decision,” Brady Bradshaw, senior oceans campaigner at the Center for Biological Diversity, told Noozhawk.

“But it’ll be tough for Exxon to show that the pipeline is safe for local communities and wildlife, given how harmful the 2015 Refugio disaster was. The only way to reliably avoid another spill is to make Exxon clean up its rusty pipeline and get its decaying offshore rigs out of the ocean.”



The ruptured section of the Plains All American pipeline. Photo annotated by Robert Bea, a professor emeritus of civil engineering at UC Berkeley

## Will Refugio Get a Valve Job?

In a perverse and intriguing way, the Planning Commission's deliberations over adding 16 new safety valves to a stretch of the failed pipeline that gave rise to the 2015 spill tells much the same story but from a different and more convoluted perspective. For those tuning in late, a stretch of the Plains All American Pipeline burst a major leak back in May 2015 on the mountain side of the freeway. Somehow, 3,000 barrels of crude managed to escape and cross under both the freeway and then railroad tracks via a culvert and then collapse over the lip of a cliff that led the oil inexorably into the ocean where much marine mayhem then ensued.

Plains All-American would be criminally charged by Santa Barbara District Attorney Joyce Dudley and a Santa Barbara jury would find Plains guilty of one felony count and multiple misdemeanors for failing to take the necessary steps to keep its pipeline from corroding — which it did in multiple spots — not being adequately prepared for such a catastrophe, and then reporting the spill a day late and a few dollars short.

On a broader scale, this spill effectively shut down all offshore oil production off the Gaviota Coast, which in turn caused ExxonMobil to pull the plug on its massive production facility off the coast and eventually sell out its holdings to a murky new entity known as "Sable," which looks suspiciously like the unfortunate love child arising from the incestuous union of ExxonMobil and Plains.

In other words, Plains All American single handedly killed Santa Barbara's offshore oil industry.

It's well recognized that much of this damage could have been averted had Plains All American outfitted its pipeline with something called "automatic shut off valves" that are triggered by any sudden shift in pipeline oil pressure. Plains, it would turn out, was the only pipeline within Santa Barbara County to refuse to deploy such safety precautions. In fact, its predecessor — Celeron Pipeline — had taken Santa Barbara to court and successfully resisted all entreaties to use such shut-off valves.

This Wednesday, the planning commissioners were asked to approve the installation of 16 safety valves onto the damaged pipeline. Exxon representatives argued they sought only to comply with a state bill that was passed in response to the Refugio oil spill — and written by then State Assemblymember — and now County Supervisor — Das Williams. The deadline for compliance, Exxon's reps asserted, is a month away.

### A Crazy Kind of Sense

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Appellants' attorney Anna Citrin, speaking with Doug Kern of appellant group Gaviota Coast Conservancy and Barry Cappello | Credit: Courtesy

The local enviro community — a broad coalition of both the usual suspects and newcomers to the fray — naturally opposed the installation of the new valves even though it's what they have long stated should have been there all along. I know this sounds crazy, but in fact, it actually makes sense.

Adding significantly to the mix was attorney A. Barry Cappello, Santa Barbara's resident legal barracuda, who reminded those present of how he'd been serving as Santa Barbara City Attorney when the late great Oil Spill of 1969, widely credited for sparking the emergence of the modern environmental movement. Few people enjoy the opportunities for theatrical expression offered by a courtroom — or a Planning Commission hearing — as much as Cappello, who represents a passel of property owners intent on renegotiating the pipeline easements they signed with the Plains All American for much more lucrative terms.

Capello wasted little opportunity to remind the planning commissioners that the applicant was "a felon." He also reminded them that no one really knew who the hell was applying for the permits to install the safety valves. Was it Plains All American? Was it ExxonMobil? Was it Sable? And who the hell was Sable, he demanded? Did anyone really know anything about them?

In case anyone missed it, Capello notified the whole world that he intended to fight whoever the applicant turned out to be. The existing pipeline, he declared, was a 180-mile stretch of “Swiss cheese” given how intensely and immensely corroded the pipeline had been allowed to become. Sable, Capello warned, had no intention of installing a new and improved pipeline — as federal pipeline safety regulators had insisted — but was hell bent on resurrecting the existing pipeline.

### **Every Dog Has Its Day**

By contrast, the attorney dispatched by Exxon was soft-spoken, congenial, and non-confrontational to a fault. If he’d been any sweeter, the members of the commission would have contracted a collective case of diabetes.

Cappello and the enviro advocates pointed out — correctly — that if the county were to approve the new safety valves, it would surrender any further opportunity to comment on the impacts of re-activating the existing pipeline or imposing any new conditions upon it. They demanded a new environmental impact report, noting that the one for the existing pipeline was completed in 1985. Many of the mitigations called for in that document, they noted, had proven totally ineffective in preventing the corrosion and subsequent pipeline spill of 2015. If the pipeline were to be re-activated, Planning Commissioner John Parke opined, then ExxonMobil could re-activate its processing facility. This, he predicted, would trigger a 70 percent increase in the county’s total production of greenhouse gases. Shouldn’t that reality trigger further environmental review, he asked?

No one bothered to answer. The question, after all, was rhetorical. Except, of course, it wasn’t.

I was most struck by who didn’t talk. There was no one from the oil industry, for example, no hard-working guys wearing hard hats and glow-in-the-dark safety vests speaking movingly about their ties to the local community. No one from the school districts were there claiming they’d go broke without the property taxes generated by Big Oil. A couple of representatives from the chambers of commerce showed up, but they didn’t have any spit on their spit ball. Theirs were desultory performances. Andy Caldwell, the indefatigable champion of the oil industry and chief cook and bottle washer for COLAB (The Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business) was conspicuous by both his absence and his silence. ExxonMobil clearly kept their dogs in a kennel for the occasion.

They knew going in what the verdict would likely be. At least three of the commissioners were inclined to vote no. But they wanted county energy planners to come back at a later date with more information about requiring an environmental impact report. The energy planners aren’t entirely clear what kind of additional info the commissioners want, but they will hold a séance to figure it out. With or without a new EIR, it’s hard to imagine three votes in favor of the new safety valves. But without one, the valves are clearly dead in the water.



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**From:** Susan Bartz <outlook\_C2DA7439A04F9815@outlook.com>  
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**Subject:** Exxon appeal for "Valve Upgrade" project

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To the County Board of Supervisors,

Please act immediately to reject Exxon's proposal to "upgrade" the rotten, corroded, Plains pipeline. We cannot afford another ghastly oil spill from such a badly damaged and criminally neglected piece of outdated fossil fuel equipment.

Nobody is fooled by Exxon's eagerness to get more oil flowing through that dreadful pipeline.  
**WE DON'T WANT ANY MORE FOSSIL FUEL DEVELOPMENT OR PRESENCE IN OUR COUNTY!**

Vote NO on the Exxon Appeal.

I WILL BE WATCHING, and so will all who voted you into office.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Susan V. Bartz

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**From:** Susan Shields <shields3033@netscape.net>  
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**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Valve upgrade project

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To the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County:

TI believe the Board should reject Exxon's appeal and deny the Valve Upgrade Project in order to safeguard the County's environment and its residents from the devastating consequences of another oil spill. Enough is enough.

Susan Shields  
3033 Calle Rosales, SB 93105

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**From:** John Kay <jkay444@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2023 5:00 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Please reject Exxon's appeal and uphold the Planning Commission's denial of the Valve Upgrade

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Please reject Exxon's appeal and uphold the Planning Commission's denial of the Valve Upgrade. Thank You: JK

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**From:** Carole H <carolehisasue@gmail.com>  
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**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Exxon's pipeline

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Dear Supervisors,

Exxon's broken pipeline was responsible for a major ocean spill and many marine life deaths in 2015! "Upgrades" do not make the pipeline safe. Instead, the corroded pipeline should be immediate removed.

Please do not let Exxon re-use this pipeline! Any efforts to restart this pipeline will only prove catastrophic.

Please deny Exxon's request to install safety valves and restart this pipeline.

Carole Hisasue  
Los Osos, CA

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**From:** Adrienne Metter <adriennekligman@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2023 5:26 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Say No to the Plains Pipeline Plan!

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- The Board should **uphold the Planning Commission's denial** of the proposed valve project.
- Use of the existing compromised pipeline **would pose a very real risk** of future spills and damage to sensitive coastal resources, due to the massive corrosion and weakening of the pipeline walls. Installing valves will not prevent additional spills (valves do not remedy external corrosion or prevent additional ruptures from occurring).
- The **valves are not required by state law at this time**. State law (AB 864) requires that coastal pipeline operators install safety features to reduce the volume of a potential spill to protect sensitive coastal resources. Because the pipeline is nonoperational, there is no risk of a spill.

Thank you, Adrienne Metter, SB Resident

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**From:** Earl Frounfelter <efrounfelter@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2023 5:47 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** oil

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- I am writing to support upholding the Planning Commission's denial of the proposed valve project. If any city should know about the danger of oil spills and the complete failure of oil companies to protect against catastrophic spills, it should be Santa Barbara.
- Use of the existing compromised pipeline would pose a very real risk of future spills and damage to sensitive coastal resources, due to the massive corrosion and weakening of the pipeline walls. Installing valves will not prevent additional spills (valves do not remedy external corrosion or prevent additional ruptures from occurring).
- The valves are not required by state law at this time. State law (AB 864) requires that coastal pipeline operators install safety features to reduce the volume of a potential spill to protect sensitive coastal resources. Because the pipeline is nonoperational, there is no risk of a spill.
- Please do what is right for the city, the county, the state, the environment and the people. Do not cave to the oil industry.

Thank you.  
Earl Frounfelter  
Santa Maria, CA.

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**From:** Gary Smith <gms8847@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2023 6:05 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** The board should deny the Valve Upgrade Project

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I agree with this

The Board should reject Exxon's appeal and deny the Valve Upgrade Project to safeguard the County's environment and its residents from the devastating consequences of another oil spill.

Gary Smith  
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**From:** Greg Giloth <greg.giloth@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2023 6:20 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** edc@environmentaldefensecenter.org; Greg Giloth  
**Subject:** Uphold the Planning Commission's Denial Of Project Regarding Corroded Pipeline

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Dear Supervisors,

Please do not allow Exxon or the newly created entity Pacific Pipeline Company (PPC) to restart shipping oil through the damaged and unreliable pipeline.

- The Board should uphold the Planning Commission's denial of the proposed valve project.
- Use of the existing compromised pipeline would pose a very real risk of future spills and damage to sensitive coastal resources, due to the massive corrosion and weakening of the pipeline walls. Installing valves will not prevent additional spills (valves do not remedy external corrosion or prevent additional ruptures from occurring).
- The valves are not required by state law at this time. State law (AB 864) requires that coastal pipeline operators install safety features to reduce the volume of a potential spill to protect sensitive coastal resources. Because the pipeline is nonoperational, there is no risk of a spill.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

Greg Giloth



## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Karen Dorfman <karen.dorfman@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2023 7:20 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Proposed Valve Project

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I remember every day of that hideous 2015 spill. Up close. Especially the many seabirds and mammals that suffered and died a horrible death from the oil.



Please...

- Uphold the Planning Commission's denial of the proposed valve project.
- Use of the existing compromised pipeline would pose a very real risk of future spills and damage to sensitive coastal resources, due to the massive corrosion and weakening of the pipeline walls. Installing valves will not prevent additional spills (valves do not remedy external corrosion or prevent additional ruptures from occurring).

- The valves are not required by state law at this time. State law (AB 864) requires that coastal pipeline operators install safety features to reduce the volume of a potential spill to protect sensitive coastal resources. Because the pipeline is nonoperational, there is no risk of a spill.

Karen Dorfman  
Goleta

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** dorrit socialchangepr.com <dorrit@socialchangepr.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2023 6:21 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Plains Pipeline Valve Upgrade Project

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The decision has already been made. The Board should reject Exxon's appeal and deny the Valve Upgrade Project to safeguard the County's environment and its residents from the devastating consequences of another oil spill. The Planning Commission correctly found that approval of the Valve Upgrade Project is detrimental to the health, safety, and general welfare due to the elevated risk of an oil spill with resumed use of the existing line, and that above-ground infrastructure is incompatible with the rural Gaviota Coast landscape.

Communities must really start drawing the line with fossil fuel companies now.

Thank you.

Dorrit Ragosine / Founder

Social Change Public Relations & Marketing Dorrit@SocialChangePR.com / (213) 509-7748

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## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Robin Bisio <robinbisiofilms@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2023 6:36 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Plains All American Pipeline

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Santa Barbara knows all too well the perils of climate change brought on by the fossil fuel industry and how a landscape and oceans can be marred for years by a toxic oil spill. Let's live up to our reputation as a leading environment county and shut this old corroded and scary pipeline down for good. Let's look to the future of solar and wind and not carry the burden of oil pipelines onto the next generation!

Thank you  
Robin Bisio  
Santa Barbara

Sent from my iPhone

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Kathryn Reid Tribbey <kreid@fastmail.fm>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2023 6:39 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Reject the Exxon pipeline scheme - Aug. 22 BOS meeting

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Dear Supervisors,

Please deny Exxon's so-called safety valve upgrades. These "upgrades" are extremely dangerous and will never make the pipeline safe. Instead please order the immediate shutdown and removal of the corroded pipeline.

Exxon is cynically attempting to re-use the very same pipeline that ruptured in 2015 at Refugio Beach sending 450,000 gallons of oil onto the Santa Barbara Channel coastline resulting in at least 202 dead birds and 99 dead mammals, including at least 46 sea lions and 12 dolphins. Any efforts to restart this pipeline will only prove catastrophic.

Please DO NOT give Exxon the ability to unleash an environmental disaster ever again.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Tribbey

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Kathryn Reid Tribbey  
kreid@fastmail.fm

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Dan Emmett <demmett@douglasemmett.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2023 7:02 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** August 22 hearing on ExxonMobil pipeline

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Dear Supervisors

Please ensure that Exxon/Mobil is not permitted to restart its rigs and pipeline. It makes no economic or environmental sense. As 55 year coastal residents near Carpinteria we have experienced the effects of oil spillage and leaks for decades, and we and our neighbors implore you not let this continue.

Thank you!

Dan and Rae Emmett

Sent from my iPhone

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## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Chrissi Fletcher <oakriss@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2023 7:56 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Plains Pipeline Valves Project

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To whom it may concern:

How many people making this decision have followed the history of Exxon Corp - which is a disgrace and disservice to this nation beyond even the worst of corporations.

How many amongst you have children and grandchildren - will you be able to face them if you are responsible for allowing this execrable company to misrepresent their modus operandi yet again...I defy you to let down the people of this beautiful state and county - and your own families - in order to ally yourselves with evil doing.

Refuse to believe their lies and their lawyers for the sake of honesty and decency.

C Fletcher  
Santa Barbara

Sent from my iPhone

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Peter Conn <pconnt43@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2023 8:01 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Say no to PPC valves on former ExxonMobil oil pipeline

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Dear County Board of supervisors,

Please uphold your Planning Commission's DENIAL of the Pacific Pipeline Company's proposal to put new valves in a corroding and non-operational oil pipeline.

Unbelievable that they would try to get oil production started again with this joke of a super cheap and ineffectual "repair".

Please DENY the PPC appeal. Their project and future plans are HAZARDOUS and just plain BAD for Santa Barbara County's environmental and ecological health.

Sincerely yours,

Paulina and Peter Conn  
Mission Canyon, Santa Barbara , CA  
805 682-5183



## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Nancy Krop <ngkrop@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2023 8:09 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Uphold Planning Commission's Denial of the Proposed Valve Project

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Please uphold the Planning Commission's denial of the proposed valve project.

The valves are only necessary for operating pipelines (to reduce the risk of spill). Since this pipeline is nonoperational, there's no risk of a spill.

While I do not live in Santa Barbara, I visit several times a year. As a frequent visitor, I care deeply about protecting it's beautiful environment, a main factor behind the area's attraction and economic vitality.

Thank you,  
Nancy Krop  
Palo Alto, CA

Sent from my iPhone

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** marilyn kandus <m.kandus@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2023 9:00 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Pipeline

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I couldn't bear it if we had to experience another spill

- The Board should uphold the Planning Commission's denial of the proposed valve project.
- Use of the existing compromised pipeline would pose a very real risk of future spills and damage to sensitive coastal resources, due to the massive corrosion and weakening of the pipeline walls. Installing valves will not prevent additional spills (valves do not remedy external corrosion or prevent additional ruptures from occurring).
- The valves are not required by state law at this time. State law (AB 864) requires that coastal pipeline operators install safety features to reduce the volume of a potential spill to protect sensitive coastal resources. Because the pipeline is nonoperational, there is no risk of a spill.

Thank you,  
Marilyn Kandus  
Santa Barbara homeowner  
M.kandus@gmail.com.

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** framfrog@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Martine White  
<framfrog@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2023 9:28 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Deny the Plains Valve Upgrade Project at the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting

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Dear Clerk of the Board,

Oil spills have fouled the Santa Barbara coast for far too long. The 2015 Plains All American pipeline spill and the 1969 offshore oil disaster should have put an end to oil extraction in Santa Barbara County — but more than 50 years later, we're still allowing fossil fuel companies to put people, wildlife and coastlines at risk.

You have the power — and the responsibility — to stop this. As a Santa Barbara County resident, I urge you to deny ExxonMobil's permit application to restart the Plains Pipeline at the upcoming Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors meeting.

The 2015 oil spill damaged the coast and killed hundreds of marine mammals and birds. Now ExxonMobil wants to restart this old, ruptured pipeline. The company would also need to use the decaying 1980s offshore platforms connected to the failed pipeline, which are way beyond their intended lifespan and should be shut down.

The zoning administrator's approval of this project is based on faulty environmental analysis. The analysis fails to consider the impacts of restarting and replacing certain segments of the pipeline; ignores the impacts of the 2015 spill that were not accounted for in the original environmental analysis; and ignores the factors currently contributing to the corrosion of the pipeline.

Finally, the Santa Barbara Channel is a migration route and feeding ground for endangered blue and humpback whales. These precious animals — and many other species who rely on healthy ocean ecosystems for survival — need increased protection, not more deadly oil spills.

It's time to end the era of fossil fuels. I urge you to put Santa Barbara's people and wildlife first by denying ExxonMobil's permit application to restart this dangerous pipeline.

Sincerely,  
Martine White  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
framfrog@yahoo.com

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** marge chandler <chandlermarge05@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 12:21 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Reject the Exxon pipeline scheme - Aug. 22 BOS meeting

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Dear Supervisors,

Please deny Exxon's so-called safety valve upgrades. These "upgrades" are extremely dangerous and will never make the pipeline safe. Instead please order the immediate shutdown and removal of the corroded pipeline.

Exxon is cynically attempting to re-use the same pipeline that ruptured in 2015 at Refugio Beach sending 450,000 gallons of oil onto the Santa Barbara Channel coastline resulting in at least 202 dead birds and 99 dead mammals, including at least 46 sea lions and 12 dolphins. Any efforts to restart this pipeline will only prove catastrophic.

Please DO NOT give Exxon the ability to unleash another environmental disaster.

We need to move away from dependency on fossil fuels, not expand it.

Sincerely,  
Marjorie Chandler  
3400 El Camino Real  
Atascadero, California 93422

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Margaret Lazarus <margaret.lazarus@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 6:51 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Please do not approve use of the corroded Plains pipeline

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Inserting valves will not be sufficient to fix this corroded pipeline. Please uphold the Planning Commissions's denial of the project and keep our central coast safe. Thank you. Renner Wunderlich and Margaret Lazarus, 3099 Hidden Valley Lane, Santa Barbara 93108

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** stu.sherman100@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 7:42 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Plains All American Pipeline

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Dear SB County Board of Supervisors,

I urge you to ensure that ExxonMobil does not reuse the corroded Plains All American Pipelines. The Planning Commission has denied the project to install 16 new valves on the corroded pipelines 901 and 903. I implore you to uphold the Planning Commission's denial of the project.

- Use of the existing compromised pipeline would pose a very real risk of future spills and damage to sensitive coastal resources, due to the massive corrosion and weakening of the pipeline walls. Installing valves will not prevent additional spills (valves do not remedy external corrosion or prevent additional ruptures from occurring).
- The valves are not required by state law at this time. State law (AB 864) requires that coastal pipeline operators install safety features to reduce the volume of a potential spill to protect sensitive coastal resources. Because the pipeline is nonoperational, there is no risk of a spill.

Sincerely,

Stu Sherman

420 Northridge Rd, Santa Barbara 93105

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Janice Elliott <janiceholly@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 7:44 AM  
**To:** sbcob

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Dear Supervisors,

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Please DO NOT give Exxon the ability to unleash an environmental disaster ever again.

Sincerely,  
Janice Elliott  
989 Pasatiempo Drive,  
San Luis Obispo, CA  
93405

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Janice Elliott

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Glenda Griffith <bluekittyart@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 8:28 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Reject the Exxon pipeline scheme - Aug. 22 BOS meeting

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Please don't let this filthy company run this pipeline



## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Margie Engel <marjette@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 8:36 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Reject the Exxon pipeline scheme - Aug. 22 BOS meeting

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Dear Supervisors,

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Please DO NOT give Exxon the ability to unleash an environmental disaster ever again.

Sincerely,  
Marjorie Engel  
2093 Post Cyn Drive  
Templeton, CA 93465

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Kent Lind <kentbluebayou@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 8:39 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Plains pipeline valves

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DEAR COMMISSIONERS @COUNTYOFSB ,  
PLEASE DENY PLAINS EFFORT TO WORK ON THEIR CORRODED PIPELINE ,, NO NEW VALVES ,, PLEASE DO NOT RISK  
FUTURE INVOLVEMENT WITH PLAINS PIPELINE .  
PLEASE STOP THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR COAST BY FUTURE PROJECTS LIKE THIS ,,,, GET OIL OUT .  
GET OIL OUT OF SANTA BARBARA CO.

SINCERELY ,  
KENT LIND

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Kent Lind <kentbluebayou@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 8:47 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Re: Plains pipeline valves

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PLEASE ADDRESS MY COMMENTS TO THE SANTA BARBARA SUPERVISORS  
SEE COMMENTS IN BELOW EMAIL , STOP PLAINS OIL PROJECT ONCE AND FOR ALL !  
SEE COMMENTS BELOW :

THANK YOU  
SINCERELY ,  
KENT LIND

> On Aug 18, 2023, at 8:38 AM, Kent Lind <kentbluebayou@yahoo.com> wrote:  
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> DEAR COMMISSIONERS @COUNTYOFSB ,  
> PLEASE DENY PLAINS EFFORT TO WORK ON THEIR CORRODED PIPELINE ,, NO  
> NEW VALVES ,, PLEASE DO NOT RISK FUTURE INVOLVEMENT WITH PLAINS PIPELINE .  
> PLEASE STOP THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR COAST BY FUTURE PROJECTS LIKE THIS ,, GET OIL OUT .  
> GET OIL OUT OF SANTA BARBARA CO.  
>  
> SINCERELY ,  
> KENT LIND

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Jim Taylor <jim@carpedata.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 8:50 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Deny Pipeline Valve Appeal

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Board,

The PC made the right call. Please don't approve this irresponsible plan to restart the aging, corroded pipeline!

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Jim Taylor  
jim@carpedata.com

5563 Calle Ocho  
Carpinteria CA 93013

408-666-7356

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** somispratt@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joy Pratt  
<somispratt@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 8:56 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Deny the Plains Valve Upgrade Project at the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting

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Dear Clerk of the Board,

Oil spills have fouled the Santa Barbara coast for far too long. The 2015 Plains All American pipeline spill and the 1969 offshore oil disaster should have put an end to oil extraction in Santa Barbara County — but more than 50 years later, we're still allowing fossil fuel companies to put people, wildlife and coastlines at risk.

You have the power — and the responsibility — to stop this. As a Santa Barbara County resident, I urge you to deny ExxonMobil's permit application to restart the Plains Pipeline at the upcoming Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors meeting.

The 2015 oil spill damaged the coast and killed hundreds of marine mammals and birds. Now ExxonMobil wants to restart this old, ruptured pipeline. The company would also need to use the decaying 1980s offshore platforms connected to the failed pipeline, which are way beyond their intended lifespan and should be shut down.

The zoning administrator's approval of this project is based on faulty environmental analysis. The analysis fails to consider the impacts of restarting and replacing certain segments of the pipeline; ignores the impacts of the 2015 spill that were not accounted for in the original environmental analysis; and ignores the factors currently contributing to the corrosion of the pipeline.

Finally, the Santa Barbara Channel is a migration route and feeding ground for endangered blue and humpback whales. These precious animals — and many other species who rely on healthy ocean ecosystems for survival — need increased protection, not more deadly oil spills.

It's time to end the era of fossil fuels. I urge you to put Santa Barbara's people and wildlife first by denying ExxonMobil's permit application to restart this dangerous pipeline.

Sincerely,  
Joy Pratt  
Somis, CA 93066  
somispratt@gmail.com

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Elizabeth Bettenhausen <elizabethbettenhausen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 8:56 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Reject the Exxon pipeline scheme - Aug. 22 BOS meeting

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Dear Supervisors,

Please deny Exxon's so-called safety valve upgrades. These "upgrades" are extremely dangerous and will never make the pipeline safe. Instead please order the immediate shutdown and removal of the corroded pipeline.

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Please DO NOT give Exxon the ability to unleash an environmental disaster ever again.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Bettenhausen, Ph.D.  
345 Plymouth St.  
Cambria, CA 93428  
[elizabethbettenhausen@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethbettenhausen@gmail.com)

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Kelsey Maloney <kelsey@thewriteteam.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 9:00 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Comments re Plains All American Pipeline

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Good morning,

I would like to make the following comments regarding the Plains All American Pipeline:

- I ask that The Board uphold the Planning Commission's denial of the proposed valve project.
- I am concerned for the safety and health of our community members and wildlife. We have seen too many oil spills that cause health risks, harm wildlife, and forever change our natural environment.
- Using this already compromised pipeline would pose a serious risk of future spills that could damage unique and irreplaceable coastal resources.
- Please don't allow the installation of the valves. We should be moving toward a future of renewable and safe energy, not risking further damage from oil spills. Let's protect the Central Coast so future generations are able to enjoy the ocean and coastline, free from pollution and preserved forever.

Thank you,

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Kelsey Maloney (she/her)  
Grant Writer  
805-946-0504

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Carol Gemberling Stewart <carolgstewart@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 9:22 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Exxon Valve Upgrade

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Dear SB County Board of Supervisors,

Please deny the request to upgrade of the 901-903 oil pipelines.

Please reject Exxon's appeal and deny the Valve Upgrade Project to safeguard the County's environment and its residents from the devastating consequences of another oil spill. The infrastructure renovations will negatively impact the Gaviota Coast wildlife if a spill is again allowed to happen.

Please continue to block any future oil development upgrade projects that increase the risk to our sea and land life as well as future human exposure and well-being.

Thank you!

Carol

Carol Gemberling Stewart, DNP  
Geriatric & Family Nurse Practitioner Clinician, Educator & Consultant



## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Martha Peyton <mmpeyton@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 9:36 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Deny Exxon's latest cynical move

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Dear Supervisors,

Please deny Exxon's so-called safety valve upgrades. These "upgrades" are a band-aid on a broken bone. Instead please order the immediate shutdown and removal of the corroded pipeline.

Exxon wants to re-use the very same pipeline that ruptured in 2015 at Refugio Beach sending 450,000 gallons of oil onto the Santa Barbara Channel coastline resulting in at least 202 dead birds and 99 dead mammals, including at least 46 sea lions and 12 dolphins. Any efforts to restart this pipeline will only prove catastrophic.

Please DO NOT give Exxon the ability to unleash an environmental disaster ever again.

Sincerely,  
Martha Peyton  
3802 La Cumbre Hills Lane  
Santa Barbara CA 93110

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Glen Mowrer <glenmowrer@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 9:36 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Plains Pipeline Valve Appeal

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I urge you to deny the appeal of Plains Pipeline of the denial of the application to install valves on the not in use oil pipelines serving the off shore platforms. These lines are failure prone and the platforms are a threat to our environmental integrity and we should be working to remove them, not enable them.

Thank you for your consideration of this comment.

Glen Mowrer

Santa Barbara

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Kelsey Perry <Kelsey.Perry.92630109@sendgrassroots.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 7:46 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Deny Pacific Pipeline Corporation's Pipeline Valve Upgrade Project

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Dear Supervisors,

As a Goleta resident, I'm writing to urge the Board to deny Pacific Pipeline Corporation's appeal to overturn the Planning Commission's denial of the Lines 901/903 Valve Upgrade Project (case number 23APL-00022).

The Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's investigation of the Plains All America Oil Spill determined that the Line 901/903 cathodic protection system is irreparably compromised. The PPC valve-upgrade project is like putting bandaids on a broken leg and falls far short in ensuring that another detrimental oil spill will not occur.

We need to end dirty drilling off our coast, not reactivate corroded pipelines and decaying oil rigs. Doing so invites disaster to our public lands and most sensitive wildlife habitats.

I urge you to protect our coastal community, public lands, and climate by denying this appeal.

Regards,  
Kelsey Perry  
666 Larchmont Pl  
Goleta, CA 93117

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Anna DeLaski <Anna.DeLaski.71420934@advocatesmessage.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 8:51 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Deny Pacific Pipeline Corporation's Pipeline Valve Upgrade Project

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Dear Supervisors,

As a Santa Barbara County resident, I'm writing to urge the Board to deny Pacific Pipeline Corporation's appeal to overturn the Planning Commission's denial of the Lines 901/903 Valve Upgrade Project (case number 23APL-00022).

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2650 Easton Rd  
Los Olivos, CA 93441

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**From:** Jim Black <slojeb@pacbell.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 9:56 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** jonathan.ullman@sierraclub.org  
**Subject:** Reject the Exxon pipeline scheme - Aug. 22 BOS meeting

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Dear Supervisors,

Please deny Exxon's so-called safety valve upgrades. These "upgrades" are extremely dangerous and will never make the pipeline safe. Instead please order the immediate shutdown and removal of the corroded pipeline.

Exxon is cynically attempting to re-use the very same pipeline that ruptured in 2015 at Refugio Beach sending 450,000 gallons of oil onto the Santa Barbara Channel coastline resulting in at least 202 dead birds and 99 dead mammals, including at least 46 sea lions and 12 dolphins. Any efforts to restart this pipeline will only prove catastrophic.

Please DO NOT give Exxon the ability to unleash an environmental disaster ever again.

Sincerely,  
Jim Black  
12305 Santa Ana Rd  
Atascadero, CA 93422

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** BILL WOODBRIDGE <bill.woodbridge@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 10:43 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Plains All American Pipeline

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Dear Supervisors

Please uphold the Planning Commission's denial of the proposed valve project.

Use of the existing compromised pipeline would pose a very real risk of future spills and damage to sensitive coastal resources, due to the massive corrosion and weakening of the pipeline walls. Installing valves will not prevent additional spills (valves do not remedy external corrosion or prevent additional ruptures from occurring).

The valves are not required by state law at this time. State law (AB 864) requires that coastal pipeline operators install safety features to reduce the volume of a potential spill to protect sensitive coastal resources. Because the pipeline is nonoperational, there is no risk of a spill.

Thank you,

Bill Woodbridge  
Goleta resident

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** janet koed <janetkoed@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 12:40 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Doug Kern  
**Subject:** Valve Replacement of ExxonMobile Pipeline

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Respected Supervisors,

It is brought to my attention that you are addressing an appeal regarding Planning Commissioners denial of **Exxon Mobile's pipeline valve replacements**. As Plains All American pipes disintegrated causing the 2015 rupture, I ask you to uphold Planning Commissioners decision and look deeper into the issue. I understand, the EIR for that pipeline is over 40 years old. Have the new applicants replaced ALL of the corroded lines that could rupture again?

Please be cautious and protect our coastline and our community and deny the valve upgrade project.

Sincerely,

Janet Koed  
344 Cooper Rd  
Santa Barbara, 93109

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** satchitananda3@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anaundda Elijah <satchitananda3@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 12:47 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Deny the Plains Valve Upgrade Project at the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting

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Dear Clerk of the Board,

Oil spills have fouled the Santa Barbara coast for far too long. The 2015 Plains All American pipeline spill and the 1969 offshore oil disaster should have put an end to oil extraction in Santa Barbara County — but more than 50 years later, we're still allowing fossil fuel companies to put people, wildlife and coastlines at risk.

You have the power — and the responsibility — to stop this. As a Santa Barbara County resident, I urge you to deny ExxonMobil's permit application to restart the Plains Pipeline at the upcoming Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors meeting.

The 2015 oil spill damaged the coast and killed hundreds of marine mammals and birds. Now ExxonMobil wants to restart this old, ruptured pipeline. The company would also need to use the decaying 1980s offshore platforms connected to the failed pipeline, which are way beyond their intended lifespan and should be shut down.

The zoning administrator's approval of this project is based on faulty environmental analysis. The analysis fails to consider the impacts of restarting and replacing certain segments of the pipeline; ignores the impacts of the 2015 spill that were not accounted for in the original environmental analysis; and ignores the factors currently contributing to the corrosion of the pipeline.

Finally, the Santa Barbara Channel is a migration route and feeding ground for endangered blue and humpback whales. These precious animals — and many other species who rely on healthy ocean ecosystems for survival — need increased protection, not more deadly oil spills.

It's time to end the era of fossil fuels. I urge you to put Santa Barbara's people and wildlife first by denying ExxonMobil's permit application to restart this dangerous pipeline.

Sincerely,  
Anaundda Elijah  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93406  
satchitananda3@att.net



## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Thomas Trappler <trappler@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 1:24 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Say No to Plains Pipeline Valve Project

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,  
I'm a Santa Barbara resident and am opposed to the Plains Pipeline Valve Project and think that the Board should uphold the Planning Commission's denial of the proposed valve project. Use of the existing compromised pipeline would pose a very real risk of future spills and damage to sensitive coastal resources, due to the massive corrosion and weakening of the pipeline walls. Installing valves will not prevent additional spills (valves do not remedy external corrosion or prevent additional ruptures from occurring). The valves are not required by state law at this time. State law (AB 864) requires that coastal pipeline operators install safety features to reduce the volume of a potential spill to protect sensitive coastal resources. Because the pipeline is nonoperational, there is no risk of a spill.

Sincerely,  
Thomas Trappler

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Kevin Snow <haybarn@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 1:43 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Plains Pipeline

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please do not approve the repair and/or restart of the Plains All American Pipeline. It has been an environmental bust from the start. As a former ranch owner along Highway 166 (Arroyo De Plata, now named Northfork) I am fully aware of the breakdown and danger to Santa Barbara County the pipeline now represents. Plains has taken no action to fix the non-operational and broken pipeline and has shown no interest in taking future responsibility for future maintenance or additional spills.

Uphold the Planning Commission's denial of the proposed valve project!

Sincerely,  
Kevin Snow

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Emily Engel <emilyaengel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 1:44 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** SBBOS: 8.22.23 Meeting: Public Comment: Emily Engel 93103

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in opposition to the Exxon trucking proposal that is on the Council agenda for Tuesday, August 22, 2023. This issue is of vital importance to me as one of your constituents/supporters and a consistent Santa Barbara County voter.

July 6<sup>th</sup> was the hottest day recorded in human history. Now is not the time to be continuing oil and gas exploration, processing, and use. It is time for all of us to work toward 100% renewable energy production and consumption in Santa Barbara County.

Please deny Exxon's proposal for valve work on the dangerous, corroded pipeline which has already devastated our local community in the past. I am writing to encourage you to order the immediate shutdown and removal of the pipeline that has already ruptured and poisoned our local lands, waters, and wildlife on a tremendous scale. Any move toward restarting this pipeline is a step backwards in the work we should all be doing to stop climate change and protect our local communities.

I am a Santa Barbara resident, my children Casey and Willow attend Crane Country Day School, and my husband is a local business owner. We are deeply concerned about the potential impact of this proposal on local families, our environment, and our communities. My family loves Santa Barbara and our entire county, and furthermore, we appreciate all of the work you do on the Board – along with the dedication of your staff and county employees.

I appeal to you today to deny this proposal – together we can stop exacerbating the climate crisis one step at a time.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Emily Engel

914 California Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93013

**Katherine Douglas**

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**From:** John Hankins <john@gnusman.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 2:30 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Reject the Exxon pipeline proposal - Aug. 22 BOS meeting Santa Maria

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As an oil/gas reporter since the 1969 Channel Oil blowout and 2015 Refugio pipeline corrosion break and so many other negligent leaks (Unocal, Greka, Chevron et al) it is past time to stop oil/gas production in SB County.

What else is past time is the oil platforms themselves, beyond their intended life.

We now have wind power (Strauss 29 turbines on the hills of Lompoc), battery storage, solar power and more renewables on the way. All of it generates power and jobs but without the massive pollution of oil/gas production.

SB County has done its share during the last century and reaped taxes and provided jobs. Times have changed and our region is in crisis mode due to climate change. Let's not make it worse with a bad decision to restart offshore platforms and the pipeline.

Instead, look to the future, think of your grandkids who will reap the worst from bad decisions to cling to a dying form of energy. The era of oil/gas must go, just as the era of horse and buggy died.

Please.

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John (Hankins)  
County News Service  
editor, Condor Call, Sierra Club  
Ventura Land Trust  
(805) 452-2885c

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Karen Merriam <karen@karenmerriam.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 3:11 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Reject the Exxon pipeline - Aug. 22 BOS meeting

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Dear Supervisors,

Please deny Exxon's application to attempt to upgrade safety valves on the corroded, outdated pipeline that has already ruptured once, in 2015 at Refugio Beach, with disastrous consequences.

Please order the immediate shutdown and removal of this corroded pipeline. Efforts to restart this pipeline may well prove catastrophic, not only to Santa Barbara County coastal resources, but to the broader ecosystem of the Central Coast of California. .

Please DO NOT give Exxon the ability to unleash an environmental disaster ever again.

Sincerely,

Karen Merriam  
1615 Tiffany Ranch Rd.  
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

## Katherine Douglas

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**From:** Lee Heller <leehellerk9@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2023 3:13 PM  
**To:** Laura Capps; Das Williams; Joan Hartmann; sbcob  
**Subject:** Aug 22 BOS item on Pipeline Valve Project

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Dear Supervisors,

I have a conflict with next Tuesday's agenda item on the appeal of the PPC's proposed valve project, so I am going to weigh in, to no one's surprise, in asking you to uphold the PC's denial of the project.

This pipeline is nowhere near ready to be reopened, given its corroded and weakened state. The proposed valves do nothing to address these issues.

In the absence of proof that the pipeline is safe to operate, the Board has an obligation to deny this appeal in order to prevent a recurrence of the 2015 spill, which caused both environmental and economic damage to our region and to a coastal region with a uniquely sensitive habitat.

Thank you,

Lee E. Heller, Ph.D., J.D.  
Santa Barbara CA 93109

August 23, 2023

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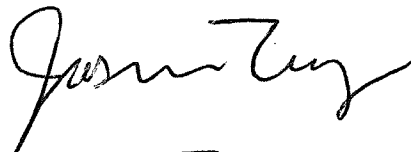
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Signature:



Name:

Jasmin Tupy

Email:

Jasmin 2p@gmail.com

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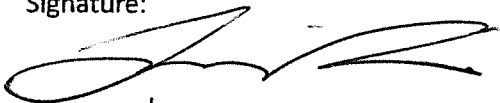
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Name: Jessica Pritchard

Email: jessica.s.pritchard@gmail.com



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Name: Celeste Andersen

Email: celestee@hotmail.com

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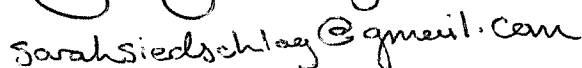
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Signature:



Name: Elsa M. Cisneros

Email: elsacisneros@msn.com

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Name:

David Ellenberger

Email:

djellenbe@yahoo.com

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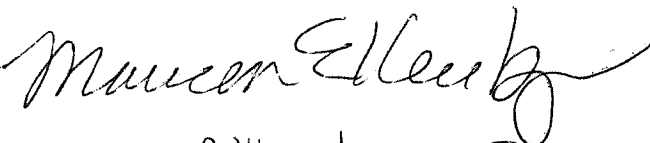
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melle2007@gmail.com

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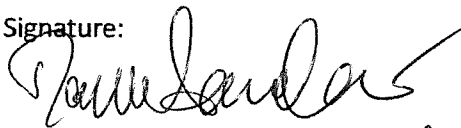
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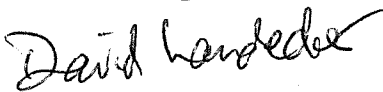
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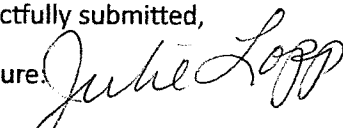
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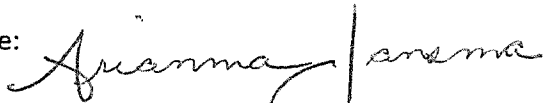
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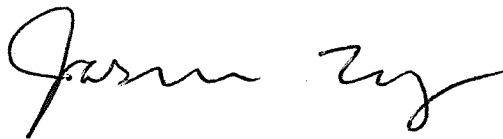
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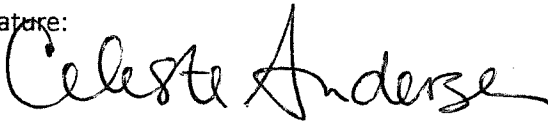
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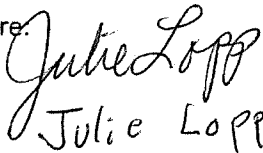
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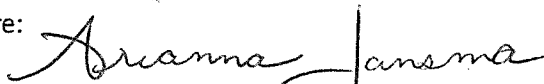
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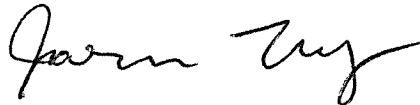
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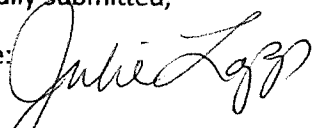
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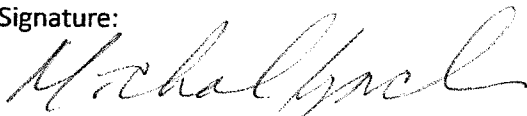
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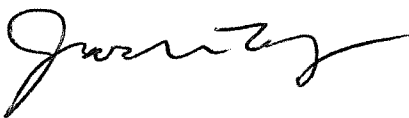
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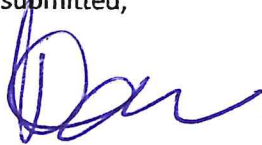
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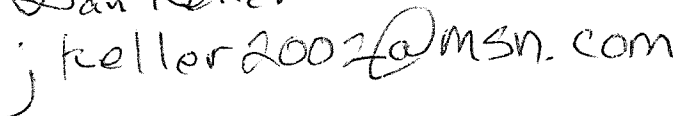
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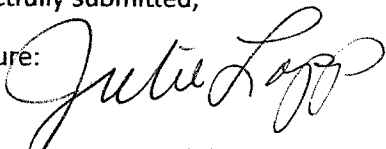
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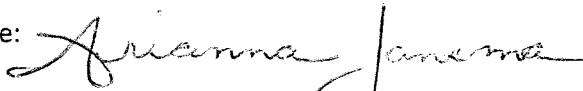
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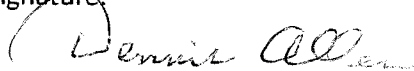
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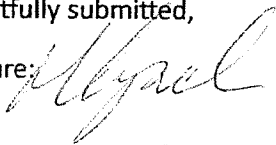
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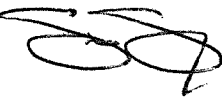
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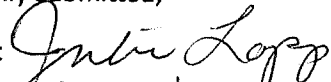
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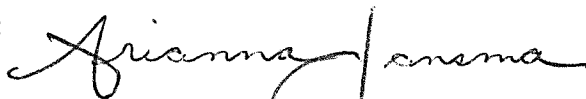
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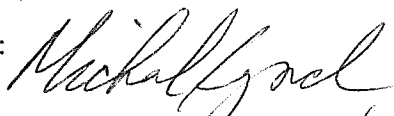
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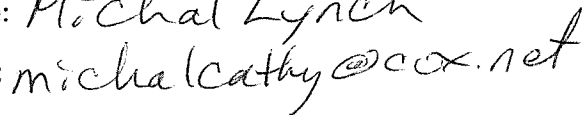
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