



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

December 16, 2025

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

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 25-01067

RE: HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding the appeals of the Planning Commission Approval of the Sable Offshore Corporation's Change of Owner, Operator, and Guarantor for the Santa Ynez Unit (SYU), Pacific Offshore Pipeline Company (POPCO) Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipeline System Final Development Plan (FDP) Permits, Third, Fourth, and First Districts, as flows: (EST. TIME: 1 HR. 15 MIN.)

- a) Approve the appeals, Case Nos. 24APL-00025 and 24APL-00026;
- b) Make the required findings for denial of the Change of Owner, Operator, and Guarantor for the respective SYU, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipeline System FDP Permits;
- c) Determine that denial of the requests is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15270(a); and
- d) Deny the Change of Owner, Operator, and Guarantor for the respective SYU, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipeline System FDP Permits.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY

HEARING TIME: 3:18 PM - 4:42 PM (1 HR. 24 MIN.)

Received and filed staff presentation and conducted a public hearing.

Sarah Ebe, Jonathan Ullman, Seth Steiner, Nikki Talebi, Bill Hickman, Larry Bishop, Lawanda Lyons-Pruit, Tina Calderon, Thomas Becker, Paasha Mahdavi, Patrick Kennedy, Adam Maingot, Patrice Surmeier, Greg Orr, Jason Joyce, Karin Hauenstein, Jeannie Sparks, Joyce Howerton, Ellen Bouger-Harvey, Mike Stoker, and Ted Morton addressed the Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lavagnino, seconded by Supervisor Lee, that this matter be acted on as follows: Accept into the record the following documents: Public Comment letter from Shelley Smyers and a Public Comment letter from Brandon Sparks-Gillis.

The motion failed for lack of the required four-fifths vote, as follows:

Ayes: 3 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, and Supervisor Lavagnino

Noes: 1 - Supervisor Nelson

Recused: 1 - Supervisor Hartmann



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- c) Approved; and
- d) Denied the Change of Owner, Operator, and Guarantor for the respective SYU, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipeline System FDP Permits.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, and Supervisor Lavagnino

Noes: 1 - Supervisor Nelson

Recused: 1 - Supervisor Hartmann