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Public Comment - Group 1

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**From:** Amber Inggs <AInggs@esassoc.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 4:56 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Against the Plains Pipeline Valve Upgrade Project

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Hi There,

I would like to state my case against the Pipeline Valve Upgrade Project.

Here these words are from Doug Kern, and I agree:

"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.

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."

Thank you!



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**From:** milkjug@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Pamela Zwehl-Burke  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 8:11 PM  
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**Subject:** Deny the Plains Valve Upgrade Project at the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting

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Dear Clerk of the Board,

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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.

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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,  
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**From:** breezywright@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Breanne Norberg  
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Dear Clerk of the Board,

HELL NO. The entire planet is somewhere between melting, on fire, flooding and a myriad of other extreme beyond extreme records being broken because of fossil fuel extraction, movement, and burning.

Is this a joke?

How can you even CONSIDER restarting some fossil fuel project in this climate (pun intended). Rampant greed, corporate profits, capitalism and fossil fuels are destroying our country, our democracy and worst of all, our planet.

It is disturbing to have to even sit here and take the time to write this. I am beyond outraged, not just as a current human living in this, but as a mother who wishes to not hand off the planet to our children in such a state of disarray, as a Geography and Environmental Studies major who studied the impact of what this all is, and as an activist who knows the current approach to how societies are interacting with the planet is just the current status quo, had been different before and will be different again.

Shame on any of you who allow this to transpire. Money and corporations do not mean squat if there is no planet left to exploit. Disgusting. Maui just burned to the ground. My home insurance rates have consistently doubled every year being in California due to fires that have worsened in severity because of this BS. The same damn insurance companies that either deny us policies, or offer us bogus ones that are multiples higher of the average national cost, are LITERALLY MASSIVE INVESTORS in the SAME FOSSIL FUEL COMPANIES that are CREATING THE VERY CLIMATE CHANGE PROBLEMS THAT THEY WILL NOT PROTECT THEIR CUSTOMERS AGAINST while simultaneously saying they have some bottom line of investment returns to make to TOP PAID EXECS and BOARD MEMBERS, yet doing their actual job and helping protect or replace homes is clearly not their priority.

If it is not clear by now, I am beyond advocating that you DENY ANY ADDITIONAL PIPELINE PROJECTS along our pristine Central Coast, I am BEGGING you, for the sake of all that is good and hopeful and possible, to help change the paradigm, to be part of the solution, to help move things in a progressive direction, away from fossil fuel, away from doubling profits for companies that could give any F's if they burn the whole damn planet, and towards something of a human centric future that values people over profits, planet over fossil fuels, and choose to move in the direction of rectifying and sequestering carbon IMMEDIATELY.

We cannot wait. The climate crisis is URGENT and it is NOW.

NO TO THIS. No. NOOOOOOO.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** photofiend4@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Morgan Ostrander <photofiend4@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Dear Clerk of the Board,

We as citizens of this Earth have the right to clean air and water, and when big profits are honored more than life itself we all suffer and will degrade from it.

All that we cared about in this world will falter, our children and grandchildren will have nothing left. and they will be forced to pay companies just to have clean air or water.

Wildlife cannot speak up for itself, and if it did, would government even listen?

Because you do not seem to hear them, please hear me and all of us who care about protecting and preserving this incredible Earth that we live on! Big oil might line your pockets, but soon it's going to line your lungs.

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** tanttl@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marianne Norberg  
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**From:** slopez\_805@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sasha Lopez <slopez\_805@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Sincerely,  
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