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Dear staff,

Please include the attached letter in information for the Board of Supervisors at its Tuesday meeting.

Nancy Emerson, WE Watch Board member

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Dear Board of Supervisors members,

WE Watch continues its support of the Environmental Defense Center's and Gaviota Coast Conservancy's opposition to the proposed Change of Ownership, Guarantor and Operator for the Las Flores Pipeline System. We have several reasons for not doing anything that will prolong the life of this pipeline.

There are questions about ability to fulfill the permit requirements. The report after the spill amplifies on those concerns. Evidence indicates the current pipeline is not salvageable and earlier proposals for a new pipeline have gone nowhere. New ownership opens the door to use of the current pipeline. This pipeline, whatever its route, is a hazard for the Santa Ynez Valley and its entire route, not just the Gaviota Coast. With the closure of Veneco and its facilities, the pipeline extension into Goleta area is no longer needed – one more reason not to offer any support to the Las Flores pipeline.

Sincerely,
Susan Bott and Kathy Rosenthal
WE Watch Co-Presidents