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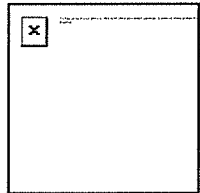
Hello,

Please see the attached public comment in support of the recommendation for denial from the County Planning Commission for the ExxonMobil trucking project.

Very best,

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March 4, 2022

RE: Item 3 – ExxonMobil Interim Trucking Phased Restart Project

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

The Santa Barbara County Action Network (SBCAN) supports the Planning Commission's recommendation for denial of the ExxonMobil Trucking Project, and we urge you to deny the project.

There are three main reasons SBCAN opposes this project.

1. It's impact on the climate crisis. Santa Barbara is already experiencing the effects of climate change - sea level rise, wildfires, drought, mudslides - and it is only going to get worse. We cannot afford to let ExxonMobil restart their offshore oil platforms and create even more emissions that will exacerbate the climate crisis.

2. Risk of an oil spill. ExxonMobil is proposing to truck 70 trucks and 460,000 gallons of oil per day along Santa Barbara County's winding roads, highways 101 and 166. Over the last 5 years, there have been 5 oil spills along the route they are proposing. Just last year an oil tanker crashed and spilled over 4,500 gallons of oil into the Cuyama river. Proponents of the project argue that it is better to produce oil locally where there are stricter environmental regulations than import it from overseas. This is a compelling argument, however this project would produce a very small percentage of the oil consumed in California, so it will have no effect on the global oil market. It will, however, have a significant effect on the local environment and coastal tourism by putting our coast, wildlife, and marine environment at risk of another devastating spill.

3. Trucking is dangerous. Trucking crude oil along the Gaviota Coast and Highway 166 will result in unavoidable safety and environmental risks. This is already a dangerous route with an above average number of accidents compared to other highways, several of which have involved oil tankers of the last few years. Much of highway 166 does not have access to cell service, making it difficult and dangerous for first responders to respond to accidents along this road due to the increased traffic from this trucking project.

Please deny this dangerous project to protect the health of your constituents and the environment in which they live.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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