

Katherine Douglas

Public Comment - Group 1

From: Daniel <day1dan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 4, 2025 12:32 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Include in record - Opposition to Item #3: Sable Offshore
Attachments: Opposition to Item 3.pdf

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Christine,

Thank you for including this in the record.

Regards,
Daniel

RE: Item #3: Appeals of Sable Offshore Corporation's

Subject: Opposition to Item #3

Dear Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors, Exxon, Sable and all fellow Santa Barbara county citizens,

For a moment let's imagine the shoreline of Santa Barbara and the Gaviota Coast covered in oil sludge. The sand beneath our feet turned to tar. Beach umbrellas abandoned. Hotels half empty. Restaurants shuttered as tourism collapses. Fishermen hauling in nets slick with crude. Sea lions, otters and sea birds gasping for air on what was once a crystal-clear shore. This is the future we risk.

And let us not forget...it is the past we have lived. This was my parents' reality when 4,000,000 gallons of oil spilled just off the coast. This was our reality in 2015 at Refugio State Beach when more than 100,000 gallons of crude spilled. This will be my children's reality when another spill happens - in five years, ten years, or perhaps next year. Surely we are not so naive as to make the same preventable mistake again.

Even if you choose to ignore the impending environmental and economic damage to our county, I ask you to consider the record of the company involved. Sable Offshore was fined \$18 million this April for unauthorized pipeline work after defying state orders. A court injunction halted the work. A federal judge also rejected Sable's attempt to force an automatic permit transfer and returned the decision to this Board. The Refugio pipeline that ruptured in 2015 released over 100,000 gallons of crude, at least 21,000 of which reached the ocean. Federal investigators found the cause was external corrosion. That same corroded system is what Sable now seeks to restart.

The people of Santa Barbara County know what is at stake. You, the Board of Supervisors, know what is at stake. We the People of this County trust you, which is why we voted for you. I urge you to deny this permit transfer to Sable Offshore on moral, environmental, and economic grounds. The past and present tell us what the future will bring if we do not act.

To those working at Exxon and Sable. Your threats of lawsuits, ignoring the County and dealing only with the state, or your *slandering of our local firefighters* doesn't scare us. We know you have a job and bosses. You also have families and free will, and you have dreams. I'm certain those dreams don't include your children playing on tar covered beaches.

Choose safety. Choose economic prosperity. Choose the public interest. Vote no and protect our coast for the next generation.

Regards,

Daniel H

Gaviota Coast, Santa Barbara, California

Katherine Douglas

From: BILL WOODBRIDGE <bill.woodbridge@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 7:19 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Dec 16 nag - Transfer of permits from Exxon to Sable

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Dear Supervisors;

PLEASE do not allow the transfer of permits from Exxon to Sable. Sable has proven itself to be unlawful, ignoring court orders and coastal commission directives, not paying fines, lying to their own shareholders, being investigated for insider trading, becoming increasingly hostile, uncooperative and desperate, and increasingly at risk financially. They have no resources or funds to pay for an oil leak or break cleanup or restoration. At least 18 criminal charges have been filed against them. Is this the type of entity that you want to have to deal with in the future when there is a break or leak either from their platforms or pipelines or the Las Flores unit? I think not!

Thank you,

Bill Woodbridge

Goleta

Katherine Douglas

From: Monika McCoy <m.mikadc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 12:12 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable Oil contract

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Hello as a native Santa Barbarian I am urging you to deny the sable oil permits! We cannot sustain another oil spill. Our Coastal ecosystem is fragile and very precious part of our community as well as Vital for our tourism industry!

Please vote against permitting Sable oil!

Highest Regards,
Dr. Monika A. McCoy D.C.

Katherine Douglas

From: Nicholas Solakian <nsolakian@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 12:15 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY!!!!!!!!!!

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The Board of Supervisors must deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, Las Flores Pipelines, and onshore processing facilities.

Sable's record makes clear the company does not have the skills, training, or financial resources to operate these dangerous oil facilities.

For example: The California Coastal Commission fined Sable a record \$18 million penalty;

The state Attorney General filed a lawsuit accusing Sable of illegally discharging waste into streams and habitats; The District Attorney filed 21 criminal charges against the company, including five felonies; and The State Fire Marshal sent Sable a notice regarding noncompliance with the State Waiver requirements for the pipelines.

Sable has not shown that it has the financial capacity to clean up an oil spill or abandon the facilities.

PROTECT YOUR CONSTITUENTS FROM SABLE!

-Nicholas Solakian

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Katherine Douglas

From: Bud Bottoms <budbottoms@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 12:32 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: deny Sable permit

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Please deny the Sable permit:

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 - The state Attorney General filed a lawsuit accusing Sable of illegally discharging waste into streams and habitats;
 - The District Attorney filed 21 criminal charges against the company, including five felonies; and
 - The State Fire Marshal sent Sable a notice regarding noncompliance with the State Waiver requirements for the pipelines.
- Sable has not shown that it has the financial capacity to cleanup an oil spill or abandon the facilities.

Thank you,

Rev Carole Ann Cole
Santa Barbara

Katherine Douglas

From: Susan Shields <shields3033@netscape.net>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 12:33 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable

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Public comment for Board of Supervisors meeting re Sable:

It would be pure insanity to allow Sable to set up operation again as it has become perfectly clear that they are incompetent and have no concern whatsoever about the environment. They look only for loopholes in regulatory systems that they can manipulate in order to achieve profits. Please protect the environment of our county and the ocean beside us and the people who live here by denying their application.

Susan Shields
3033 Calle Rosales, SB 93105

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From: caroleannc@aol.com
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 12:34 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: deny Sable Permit

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Deny Sable permit:

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- Sable's record makes clear the company does not have the skills, training, or financial resources to operate these dangerous oil facilities. For example:
 - The California Coastal Commission fined Sable a record \$18 million penalty;
 - The state Attorney General filed a lawsuit accusing Sable of illegally discharging waste into streams and habitats;
 - The District Attorney filed 21 criminal charges against the company, including five felonies; and
 - The State Fire Marshal sent Sable a notice regarding noncompliance with the State Waiver requirements for the pipelines.
- Sable has not shown that it has the financial capacity to cleanup an oil spill or abandon the facilities.

Thank you, Carole McFee
Santa Barbara

Katherine Douglas

From: Cynthia Kennedy <artemisdesign@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 12:51 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable Oil Permit

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Hello,

I am a concerned long time resident of this beautiful place called Santa Barbara.

As we have seen the negligence, decay and total disregard of environmental safety around the Sable pipeline, both before and after the transfer of ownership, I implore you to deny this application.

It threatens what can not be replaced, nor guaranteed to be safe. Accidents happen. Please do not let the bottomless corporate quest for money reign over all the souls who value health, the ocean, nature and the quality of life on the Central Coast.

Thank you,

Cynthia Kennedy
Santa Barbara, CA 93101



Katherine Douglas

From: Mona Damluji <damluji@filmandmedia.ucsb.edu>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 12:52 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Keep Sable out of our community and keep oil in the ground

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Dear Supervisors Capps, Lee, Hartmann, and Lavagnino,

I am a Professor at UC Santa Barbara who has for many years been teaching and researching about the history of off-shore oil in Santa Barbara county. I write today to commend your decision to take the concerns of our community seriously until now in regards to Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, Las Flores Pipelines, and onshore processing facilities.

I urge you to do what is necessary to deny Sable's application to transfer permits once and for all. Sable's record makes clear the company does not have the skills, training, or financial resources to operate these dangerous oil facilities. For its failure to operate safely, it has been fined millions of dollars, charged with lawsuits and criminal charges (including felonies) and been documented in noncompliance. Sable has not shown that it has the financial capacity to cleanup an oil spill or abandon the facilities, which poses a direct threat to our coastal ecosystem and community writ large.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Professor Mona Damluji
UC Santa Barbara

Katherine Douglas

From: John Michael Haines <wotan2u@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 12:52 PM
To: sbcob; Brian Trautwein; John Michael Haines; Meredith Hendricks; Eric Hvolboll--private
Subject: Sable Oil application

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Dear Santa Barbara Friends:

Though I no longer live in SB County (I'm in San Francisco), I have deep roots on the Gaviota Coast and am dismayed at the prospect of further oli drilling there--especially after the last spill. As a descendant of the Orella family, which has ranched on the Coast for 170 years and still ranches there, I am utterly opposed to the application for More of the Same by Sable.

Please save our precious natural resources and deny this request.

Thank you and Best Wishes,

John Michael Haines

415-821-4872

Katherine Douglas

From: Gregory Sater <satergreg@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 1:21 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Opposition comment re: Sable

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I am a resident of Santa Barbara at the address below and I oppose any drilling by Sable (or by anyone else who might later step into its shoes) and I oppose the transfer of any permits to Sable or to any such future successor. Thank you.

Gregory Sater
1315 San Rafael Ave.
Santa Barbara, CA 93109

Katherine Douglas

From: Jennifer Sahn <jenniferemilysahn@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 2:20 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable Oil Co,

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing to ask that you deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, Las Flores Pipelines, and onshore processing facilities. Sable's record clearly indicates that the company does not have the skills, training, or financial resources to operate these facilities. For example:

- The California Coastal Commission fined Sable a record \$18 million penalty;
- The state Attorney General filed a lawsuit accusing Sable of illegally discharging waste into streams and habitats;
- The District Attorney filed 21 criminal charges against the company, including five felonies; and
- The State Fire Marshal sent Sable a notice regarding noncompliance with the State Waiver requirements for the pipelines.

Please protect our coast and marine environments by denying this permit.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jennifer Sahn
Santa Barbara

Katherine Douglas

From: Nancy Krop <ngkrop@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 2:32 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny Sable Application

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, Las Flores Pipelines, and onshore processing facilities.

Sable's record makes clear the company does not have the skills, training, or financial resources to operate these dangerous oil facilities. For example:

- The California Coastal Commission fined Sable a record \$18 million penalty;
- The state Attorney General filed a lawsuit accusing Sable of illegally discharging waste into streams and habitats;
- The District Attorney filed 21 criminal charges against the company, including five felonies; and
- The State Fire Marshal sent Sable a notice regarding noncompliance with the State Waiver requirements for the pipelines.

Sable has not shown it has the financial capacity to cleanup an oil spill or abandon the facilities.

Thank you for doing the right thing and protecting the community from Sable.

Nancy Krop
UCSB Alumni

Sent from my iPhone

Katherine Douglas

From: Tana Kincaid <tana@gntnz.com>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 2:44 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please deny Sable's application to run a pipeline in SB

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Sable will not look after our beautiful coastline — when oil starts spilling out, they will be nowhere to be found. And this is not an 'if', but a 'when', based on their criminal record. How can you even consider this for our community?!

Please do the right thing for Santa Barbara and deny their application.

Sincerely,
Tana Kincaid
Resident since 1985

Katherine Douglas

From: Helena Hill <helenahill@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 3:13 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny permits to Sable

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Hi, my name is Helena Hill. I am a resident of Santa Barbara at 121 Camino alto 93103.
I urge you to deny Sable offshore permits for oil and gas facilities including the very pipeline that caused the oil spill 10 years ago on the Gaviota Coast.

Sincerely, Helena Hill 121 Camino alto
Santa Barbara 93103.

Sent from my iPhone

Katherine Douglas

From: Rich Moser <rich@transcendentalastrology.com>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 4:07 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable petition

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To Whom it May Concern,

Please deny Sable's petition to resume drilling.

There's only one reason in my mind: because they have no credibility. They have failed again and again and again to follow the law. They clearly don't care, which means it's all about money for them and nothing else.

This is a position that will destroy the planet, and they don't care.
Thank you, Rich

Rich Moser
rich@transcendentalastrology.com
(805) 845-4805
(no texts)

Katherine Douglas

From: Thomas Trappler <trappler@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 4:12 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny Sable's Oil Permits

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing as a concerned citizen of Santa Barbara to share my perspective that the Board of Supervisors must deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, Las Flores Pipelines, and onshore processing facilities. Sable's record makes clear the company does not have the skills, training, or financial resources to operate these dangerous oil facilities. For example: The California Coastal Commission fined Sable a record \$18 million penalty; The state Attorney General filed a lawsuit accusing Sable of illegally discharging waste into streams and habitats; The District Attorney filed 21 criminal charges against the company, including five felonies; and The State Fire Marshal sent Sable a notice regarding noncompliance with the State Waiver requirements for the pipelines. Sable has not shown that it has the financial capacity to cleanup an oil spill or abandon the facilities. It would be highly irresponsible to allow such a scofflaw organization as Sable to operate in Santa Barbara. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kindest regards,
Thomas Trappler

Katherine Douglas

From: jim yarbrough <jyarbro2003@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 4:26 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny permit to Sable

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- Sable has not shown that it has the financial capacity to cleanup an oil spill or abandon the facilities.

Thank you. I live in Ventura County, but another oil spill will impact the entire Central Coast, including Ventura County. Tourism is adversely affected by ugly and toxic oil spills!

Jim Yarbrough Newbury Park, CA

Katherine Douglas

From: Ann Shaw <afanifitafa805@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 4:35 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Final Hearing, December 16, 2025 re: Sable Offshore permit transfer request

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I am writing the Board of Supervisors to ask that you deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, Las Flores Pipelines, and onshore processing facilities.

Sable's recent actions have caused the company to face criminal charges and a record \$18 million penalty. They have illegally discharged waste into local streams and sensitive habitats. In addition I can find no evidence that Sable has the financial wherewithal to clean up an oil spill, and it seems very likely spills would occur.

For these reasons, and common sense, please deny the Sable application.

Thank you,
Ann Shaw

Katherine Douglas

From: brandon - Dragonette Cellars <brandon@dragonettecellars.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 9:07 AM
To: sbcob
Cc: Joan Hartmann
Subject: Public Comment for Dec 16th Board of Supervisors Meeting: VOTE NO ON TRANSFER FROM EXXON TO SABLE

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Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing today to urge you to VOTE NO ON THE TRANSFER OF PERMITS FROM EXXON TO SABLE.

By way of background, I am a local resident who first hand experienced the damaging impacts of the Refugio Oil Spill, personally witnessing massive damage to the coastal environment from just north of Refugio all the way down the coast. I watched as the oil spewed into the ocean, saw birds covered in oil, and saw remnants of this spill both in ocean waters and along various beaches from Refugio to El Capitan to Naples for YEARS after the last spill. That spill should serve as a strong reminder of the dangers these pipelines pose.

It has therefore been deeply disturbing to personally witness the rogue work of Sable, particularly over the past year+. I frequently drive the 101 along the Gaviota coast, both for work and for recreation, and I have personally observed their teams working in the area, often in the early morning hours and on weekends, seemingly in an attempt to hide their actions. Sable's violations of the Water Code and RWQCB's directives are part of a broader pattern of disregarding state law and regulation, and this should totally disqualify them from operating in our County.

Sable's conduct speaks for itself: they have brazenly broken County and State laws, and shown a tremendous level of disregard for the local community and the rule of law. Therefore, the proposed transfer from Exxon to Sable should be blocked.

Sincerely,

Brandon Sparks-Gillis
Solvang

Katherine Douglas

From: David Pellow <pellow@es.ucsb.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 10:55 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable

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Dear Honorable County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to implore you to deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, Las Flores Pipelines, and onshore processing facilities because the company's record reveals quite clearly that they do not have the skills, training or financial wherewithal to operate these inherently risky oil facilities. Sable does not possess the resources required to address the inevitable oil spills that will occur as a result of this operation's routine functions. Moreover, given Sable's considerable record of illegal actions (including discharging waste into streams and local habitats and noncompliance with the State Waiver requirements for the pipelines), they have also demonstrated contempt for the law, for the people of this County, and for the health and wellbeing of our ecosystems. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David Pellow
Santa Barbara, California resident

Katherine Douglas

From: Richard Francis <rlf@lawrlf.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 12:19 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable's Application

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TALKING POINTS:

- The Board of Supervisors must deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, Las Flores Pipelines, and onshore processing facilities.
- Sable's record makes clear the company does not have the skills, training, or financial resources to operate these dangerous oil facilities. For example:
 - o The California Coastal Commission fined Sable a record \$18 million penalty;
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 - o The State Fire Marshal sent Sable a notice regarding noncompliance with the State Waiver requirements for the pipelines.
- Sable has not shown that it has the financial capacity to cleanup an oil spill or abandon the facilities.

Richard L. Francis, Esq.

Katherine Douglas

From: Marian Baker <mariantbaker13@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 3:30 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny Sable Offshore Corp. permits for oil and gas facilities

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That oil spill was horrific 10 years ago. **Deny Sable Offshore Corp. permits for oil and gas facilities** . We need to move towards more solar and wind power.

Marian Baker

Katherine Douglas

From: Rachel Altman <raltmansb@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 4:52 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny Sable's application for change of ownership

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

It is crucial that the Board of Supervisors deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, Las Flores Pipelines, and onshore processing facilities.

It is clear from Sable's record that the company does not have the skills, training, or financial resources to operate these dangerous oil facilities. To name a few problems:

The California Coastal Commission fined Sable a record \$18 million penalty;

The state Attorney General filed a lawsuit accusing Sable of illegally discharging waste into streams and habitats;

The District Attorney filed 21 criminal charges against the company, including five felonies; and

The State Fire Marshal sent Sable a notice regarding noncompliance with the State Waiver requirements for the pipelines.

Sable has not shown that it has the financial capacity to cleanup an oil spill or abandon the facilities.

We cannot tolerate another oil spill like the one in Refugio in 2015. It is bad for the ocean, the fishing and tourist industries, and the health of all living beings.

Please do the right thing and deny Sable's application.

Respectfully,

Rachel Altman

1383 Sycamore Canyon Road,

Santa Barbara, CA 93108

Katherine Douglas

From: Sheena Cannon <sheena@bren.ucsb.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 6:09 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment Letter - Sable Pipeline
Attachments: Sheena_Cannon_Comment_Letter.pdf

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Hello,

I am writing to submit a public comment regarding the transfer of permits of the Santa Ynez Unit to Sable Offshore Corporation. I have attached my letter to this email and I hope my points will be taken into consideration.

Thank you,
Sheena Cannon

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Sheena Cannon

Master's Student | Environmental Science and Management

sheena@bren.ucsb.edu



December 9, 2025

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 E Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Sable Offshore Corporation's Santa Ynez Unit

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

My name is Sheena Cannon, and I am currently a Master's student at the University of California, Santa Barbara's Bren School of Environmental Science & Management. I am studying coastal resource management and am passionate about protecting the local environment, enhancing renewable energy, and preserving environmental justice. I would like to extend my appreciation to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors for helping govern Santa Barbara County and all the work that you do on behalf of residents. However, I am writing to express my concern with Sable Offshore Cooperation's ("Sable") restart of the Santa Ynez Unit, referred to as "the pipeline". I strongly urge you to vote against the permit transfer from Exxon Mobil Corporation to Sable for the following reasons: to prevent another catastrophic oil spill, because Sable has proven incapable of following regulatory guidelines, because the pipeline is a major threat to local ecosystems, poses financial risks, and raises concerns with environmental justice.

Oil Spill Prevention

Looking back to 2015, the catastrophic Refugio oil spill released over 100,000 gallons of crude oil into the nearby waters ("Refugio Beach Oil Spill", 2025) and impacted 3,700 acres of shoreline ("California Coastal Commission", 2025). Species harmed included brown pelicans, common murres, sea lions, dolphins, surf perch, grunion, and marine invertebrates ("Refugio Beach Oil Spill", 2025). This spill was the result of safety failures, lack of maintenance, and failures of corrosion detection system (Welsh, 2025) and restarting the pipeline could lead to another rupture and oil spill ("Sable's Dangerous Oil Project", 2025). The previous owner of the pipeline, Plains All American, was found guilty on multiple criminal counts for wholesale negligence (Welsh, 2025). Currently, the pipeline is severely corroded, and Sable has inadequate solutions to address corrosion, failing to take preventive measures. It is also unclear to County officials whether Sable has the financial capability and insurance to address another oil spill (Lazo, 2025). The California Coastal Commission ("Commission") has noted improperly installed erosion control measures along the pipeline, rendering them ineffective (Commission, 2025). Why should the people of Santa Barbara trust that another oil company will properly maintain this pipeline?

Regulations and Permits

In recent years, Sable has demonstrated their inability to follow regulations of several agencies and will likely continue to develop without permits. Specifically, Sable has begun development without Coastal Act authorization, received and ignored a Cease and Desist order

from the Commission, and has been sued for waste discharges. Sable has set a precedent of non-compliance by continuing to conduct maintenance on the pipeline, suggesting their inability to conduct safe and lawful operations should the pipeline be approved.

Sable began work on the pipeline before securing the required Coastal Development Permits (Lazo, 2025) or receiving approval from the Commission (“Th8.1, Th8.2 & Th8.3”, 2025). This work included digging large pits, clearing vegetation, placing sandbags in coastal water, altering roads, all of which qualify as rebuilding actions rather than routine maintenance (Lazo, 2025). By neglecting to apply for a Coastal Development Permit and mitigating environmental impacts, this work has the potential for displacement of commercial fishing equipment, entanglement of marine mammals, disturbance of sensitive habitats, and release of debris (“Th8.1, Th8.2 & Th8.3”, 2025). Sable’s actions were carried out despite multiple Notice of Violation and Notice of Intent letters, Commission staff warnings, and a Cease and Desist Order from the Commission (“Th8.1, Th8.2 & Th8.3”, 2025). The Commission’s Cease and Desist Order will remain effective until Sable acquires proper approval for their past and future work on the pipeline and obtains a Restoration Order to respond to the environmental impacts of their maintenance work (“California Coastal Commission”, 2025). Sable is fully aware of their violations of the Coastal Act and environmental risks posed by their activities, yet they continue their work, declining to suspend operations (“Th8.1, Th8.2 & Th8.3”, 2025).

Additionally, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (“Board”) recently filed a lawsuit against Sable for illegal discharge of water into state waters without authorization or permits (“Central Coast Water”, 2025). Sable discharged sediment and vegetative debris in marine waters along the Gaviota Coast, which can harmfully impact the turbidity, temperature, and nutrient levels of the water (“Central Coast Water”, 2025). The Board has since instructed Sable to obtain the proper permits and submit reports describing its activities in relation to the pipeline, including all potential discharges (“Central Coast Water”, 2025). Discharging wastewater before formal work on the pipeline does not present a hopeful outlook for Sable’s future impacts on the environment.

Ecosystem Impacts

Construction and operation of the pipeline have the potential to cause harm to local ecosystems including the fish and birds of kelp forests and wetlands. As of now, Sable’s onshore work has intersected with the breeding season of multiple sensitive species, including the southern California steelhead and the California red-legged frog, which are listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act (“Th8.1, Th8.2 & Th8.3”, 2025). Many of Sable’s work sites lie within or adjacent to environmentally sensitive habitat areas, including coastal scrub and chaparral habitats (“Th8.1, Th8.2 & Th8.3”, 2025). The Commission has also identified that Sable’s work poses risks to western pond turtles, a protected species (Lazo, 2025).

Financial Risk

Sable’s reopening of the pipeline also poses serious internal financial risks and will not reap the financial benefits for Santa Barbara residents that many might assume. The cost to clean up the Refugio oil spill was estimated to be \$100 million dollars, so Sable operates in a deficit and cannot be trusted to handle a second oil spill, should the pipeline be opened (Mahdavi, 2025). If another spill were to occur, the burden would fall on the taxpayers (Mahdavi, 2025). Additionally, reopening the pipeline does not provide the economic benefits that some would

expect. A professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara specializing in oil and gas policy explained that restarting the pipeline will not reduce imports of foreign oil (Mahdavi, 2025). If the pipeline could reduce foreign imports, there would have been an increase in imports after the pipeline was shut down following the Refugio oil spill, but that was not the case (Mahdavi, 2025). Another false assumption is that reopening the pipeline will bring down gas prices. This is also not true because oil prices are set by global demand, not local production (Mahdavi, 2025). In addition to having high production costs, Sable's restart of the pipeline will not make a difference in the gas prices for Santa Barbara residents (Mahdavi, 2025). Lowering the cost of gasoline is important to lowering the cost of living, but why should residents support this pipeline if it is not proven to save them money?

Contradiction to Climate Goals

Allowing Sable to restart the pipeline would be in opposition to California's leading climate goals and delay the state's transition to renewable energy. Opening an oil pipeline be detrimental to California's goal of being carbon neutral by 2045, specifically their goal for a 94% drop in oil demand ("California Releases", 2025). California Governor Gavin Newsom said that "California is drastically cutting our dependence on fossil fuels and cleaning our air," ("California Releases", 2025) which is directly contradictory to the addition of more fossil fuel sources off the coast. Also, analysts argue that investing in the wrong infrastructure results in a "carbon lock-in," when fossil fuel-based systems delay the transition to low-carbon alternatives, which contributes to climate change (Sato et al., 2021). Expanding or reviving carbon-intensive infrastructure undermines global climate goals to reduce emissions, and the phasing out of aging infrastructure is essential to fight climate change (Sato et al., 2021). Reactivating the pipeline would lock in decades of fossil fuel dependency, contradicting California's push toward renewable energy.

Environmental Justice Concerns

The Sable pipeline also raises multiple environmental justice concerns in an already vulnerable community. Many local communities, including Isla Vista and Casmalia, were identified by Santa Barbara as "Environmental Justice Communities (EJCs)," that are disproportionately impacted by water and air pollution from industrial operations such as oil drilling and processing (Fausey, 2025). Another oil spill could amplify these inequalities and affect income, tourism, and coastal access for these communities. Knowing the ongoing impacts of the Refugio oil spill, combined with EJCs identified by the County, approving this pipeline would not be in the best interest of Santa Barbara communities.

Conclusion

Given all these reasons, I urge the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to prevent a permit transfer to stop Sable from conducting any other work or developments on the Santa Ynez Unit. Approving this pipeline increases the likelihood of another oil spill that was extremely harmful to the environment, the economy, and the community. Sable has proven incapable of following regulatory guidelines by beginning development without authorization, ignoring a Cease and Desist order, and illegally discharging wastewater. The pipeline's use also poses a threat to local ecosystems and species, poses financial risks, steers California away from its climate goals, and raises concerns with environmental justice. I am grateful to be able to study environmental solutions, and given my background and evidence, I hope that you take my

recommendations into consideration when making decisions that impact the climate, wildlife, and Californians.

Sincerely,

Sheena Cannon

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Katherine Douglas

From: Ravid Raphael <rraphael@twodancers.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 8:19 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Arlene Raphael
Subject: Sable Permit Transfer Application

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

I urge you to reject Sable's application to transfer permits from Exxon. Sable should replace the corroded and failed pipeline and follow the law. However, Sable is not capable of following the law and environmental protection regulations and has willfully ignored them. It has ignored cease and desist orders and been fined \$18 million by the California Coastal Commission. It is under indictment by the California State Attorney General for breaking environmental regulations and the Santa Barbara County District Attorney has filed 15 criminal indictments. Sable has proved it is not to be trusted with our environment, health and safety.

Sable needs a new coastal development permit to proceed with any further development work in the coastal zone. A new Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for the repair, reactivation, or maintenance of idled facilities like the Santa Ynez Unit that the pipeline is part of is necessary.

Thank you,

Ravid and Arlene Raphael
Goleta

Katherine Douglas

From: Rebeca Adam <rebeca_adam@bren.ucsb.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 8:56 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment Letter - December 16th, 2025
Attachments: Public Comment Letter_ Sable Offshore R.Adam.pdf

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Hello,

Please find attached my Public Comment Letter for the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting on December 16th, 2025. My comment pertains to the agenda item concerning the Board's decision to deny Sable's Change of Owner, Operator, and Guarantor request.

Many thanks,
Rebeca Adam

December 6th, 2025

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 E Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors Meeting - December 16, 2025
Support for the County's Prepared Findings Affirming Denial of Sable Offshore Corporation's
Transfer of Owner, Operator, and Guarantor

Dear Chair Capps and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Rebeca Adam. I'm a Graduate Student at UCSB's Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, and I'm also a Santa Barbara local. I'm writing to express my support for the Board's vote to recommend the denial of Sable Offshore Corporation's request for a Change in Owner, Operator, and Guarantor for the Santa Ynez Unit (SYU), the Pacific Offshore Pipeline Company (POPCO) Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipeline System. As a concerned citizen, I urge the board to finalize its denial at the December 16th, 2025, meeting. My position is based entirely on publicly documented records and information, providing substantial evidence that:

1. Sable has repeatedly violated environmental law;
2. Sable has ignored and actively disregarded state directives; and
3. Sable has demonstrated both the inability and unwillingness to safely manage the aging infrastructure.

The Board's November 4th preliminary vote (4-1) to deny the transfer of permits from ExxonMobil to Sable already reflects these concerns (County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors, 2025). Sable displays a pattern of behavior that is inconsistent with the responsibilities required of an effective operator overseeing a high-risk coastal energy system. The well-documented conflicts and actions offended by Stable are supported, and the Board's denial is justified and aligned with the County's legal and environmental protection obligations.

I. Sable Has Repeatedly Violated Environmental Law

Multiple formal enforcement actions have been taken against Sable for environmental violations. For instance, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, with counsel provided by the California Attorney General's Office, filed a complaint against Sable for violations related to the repair and restart of the Santa Ynez. The suit alleges that Sable, despite receiving notice from the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Board regarding permitting

requirements, repeatedly discharged and threatened to discharge unauthorized waste into state waters. Their actions resulted in additional sediment and vegetative debris discharging into sensitive aquatic habitats, impacting the turbidity, nutrient levels, and temperatures. Sable blatantly chose to ignore state environmental regulations and failed to submit information to the Central Coast Water Board that was required by law (State Water Resources Board, 2025).

In addition, the Santa Barbara District Attorney, John Savrnoch, filed an additional 16 misdemeanors, 21 criminal charges, including five felony counts, against Sable on September 18th, 2025, in response to Sable's unauthorized repair work on the ruptured pipeline that caused the 2015 Refugio Oil Spill (Fausey, 2025; Magnoli, 2025). The five felony charges specifically relate to Sable "knowingly" discharging unauthorized debris into sensitive creeks and aquatic habitats, including Nojoqui Creek and Arroyo Quemada. The complaint from the Santa Barbara District Attorney also alleges that repairs to the pipeline were in violation of the California Fish and Game Code and the Water Code (Fausey, 2025).

The alleged violations, resulting in civil and criminal complaints, collectively display Sable's repetitive failure to comply with the environmental regulations that govern coastal pipeline management. Sable's failure to comply with environmental law, with the knowledge of noncompliance, has already resulted in alleged harm to water quality, vulnerable aquatic habitats, and sediment control (State Water Resources Board, 2025). It is therefore imperative that the Board of Supervisors proceed with denying the transfer of operator to Sable. Doing so is a preventive action that will protect Santa Barbara County and our environment from negligent management that could put our coast at unnecessary risk.

II. Sable Ignored State Directive and Enforcement Orders

Sable has also shown a pattern of disregarding regulatory directives intended to protect sensitive coastal ecosystems and resources. According to the Environmental Defense Center, Sable ignored two cease-and-desist orders issued by the Coastal Commission, resulting in an \$18 million fine and a third cease-and-desist order from the Commission. Despite the regulatory directives and \$18 million fine, Sable continued to work on the pipeline until a Superior Court judge issued an injunction. The Commission noted that the unauthorized work destroyed and disrupted sensitive habitats and species in the coastal zone (Environmental Defense Center, 2025).

Similarly, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board concluded that Sable deliberately chose to ignore state environmental directives when it continued working on the pipeline, which in turn resulted in harm to the surrounding water quality. The continued excavation and repair operations without proper permits led to sediment discharges into

waterways. These permitting and authorization procedures exist precisely to prevent such impacts and to protect the vulnerable coastal habitats (State Water Resources Board, 2025).

Inside Climate News has reported that California State Fire Marshal Daniel Berlant identified major compliance issues with Sable's proposed restart plan. Fire Marshal Berlant determined that Sable's restart plan could not be approved, as it did not include fixing the corrosion issues that led to the 2015 Refugio oil spill. Despite these findings, Sable continued pushing for reactivation (Bergert, 2025). Sable's push to proceed with reactivation and disregard compliance standards highlights concerns about whether Sable is prepared to operate within the state's pipeline safety directives.

Across these documented cases, Sable has demonstrated a willingness to proceed with high-risk work without required approvals, which is in direct contradiction to state directives and enforcement orders designed to protect the coastal environment and public safety. To secure operator status, an institution must demonstrate the integrity necessary to remain in compliance and perform within existing permitting frameworks. Sable has not shown this, and therefore should not be granted operator status.

III. Sable has demonstrated both the inability and unwillingness to safely manage the aging infrastructure

The Center for Biological Diversity has noted that Sable has not invested any financial resources toward decommissioning bonds or any other financial assurances associated with the aging Santa Ynez Unit infrastructure. Assurances are standard for operators of offshore oil platforms, facilities, and pipelines, especially those that are associated with spills (Center for Biological Diversity, 2025). Failing to provide assurances creates both short-term and long-term risks for the environment and the public.

To emphasize the importance of safely managing the aging Santa Ynez Unit, Pacific Offshore Pipeline Company Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipeline System, it is necessary to acknowledge the 2015 Refugio Oil Spill. On May 19th, 2015, approximately 450,000 gallons of oil polluted thousands of acres of shoreline across 150 miles of the California coast. The resulting spill killed hundreds of marine mammals, fish, and birds, in addition to destroying coastal habitats. The Santa Ynez Unit has been shut down for 10 years since the pipeline failed (Center for Biological Diversity, 2025). This history highlights the risks associated with the specific infrastructure, particularly in sensitive environments.

Inside Climate News has reported that Sable pursued offshore storage-and-treating vessel proposals in an attempt to bypass California's pipeline safety requirements. The approach would

revive offshore tankering practices that historically posed significant environmental and safety risks, ultimately resulting in the practices being phased out. Moreover, Sable's proposal did not include fixing the corrosion issues of the previously failed pipeline. By seeking to circumvent necessary corrosion-repair requirements through the use of outdated storage-and-treating vessels, Sable demonstrated an intent to continue relying on compromised infrastructure rather than undertaking essential repairs (Begert, 2025).

These notable financial, operational, and environmental examples indicate that Sable has not shown the competency or the reliability to operate complex, aging oil infrastructure. Their course of action, or lack thereof, has demonstrated an unwillingness and inability to operate the Santa Ynez Unit, the Pacific Offshore Pipeline Company Gas Plant, and the Las Flores Pipeline System.

Conclusion

Sable Offshore has shown a consistent pattern of environmental law violations, disregard for state directives, and inadequate ability to manage high-risk oil infrastructure. The Board's findings align with the consensus among other state regulatory agents that Sable should not be granted operator privileges of the Santa Ynez Unit, the Pacific Offshore Pipeline Company Gas Plant, and the Las Flores Pipeline System. For these reasons, I strongly support the Board's decision to deny Sable's request for Change of Owner, Operator, and Guarantor.

Sincerely,
Rebeca Adam

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Katherine Douglas

From: Laura Haston <laurahaston21@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 9:10 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Dec 16 meeting: please formally deny Sable's transfer permit

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Dear Board of Supervisors

Last month, I watched the Board of Supervisors meeting and submitted a letter with regard to the item related to Sable's permit transfer request.

I was ecstatic that the Board, with a 4-1 vote, decided not to approve the transfer.

My understanding is that at the Dec 16 meeting, the Board will review the County staff's preparation of findings and recommendations needed to formally deny Sable's transfer permit. Unfortunately, I am not able to attend that meeting as I have recently had surgery.

However, once again, I want to voice my strong opposition to the transfer of the permit to Sable and hope that the staff information will allow you to formally deny Sable's transfer permit.

As the majority of you noted at last month's meeting, there is an abundance of evidence that Sable can not be trusted to operate responsibly:

The California Coastal Commission's fine; The Attorney General's lawsuit accusing Sable of illegal discharges; The District Attorney's 21 charges against the company; The State Fire Marshall's notice of noncompliance.

Moreover, Sable has not shown evidence that it has the financial capacity to clean up an oil spill (which is likely to happen given that this is a pipeline that ruptured in the past due to corrosion issues that have likely not been adequately addressed) or for future cleanup of abandoned facilities.

Thank you for listening to the concerns of the community on this issue.

Whether you believe Santa Barbara County should continue to support oil and gas production is not even the issue at this point.

The issue is that Sable is a company that can not be trusted to operate responsibly.

We can not allow a company like Sable to threaten the well-being of this community---both its economy and its environment.

Sincerely,

Laura Haston
1035 Sandpiper Lane

Santa Barbara, CA

Katherine Douglas

From: joanna.tang@lifesci.ucsb.edu
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 9:20 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny Sable's Oil Permits

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to implore you to deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, Las Flores Pipelines, and onshore processing facilities. Sable's record makes clear the company does not have the skills, training, or financial resources to operate these dangerous oil facilities. For example:

- - The California Coastal Commission fined Sable a record \$18 million penalty;
 - The state Attorney General filed a lawsuit accusing Sable of illegally discharging waste into streams and habitats;
 - The District Attorney filed 21 criminal charges against the company, including five felonies; and
 - The State Fire Marshal sent Sable a notice regarding noncompliance with the State Waiver requirements for the pipelines.

Sable has not shown that it has the financial capacity to cleanup an oil spill or abandon the facilities. Please ensure the safety of our community by denying their oil permits.

Sincerely,
Joanna Tang
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University of California, Santa Barbara

Katherine Douglas

From: aa tt <alicenseng6@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 9:33 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: no on permit transfer of Sable's app from Exxon

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I am in support of the County's Board of Supervisors denying the permit transfer of Sable's application to transfer the permits from Exxon.

I am typing this in red in support of our coast!

Sincerely Yours,

Alice Tseng
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Ventura, CA 93003
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Katherine Douglas

From: Margot Davis <wally97@hotmail.com>
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Subject: deny sables oil permits

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Deny sables oil permits
Sent from my iPhone

Katherine Douglas

From: Keala Stephan <kealastephan@gmail.com>
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To: sbcob
Subject: Deny Sable Permits

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to ask for your support in denying Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, Las Flores Pipelines, and onshore processing facilities. Sable's record makes clear the company does not have the skills, training, or financial resources to operate these dangerous oil facilities. For example: The California Coastal Commission fined Sable a record \$18 million penalty; The state Attorney General filed a lawsuit accusing Sable of illegally discharging waste into streams and habitats; The District Attorney filed 21 criminal charges against the company, including five felonies; and The State Fire Marshal sent Sable a notice regarding noncompliance with the State Waiver requirements for the pipelines.

Sable has not shown that it has the financial capacity to cleanup an oil spill or abandon the facilities. Please do your part to protect the precious resources in the Santa Barbara area.

Regards,
-Keala Stephan