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Public Comment - Group 2

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**From:** Peggy Merizalde <mdmepeg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 10, 2025 8:41 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Sable Offshore Corp

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To Board of Supervisors

It is a moral obligation to care for our planet Mother Earth!!!

We cannot accept and we must fight to preserve and protect our natural landscapes and our water, air and people from disastrous fossil fuels and pollution.

Please STOP, DENY all permits to Sable Offshore Corporation, they cannot operate the same pipeline that failed ten years ago. This company has proven time and time again, it cannot be trusted to operate these facilities safely and responsibly. Their disregard for the law is appalling.

Thank you for seriously considering this request,

Peggy Merizalde  
Santa Barbara

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**From:** Sarah Raskin <sarahraskin@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 11, 2025 6:08 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Please deny Sable

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To The Board,

Thank you for standing firm at the November hearing and directing staff to prepare the findings needed to deny Sable's permit transfer requests. Now it is time to complete that decision and formally deny Sable's applications for the Santa Ynez Unit, Las Flores Pipelines, and the associated onshore processing facilities.

Sable's track record clearly shows the company lacks the skills, training, and financial capacity to safely operate these high-risk oil facilities. Notably:

- The California Coastal Commission imposed a record \$18 million penalty on Sable.
- The California Attorney General has sued Sable for illegally discharging waste into streams and sensitive habitats.
- The District Attorney filed 21 criminal charges against the company, including five felonies.
- The State Fire Marshal has indicated Sable has not made required repairs to the corroded pipeline and remains out of compliance with State Waiver requirements, preventing restart.

Given this history, denying the permit transfers is the only responsible path to protect public safety and the environment.

Thank you for your continued leadership.

Sincerely,

Sarah Raskin

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**From:** ALAN SHIREK <ashirek@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 11, 2025 6:48 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Transfer of Permits from ExxonMobil to Sable

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Why would you even consider the transfer of ExxonMobil permits to Sable Offshore. They are a known bad actor with no regard for the environment or the legal process.

Securities analysts describe an investment in Sable Offshore as a "high risk-high reward" bet. The high risk part is that Sable Offshore is risking serious damage to the environment. They will not be able to pay to remediate any damage they cause.

They have a proven track record of evading legal action and evading the legal responsibilities of their actions.

PLEASE VOTE AGAINST TRANSFERRING THE PERMITS.

Thank you,

Alan Shirek  
Santa Barbara Boat Owner

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**From:** Caroline Howell <caroline.r.howell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 11, 2025 7:36 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Nick Howell  
**Subject:** Public Comment for 12/16 hearing on oil rig and pipelines transfer

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Please deny Sable's application to transfer the permits for the Santa Ynes Unit, Las Flores Pipelines and onshore processing. This is dangerous and could be another environmental disaster for our beloved community.

Thank you for supporting the citizens of Santa Barbara County — please vote NO.

Thank you,

Caroline Howell  
415 Orilla Del Mar  
Santa Barbara

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**From:** Aaron Zarenczanski <zrnaaron@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 11, 2025 9:05 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment – Opposition to Sable's Permit Transfer Requests

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

I want to thank the Board of Supervisors for taking a principled stand at the November hearing and resisting Sable's pressure to rush through this decision. Your direction to County staff to prepare the findings for a formal denial was the right call, and now it's time to follow through: please deny Sable's applications to transfer the permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, the Las Flores Pipelines, and the related onshore processing facilities.

Sable's track record demonstrates, without a doubt, that this company is not qualified to operate these dangerous oil facilities. They have failed to show the skills, training, or financial capacity necessary to protect our community and environment. We have seen this through multiple, serious enforcement actions:

- The California Coastal Commission imposed an unprecedented \$18 million penalty against Sable.
- The State Attorney General has sued the company for illegally discharging waste into streams and sensitive habitats.
- The District Attorney has filed 21 criminal charges, including five felonies, based on Sable's conduct.
- And the State Fire Marshal has confirmed that Sable has not completed the critical repairs required for the corroded pipeline, meaning Sable is out of compliance with the State Waiver and cannot safely restart operations.

Taken together, these facts show a clear pattern: Sable has not earned the public's trust, and granting a permit transfer would expose the County to unnecessary risk.

For these reasons, I urge the Board to finalize its earlier position and deny Sable's permit transfer requests. Thank you for your continued leadership in protecting our coastline, our communities, and our shared future.

Thank you,





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**From:** karen Telleen-Lawton <ktl@alumni.stanford.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 11, 2025 9:22 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Exxon - Sable transfer

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Dear Esteemed Board,

Thank you for keeping your eyes on this. We want to protect SBCO from spills wherever they happen. It seems particularly important to make sure Sable does not take hold, as they have proven many times to be a bad actor.

I agree with all these points from SB Channelkeeper:

- We are grateful that the Board of Supervisors took a stand against Sable's pressure at the November hearing and directed County staff to prepare the findings needed to formally deny Sable's permit transfer requests. Now it is time to finish the decision and 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 Marshall has indicated that Sable has not made necessary repairs to the corroded pipeline and thus has not complied with the State Waiver requirements and cannot restart.

Thank you,  
Karen Telleen-Lawton  
as an individual and also on CK board

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**From:** Frank DiMarco <dimarcogallery@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 11, 2025 9:23 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Please deny Sable Oil Permit Transfer

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

We urge you to deny Sable Oil Company's request for a permit transfer in order to restart their oil production operation and pipeline.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Frank DiMarco and Lucinda Anderson  
7115 Georgetown Road  
Goleta CA 93117  
Tel. 503.358.8119  
Email: dimarcogallery@icloud.com



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**From:** Virginia Pollack <gingyboom@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 11, 2025 9:26 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** 12/16 Agenda

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Good day,

Re: Department Agenda Planning Items and Public hearing #6 25-01067

DENY DENY DENY

Thank you,  
Virginia Pollack  
5470 Rincon Beach Park Drive  
Ventura, CA. 93001

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**From:** Bud Pruett <top3.stp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 11, 2025 10:02 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Sable Oil permits tranfer

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

To whom it may concern...

The Sable oil debacle sounds like it belongs in an episode of the television show Landman, specifically, the one that depicts a neglected oil rig leaking poisonous gas into the ground and air killing the people who are in the area. Our ocean and beautiful coastline cannot withstand the extreme pollution caused by the criminal and illegal activities Sable oil has already committed according to Los Angeles Times, "Sable Offshore Corp. was charged with five felony violations of the California Water Code for allegedly discharging dredged or fill material into creeks and wetlands that are considered "waters of the United States..."

The alleged violations already demonstrate the people who run Sable oil are incompetent, greedy, and not at all concerned about the environment, and the people who live here.

We are pleading with the Santa Barbara County Board of supervisors to follow through with the denial of the transfer of permits to this irresponsible company. Our coastline cannot afford another oil spill, our oceans, creeks and wetlands should be protected and not poisoned.

Bud Pruett & Cori Chill

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**From:** Kathelee Banister, MS <soundeating@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 11, 2025 10:12 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Transfer of Sable oil permits

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- We are grateful that the Board of Supervisors took a stand against Sable's pressure at the November hearing and directed County staff to prepare the findings needed to formally deny Sable's permit transfer requests. Now it is time to finish the decision and 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 Marshall has indicated that Sable has not made necessary repairs to the corroded pipeline and thus has not complied with the State Waiver requirements and cannot restart.

*Kathelee Banister,*

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**From:** Annie Lovell <annie@sbck.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 11, 2025 10:57 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Sable permit transfer

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Dear SB County Board of Supervisors -

I/we as a community, are grateful that the Board of Supervisors took a stand against Sable's pressure at the November hearing and directed County staff to prepare the findings needed to formally deny Sable's permit transfer requests. Now it is time to finish the decision and 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 Marshall has indicated that Sable has not made necessary repairs to the corroded pipeline and thus has not complied with the State Waiver requirements and cannot restart.

Please uphold your decision to deny Sable's permit transfer requests.

Respectfully,

Annie Lovell  
Development Director  
Santa Barbara Channelkeeper  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93103  
805-563-3377 ext. 2  
[www.sbck.org](http://www.sbck.org)



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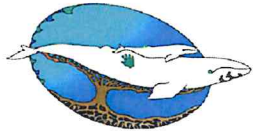
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**From:** Jessa Calderon <jessa@sacredplacesinstitute.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 11, 2025 11:34 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** deny permit transfers to Sable

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Hello my name is Jessica Calderon, I support the denial of the permit transfers from Exxon to Sable  
Love and blessings,

Jessa Calderon  
Program Director of Environment Health & Creative Wellness  
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**From:** Vicky Blum <blumvicky@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 11, 2025 11:38 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Sable Pipeline

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

Sable has demonstrated repeatedly that it doesn't have the training, skills, or financial ability to operate these oil facilities. They have been fined and sued repeatedly for their noncompliance. The State Fire Marshal sent Sable a notice because they were violating the State Waiver requirements for the pipeline. Sable was fined a record breaking \$18 million penalty by The California Coastal Commission. The state attorney general is suing Sable for discharging waste into our habitats and streams. And finally, the District Attorney filed twenty-one criminal charges against Sable, including five felonies.

We believe this demonstrates the degree to which Sable is incapable of operating these oil and gas facilities safely. The last thing we want is another oil spill on the Gaviota Coast, one of the most beautiful places on earth.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Vicky Blum and David Lebell



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**From:** M <michaelcschramm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 11, 2025 12:12 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Urging a NO vote for Sable oil permit

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Santa Barbara County Board,

Today I am writing to express my strong support for a NO vote for renewing Sable's oil permit.

Our coastline is an incredible place that we need to protect. It is home to an incredible amount of biological diversity from whales to sea urchins to our Island Fox.

We need to encourage more renewable energy, and not allow a project that will send energy abroad at the cost of individuals in our local economy.

First, thank you for resisting Sable's pressure and taking a measured approach towards this process.

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 Marshall has indicated that Sable has not made necessary repairs to the corroded pipeline and thus has not complied with the State Waiver requirements and cannot restart.

Thank you,  
Michael Schramm  
Resident of Santa Barbara

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**From:** Margaret Crocco <margaret.crocco@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 11, 2025 12:21 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Sable oil company

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Dear County Supervisors:

I write to strongly encourage you to deny Sable's transfer application. Sable is not a financially stable company; will pollute the environment on a regular basis and perhaps more catastrophically in the event of a major oil spill.

Please shut down Sable once and for all! Santa Barbara County has been hurt once before. Let us learn from past disasters and call an end to their activity in our county.

Yours truly,  
Margaret Crocco  
Santa Barbara

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**From:** Bruce Raph <pondsbybruce@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 11, 2025 2:03 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Sable oil

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Sable Oil has proven to be less than diligent in maintaining oil and gas infrastructure. I do not want the permits extended or transferred for any future development or any existing permits the company is trying to take over. We have been taken advantage of with their lack of mindfulness.

Bruce Raph, Santa Barbara county resident for 50 years.

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**From:** Cecilia Harris <cecilia.harris6@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 11, 2025 3:19 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Comments regarding the December 16 Sable Oil Project Meeting

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for all you do to make our communities safer, cleaner, more livable. I write to show my gratitude for your actions thus far and ask that you please halt the Sable Oil project.

On November 4, 2025, you wisely voted 4-1 to deny the transfer of key permits from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore. Your decision meant that Sable cannot legally operate the onshore facilities necessary for the project under the existing permits. Before the full hearing scheduled for December 16, 2025, I offer these comments for your consideration.

- While I and others are grateful that the Board of Supervisors stood against Sable's pressure at the November meeting and directed County staff to prepare the findings needed to formally deny Sable's permit transfer requests, it is now time to finish the decision and 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, the culture and values, 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
  - The State Fire Marshall indicated that Sable has not made necessary repairs to the corroded Las Flores Pipeline and thus has not complied with the State Waiver requirements and cannot restart.
- I support the call for a full environmental review that Channelkeeper, the Environmental Defense Center (EDC), and other groups have asked for. . . a full environmental impact review is necessary. The risks are clearly understandable from looking at the past reality - the use of a corroded pipeline was responsible for the 2015 spill. We do not want history to repeat itself.

Relying on your good judgement and stewardship, I respectfully ask that you permanently halt this project. There are no set of measures to put in place that will prevent, or be able to undo the wrong things that can happen, from the risks of this project over time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia Harris  
1140 Garcia Road  
Santa Barbara, CA 93103