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Public Comment - Group 4

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From: Stargazer <stargazer9999@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 12, 2025 12:19 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Shelley
Subject: Deny Sable Off-Shore Permits

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Dear SB County Board of Supervisors,

I have great concerns about Sable's ability and desire to abide by the conditions set forth in any existing or future contract. That they disregarded an injunction last year (or year before) and restarted work is not only despicable, but testimony to their blatant unwillingness to be honest and play fair.

This is aside from any negative impacts to the environment, which are countless in number (the immediate & obvious, as well as any secondary & tangential). Do you we simply await another environmental disaster? How will we explain ourselves to future generations? We should be proud that we have become known as the inspiration and birth spot for Earth Day. That is a legacy we need to maintain and carry forward. Given climate change and the unstable political climate, our environmental problems will only become more complicated, further enmeshed, and impossibly expensive to remedy.

Please vote NO (permanent "NO!") to Sable's requests to approve permit transfers.

Shelley Smyers
Santa Barbara, CA 93111



SIERRA CLUB
SANTA BARBARA-VENTURA CHAPTER





Dear Shelley,

Several weeks ago the Trump Administration released plans to hold 6 new offshore oil and gas leasing sales off of the Central California coast and the southern California coast starting in 2027.

Locally more than a hundred community members showed up last month at the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors hearing urging them to deny Sable Offshore permits for oil and gas facilities including the very pipeline that caused the catastrophic oil spill ten years ago on the Gaviota Coast.

The **Supervisors voted 4-1 to deny the permits** and ordered staff to instead prepare "**Findings of Denial**" for a vote taking place on **Tues., Dec. 16**.

We need your voice at this critical final hearing on **Dec. 16 starting at 9 am** to urge the Board to make the **final vote to deny the transfer** of these permits to Sable.

We are grateful that **Supervisors Capps, Lee, Hartmann, and Lavagnino** listened to the community and expressed their concerns about Sable last month.

Dec. 16 is our chance to finish what we started and make sure the **Board denies Sable's transfers** once and for all.

[Mark your calendar and plan to attend the hearing or send a public comment.](#)

► **SPEAK IN PERSON IN SANTA MARIA:** Testify in person at the hearing on Tuesday, December 16, 9AM
Joseph Centeno Betteravia Government Admin Building, Board Hearing Room
511 East Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria

* **WEAR RED!**

To expedite entry please avoid bringing a bag.

► **SPEAK AT PODIUM ON CAMERA IN SANTA BARBARA:** South Coast

residents can testify on camera **remotely in Santa Barbara** at the County Administration Building hearing room, 105 E. Anapamu Street

► **SPEAK ON ZOOM:** Testify virtually on Zoom. Item: "Departmental Agenda item #6 - Sable Offshore"
([Register for Zoom here](#))

► **EMAIL COMMENTS:** by 12 PM Noon on Monday, December 15
to sbcob@countyofsb.org

Subject: Deny Sable Offshore permits

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: 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.

[See the full Dec. 16 SB County hearing agenda here.](#)

Sincerely,

The Sierra Club Santa Barbara-Ventura Chapter

P.S. Remember those proposed **Trump offshore lease sales** we told you about at the beginning of this email? Tell the Trump Administration

we don't want them.

Express your concerns regarding the lease sales impacts on the California coastal ecosystem, marine mammals, Channel Islands National Park, Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary and coastal communities by using the following official comment form at: [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov)



SC Santa Barbara Group Meetup
<https://www.sierraclub.org/santa-barbara-ventura>

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From: brandon - Dragonette Cellars <brandon@dragonettecellars.com>
Sent: Friday, December 12, 2025 2:09 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Re: Public Comment for Dec 16th Board of Supervisors Meeting: VOTE NO ON TRANSFER FROM EXXON TO SABLE **Additional comment**

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Dear Members of the Board,

In addition to my prior comment, I would like to add the following note.

The upcoming hearing of the California State Lands Commission (CSLC) to consider letting Chevron walk away from their oil and gas lease obligations without cleaning up their mess on the ocean floor, serves as an extremely timely reminder of why you should DENY Sable's permit transfer request.

Time and time again, oil companies receive below market value leases, and then find ways to transfer any spill or shutdown clean up costs to taxpayers. We simple cannot afford to let this happen in the future. Your vote to DENY the transfer is an important step in the right direction.

Additionally, while this is somewhat of a tangent, the upcoming CSLC hearing brings to mind another idea for the future: have any oil and gas company that wants to do business in Santa Barbara place an amount equal to the most extreme clean up costs into escrow in the County's name, so that taxpayers don't get stuck with the bill again.

I again urge you to DENY Sable's permit transfer request, and thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,
Brandon Sparks-Gillis
Solvang

On Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 09:06:52 AM PST, brandon - Dragonette Cellars <brandon@dragonettecellars.com> wrote:

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