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To the Board,

This letter is submitted for 2 agenda items, A-5 and 4.

In the past, state and county employees and elected officials have made false statements, refused to answer questions and omitted material facts from environmental reports/ hearings concerning oil and gas development onshore and offshore of Santa Barbara County.

Currently, AERA has a draft EIR in circulation. The County of Santa Barbara P&D is the Lead Agency, and is responsible for the preparation of the draft and final EIR.

Plains All American is preparing to conduct a scoping hearing on the Line 901/903 pipeline project. County taxpayers are being asked to pay for/finance the environmental reports for that project.

In both cases, the County government P&D should be/is required by CEQA to respond truthfully and completely to all questions and comments submitted during the environmental review of those two projects.

The State of California also has a lawful duty under CEQA to truthfully and completely answer questions and respond to comments.

A refusal of local and state officials to completely and truthfully answer questions and respond to comments can be used to demonstrate bad faith on other issues, such as the revising of the BOEM 5 year offshore leasing plan and the revising on EPA/ FHWA fuel economy standards.

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