

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jacquelynn Ybarra, Planner, Energy Minerals & Compliance Division

The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN: Various **Case No.:** Not Applicable

Location: 122 linear miles beginning at the Las Flores Pump Station to the Pentland Delivery Point

Project Title: Change of Owner, Change of Guarantor, and Change of Operator for the Los Flores Pipeline System (Lines 901/903): 88-DPF-033 (RV01)z, 88-CP-60 (RV01) (88-DPF-25cz; 85-DP-66cz; 83-DP-25cz) (as amended)

Project Applicant: Pacific Pipeline Company and ExxonMobil Pipeline Company

Project Description: Applicant requesting approval of the following:

1. A Change of Ownership of All American Pipeline L.P. (AAPL) 901 and 903 Pipeline System (Las Flores Canyon to Pentland) from Plains Pipeline L.P. (Plains) to Pacific Pipeline Company (PPC);
2. A Change of Operator of AAPL Lines 901 and 903 from Plains to ExxonMobil Pipeline Company (EMPCo); and
3. Change of Guarantor of AAPL Lines 901 and 903 from Plains to ExxonMobil Corporation.

PPC purchased Lines 901 and 903 from Plains on October 13, 2022. The pipelines are now registered with the CAL FIRE Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) as the Las Flores Pipeline System under trunk line identifiers CA-324 (formerly 901), CA-325A (formerly 903 Gaviota to Sisquoc), and CA-325B (formerly 903 Sisquoc to Pentland). EMPCo would operate the pipeline system on behalf of PPC. PPC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Mobil Pacific Pipeline Company. EMPCo is a wholly owned subsidiary of Exxon Pipeline Holdings LLC. All are ExxonMobil Corporation companies. ExxonMobil Corporation is the Guarantor, using self-insurance/guarantee to support financial demonstration.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara, Planning and Development Department

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Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project: Pacific Pipeline Company, ExxonMobil Pipeline Company, and ExxonMobil Corporation

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency
- Not a Project

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guidelines Section: 15378(b)(5); the proposed action does not constitute a project as defined in CEQA.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The request is exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378(a), as the proposed action does not constitute a “project” as defined in CEQA. Section 15378(a) states, in part:

“Project” means the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonable foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment...”

Section 15378(b)(5) specifically exempts “organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment” from this definition. The approval of a permit change to reflect a change in ownership, guarantor, and operator is an administrative action that does not involve any physical modifications to the existing project. Under the request, the acting Owner, Guarantor, and Operator would change from Plains to PPC, ExxonMobil Corporation, and EMPCo respectively. No physical changes to the pipeline system, modifications to the pipeline operations, or restart activities are proposed. Therefore, no further environmental review is required.

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