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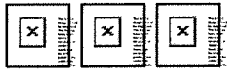
Hello,

Please find attached Santa Barbara Channelkeeper's comment letter for Item 3 on the 3/8/2022 SB County BOS Hearing tomorrow.

Thank you,
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RE: Item 3 – ExxonMobil Interim Trucking for SYU Phased Restart Project - OPPOSE

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

Santa Barbara Channelkeeper supports the Planning Commission’s recommendation for **denial of the ExxonMobil Trucking project**, and we urge the Board to follow the recommendation and deny this project.

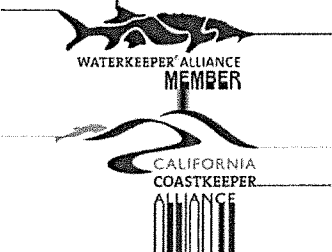
Channelkeeper has been working to protect the Santa Barbara Channel and its watersheds since 1999. Restarting three offshore oil platforms, which are all at the end of their anticipated 35-year lifespan, would introduce unnecessary risks to marine wildlife, ocean recreation, fishing, and cultural resources. The project’s Revised Final SEIR identifies Significant and Unavoidable Impacts, specifically that oil spills and fires associated with trucking could impact biological, water, and cultural resources at the Los Flores Canyon facility, and along the trucking route, which follows coastal Highway 101, both of which are located on and along the Gaviota Coast. Recent experiences, including the 2015 Plains All American Pipeline spill and the 2021 Orange County pipeline spill, demonstrate the inevitability of oil spills when drilling and transporting oil and illustrate the impacts that occur to wildlife, tourism, and fishing when oils spills occur.

The trucking route along the Gaviota Coast passes over many coastal creeks and through sensitive watersheds, including Gaviota Creek, an important habitat for endangered species such as the Southern Steelhead. The March 2020 oil tanker spill provides a vivid example of the devastating environmental impacts that result from spilling over 4,500 thousand gallons of oil into the Cuyama River.

As an organization dedicated to protecting and restoring the Santa Barbara Channel and its watersheds, we strongly encourage the Board to deny Exxon Mobil’s request to resume oil production and truck the oil along Coastal route 101 and Highway 166. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ted Morton, Executive Director
Santa Barbara Channelkeeper



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