

Katherine Douglas *Public Comment*

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Supervisor Hartmann must recuse herself from this agenda item. In June of 2025, County Counsel submitted to the FPPC a letter requesting advice on the issue of Hartmann's recusal involving permit transfers to Sable Offshore. County Counsel's letter contained a map and statements showing the location of Sable's pipeline in relation to Hartmann's property. Hartmann and County Counsel, on December 16, 2025, acknowledged that the map and statements submitted to FPPC were, in fact, false. Both County Counsel and Hartmann had to know in June, 2025 and on November 4th, 2025 about the existence of recorded subdivision maps directly contradicting the map and information submitted to the FPPC in June, 2025. The revelation of the falsity of County Counsel's FPPC letter compelled Hartmann to recuse herself on December 16, 2025. In fact, the video of the Planning Commission hearing of March 29th, 2017, where Planning Commission staff acknowledged the pipeline was located in the easement depicted on the subdivision map, was and is available on youtube.

If Hartmann refuses to recuse herself, the Chair has the power to call her out of order. If a motion is made to override the Chair's call, Hartmann is not allowed to vote on the motion.

Sable's pipeline may be available to accept future oil production, from both onshore and offshore sources. It is a direct conflict of interest for Hartmann to vote on any issue involving any oil and gas production in Santa Barbara County. Failure/refusal to recuse may cause any vote or action taken by the Board to be voided.

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