

Sheila de la Guerra **Public Comment - Group 5**

**From:** Robert Almy <ralmy3@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2023 4:24 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Linda Krop  
**Subject:** Appeal of Planning Commission Action, Denial of Proposed Valve Project Case Nos. 23APL-00022, 21AMD-00000-00009 and 22CDP-00000-00048  
**Attachments:** SBC BOS 0821-23.pdf



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**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

To: Board of Supervisors, Santa Barbara County

From: Robert Almy, Former Energy Division Manager  
(Registered Professional Geologist: California #3802)

Recommendation: Uphold Planning Commission Action to Deny Existing Oil Line 901/903 Valve Upgrade Project Amendment

Discussion: From October 1983 to October 1990, I was a member of the County Planning and Development Department Energy Division. From August 1987 through October 1990, I was Deputy Director of the Department, and Manager of the Energy Division. The Energy Division had three main responsibilities:

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3. Permit compliance during construction and operation to assure that all permit conditions, including the proposed project design basis, were followed.

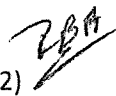
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As a result of my experience and understanding of the overall situation, I believe the public interest is not served by your Board overriding the Planning Commission decision. There is no reason for the County to have any confidence in the safety of the All American Pipeline (now Pacific Pipeline) as it was' construction and now has remained unused and inadequately evaluated for 8 years. Adding valves will do nothing to address the concerns listed above.

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**From:** bluejeanbagsbyroberta <bluejeanbagsbyroberta@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2023 4:32 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Appeal

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Board,

I encourage you to deny the appeal regarding the pipeline valve upgrade. Listen to the Planning Commission's reasoning for denial of this project. It would still leave an oil spill possible. The danger to our coast could be massive, as we have seen in the past. Thank you from this concerned citizen.

Sincerely

Roberta McReynolds

Lompoc

Sent from Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

## Sheila de la Guerra

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**From:** Victor Cox <vic.cox.freelance@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2023 4:37 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** deny appeal of re-used All American oil pipe and valves

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Supervisors,

Tomorrow you will be asked to allow the AllAmerican Pipeline to "repair" the ExxonMobil's pipelines with corroded and damaged valves, some of the same parts of the pipes that led to the 2015 Refugio Oil Spill. The Planning Commission has already weighed the risks of such replacements and wisely voted to deny this project.

Please uphold your Planning Commission and send this appeal to the trash can where it belongs.

Respectfully,

Vic Cox  
Goleta resident

## Sheila de la Guerra

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**From:** Tessa Byars <Tessa.Byars@patagonia.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2023 4:54 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Reject exxon pipeline

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Hi, I wanted to send a note in opposition to the proposal for the exxon pipeline due to its massive and predictable environmental impact of causing more oil spills, more death to wildlife, and exacerbating the climate crisis.

Thanks,

Tessa Byars

## Sheila de la Guerra

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**From:** John Dutton <John.Dutton@patagonia.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2023 5:05 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Oppose More Offshore Oil in SB Channel

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Dear Supervisors

- The pipeline in question is highly corroded, unable to comply with corrosion prevention standards, and poised to cause another major oil spill.
- Exxon is in negotiations with a company called Sable to sell the pipeline, offshore rigs, and other facilities. Permits given to Exxon will likely be transferred to Sable, a company with no proven ability to be held liable for future spills and decommissioning costs.
- The decaying 1980s offshore platforms connected to this pipeline are way beyond their intended lifespan described in the leases and need to be shut down.
- California crude oil is some of the most carbon-intensive in the world.
- To summarize: The county should deny this project due to its massive and predictable environmental impact of causing more oil spills, more death to wildlife, and exacerbating the climate crisis.

Thanks for your consideration.

Cheers,  
JD

John Dutton  
Senior Editor  
Patagonia Books  
259 W. Santa Clara St.  
Ventura, CA 93001  
805.667.4812



**Sheila de la Guerra**

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**From:** Richard Ripley <rripley@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2023 5:13 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Valve Upgrade Project

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Hello:

I feel that it is vital that the Board should reject Exxon's appeal and deny the Valve Upgrade Project to safeguard the County's residents and its environment from the devastating consequences of another oil spill. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard Ripley  
4298 Vanguard Drive  
Lompoc, CA 93436

## Sheila de la Guerra

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**From:** Jenny Tang <jenny.tang@patagonia.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2023 5:51 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Please reject Exxon's pipeline project

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

On behalf of the Ventura and Santa Barbara County communities I would advocate for rejecting Exxon's pipeline project for the sake of our public health, wildlife, and global climate.

Below are some of the reasons why I oppose this project:

- The pipeline in question is highly corroded, unable to comply with corrosion prevention standards, and poised to cause another major oil spill.
- Exxon is in negotiations with a company called Sable to sell the pipeline, offshore rigs, and other facilities. Permits given to Exxon will likely be transferred to Sable, a company with no proven ability to be held liable for future spills and decommissioning costs.
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- California crude oil is some of the most carbon-intensive in the world.
- To summarize: The county should deny this project due to its massive and predictable environmental impact of causing more oil spills, more death to wildlife, and exacerbating the climate crisis.

Thank you very much!  
Jenny

Jenny Tang (She/hers) | Finance

**patagonia**

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**From:** nyolagaray@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Noemma Olagaray  
<nyolagaray@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2023 5:54 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Deny the Plains Valve Upgrade Project at the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting

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Dear Clerk of the Board,

Oil spills have fouled the Santa Barbara coast for far too long. The 2015 Plains All American pipeline spill and the 1969 offshore oil disaster should have put an end to oil extraction in Santa Barbara County — but more than 50 years later, we're still allowing fossil fuel companies to put people, wildlife and coastlines at risk.

You have the power — and the responsibility — to stop this. As a Santa Barbara County resident, I urge you to deny ExxonMobil's permit application to restart the Plains Pipeline at the upcoming Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors meeting.

The 2015 oil spill damaged the coast and killed hundreds of marine mammals and birds. Now ExxonMobil wants to restart this old, ruptured pipeline. The company would also need to use the decaying 1980s offshore platforms connected to the failed pipeline, which are way beyond their intended lifespan and should be shut down.

The zoning administrator's approval of this project is based on faulty environmental analysis. The analysis fails to consider the impacts of restarting and replacing certain segments of the pipeline; ignores the impacts of the 2015 spill that were not accounted for in the original environmental analysis; and ignores the factors currently contributing to the corrosion of the pipeline.

Finally, the Santa Barbara Channel is a migration route and feeding ground for endangered blue and humpback whales. These precious animals — and many other species who rely on healthy ocean ecosystems for survival — need increased protection, not more deadly oil spills.

It's time to end the era of fossil fuels. I urge you to put Santa Barbara's people and wildlife first by denying ExxonMobil's permit application to restart this dangerous pipeline.

Sincerely,  
Noemma Olagaray  
Santa Barbara, CA 93105  
nyolagaray@gmail.com

## Sheila de la Guerra

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**From:** Seth Steiner <wsasteiner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2023 6:06 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** 8/22/23 EXXON PIPELINE AGENDA ITEM

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Dear Supervisors,

The pipeline is over thirty years old and neither fully inspected nor repaired since its big spill.

The long list of Exxon's disastrous accidents continues to grow, wherever it operates and regardless of its assurances. Now the company asks to install valves to limit future spills to "manageable" levels.

Will my wife and I ever again be able to walk on Refugio Beach without getting Exxon tar on our feet?

Exxon always finds ways to avoid responsibility for full clean-up and full restoration. Its slick legal maneuvers leave us to pay.

Plenty of domestic oil will be available without this pipeline. Exxon's proven deceit in lying for decades about its role in Climate Change exposes it as fundamentally untrustworthy.

Uphold the Planning Commission's decision and don't be party to another catastrophic Exxon spill.

Thank you.

Seth Steiner

750 Shaw Street

Los Alamos 93440

805.344.1828

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**From:** Jonathan Moran <jonathan.g.moran@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2023 6:56 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Sheryl France-Moran  
**Subject:** THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOULD UPHOLD THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DENIAL OF THE PROJECT

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The Valve Upgrade Project would install valves on the existing compromised pipeline to enable its resumed use, risking another oil spill with potentially disastrous consequences to the Gaviota Coast's marine and terrestrial ecosystems, cultural resources, public recreational areas, as well as to local businesses. Exxon claims a vested right to restart the existing Lines 901 and 903 at any time without further County approval, and Sable has stated its intention to resume operations in 2024. The County has no assurance that the pipeline is safe to use, or that the County could evaluate its safety prior to restart. The Planning Commission correctly found that approval of the Valve Upgrade Project is detrimental to the health, safety, and general welfare due to the elevated risk of an oil spill with resumed use of the existing line, and that above-ground infrastructure is incompatible with the rural Gaviota Coast landscape. The Board should reject Exxon's appeal and deny the Valve Upgrade Project to safeguard the County's environment and its residents from the devastating consequences of another oil spill.

Semper Fi,  
Jon G. Moran  
(760)  
855-7273

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**From:** Melissa DeStefano <Melissa.DeStefano@patagonia.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2023 7:25 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Pipeline Proposition OPPOSITION

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in direct opposition to the pipeline proposition that would increase offshore oil in Santa Barbara.

The pipeline in question is highly corroded, unable to comply with corrosion prevention standards, and poised to cause another major oil spill.

In addition, due to Exxon being in negotiations with the Sable company to sell the pipeline, offshore rigs, and other facilities, permits given to Exxon will likely be transferred to Sable. This would be extremely detrimental, as Sable is a company with no proven ability to be held liable for future spills and decommissioning costs.

To add to that, the decaying 1980s offshore platforms connected to this pipeline are way beyond their intended lifespan described in the leases and need to be shut down.

We know that California crude oil is some of the most carbon-intensive in the world, and thus some of the most harmful. Therefore, this proposition is not welcome in our home.

In summary, the county should deny this project due to its massive and predictable environmental impact of causing more oil spills, more death to wildlife, and exacerbating the climate crisis.

Sincerely,

**Melissa A. DeStefano**  
Digital Project Manager | Patagonia  
259 W. Santa Clara Street | Ventura, CA 93001

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**From:** afanifitafa805@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ann Shaw <afanifitafa805@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2023 7:59 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Deny the Plains Valve Upgrade Project at the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting

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Finally, the Santa Barbara Channel is a migration route and feeding ground for endangered blue and humpback whales. These precious animals — and many other species who rely on healthy ocean ecosystems for survival — need increased protection, not more deadly oil spills.

It's time to end the era of fossil fuels. I urge you to put Santa Barbara's people and wildlife first by denying ExxonMobil's permit application to restart this dangerous pipeline.

Do the right thing!

Sincerely,  
Ann Shaw  
Santa Barbara, CA 93105  
afanifitafa805@gmail.com



## Sheila de la Guerra

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**From:** jules1950@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Julie Sullwold <jules1950@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2023 8:53 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Deny the Plains Valve Upgrade Project at the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting

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Sincerely,  
Julie Sullwold  
Santa Barbara, CA 93109  
jules1950@gmail.com

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**From:** raylenec724@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2023 9:04 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Reject the Exxon pipeline scheme - Aug 22 Board of Supervisors meeting

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

County of Santa Barbara:  
DENY Exxon's pipeline scheme! Please protect all life in our county. Get oil out and keep it out!!  
Thank you,  
Raylene Crawford

Sent from my iPhone

## Sheila de la Guerra

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**From:** julietvbetita@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Juliet Velarde Betita  
<julietvbetita@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 2:10 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Deny the Plains Valve Upgrade Project at the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting

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Sincerely,  
Juliet Velarde Betita  
Santa Barbara, CA 93105  
julietvbetita@earthlinl.net

**Sheila de la Guerra**

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**From:** Seth Steiner <wsasteiner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 6:23 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** 8/22/23 EXXON PIPELINE AGENDA ITEM -- REPLACING MY EARLIER COMMENT

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**(please note that this replaces my earlier comment, from yesterday)**

Dear Supervisors,

This old pipeline has neither been fully inspected nor repaired since its big spill... and it is not needed for energy independence.

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Seth Steiner

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**From:** Jason Garcia <jason.garcia@patagonia.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2023 5:08 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** No more offshore drilling

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TLDR: You should deny the proposed offshore drilling project due to its massive and predictable environmental impact of causing more oil spills, more death to wildlife, and exacerbating the climate crisis.

Why?

The pipeline in question is highly corroded, unable to comply with corrosion prevention standards, and poised to cause another major oil spill.

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**From:** Tia Kordell <Tia.Kordell.656098367@foradvocacy.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2023 9:23 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Deny Pacific Pipeline Corporation's Pipeline Valve Upgrade Project

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Supervisors,

As a Santa Barbara County resident, I'm writing to urge the Board to deny Pacific Pipeline Corporation's appeal to overturn the Planning Commission's denial of the Lines 901/903 Valve Upgrade Project (case number 23APL-00022).

The Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's investigation of the Plains All America Oil Spill determined that the Line 901/903 cathodic protection system is irreparably compromised. The PPC valve-upgrade project is like putting band-aids on a broken leg and falls far short in ensuring that another detrimental oil spill will not occur.

We need to end dirty drilling off our coast, not reactivate corroded pipelines and decaying oil rigs. Doing so invites disaster to our public lands and most sensitive wildlife habitats.

I urge you to protect our coastal community, public lands, and climate by denying this appeal.

Regards,  
Tia Kordell  
1620 De La Vina St  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101