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Dear Clerk of the Board,

Please distribute this public comment on Agenda Item 2 for the August 29, 2023 meeting to the Board of Supervisors.

Thank you,

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Monday, August 28th, 2023

**Re: August 29, 2023 Agenda Item 2 - Resolution of Necessity to acquire easements for the Toro Canyon Oil Water Separator Project (APN 155-020-041)**

Dear Chair Williams and Honorable Supervisors,

Heal the Ocean urges the Board of Supervisors to approve, adopt, and authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution of Necessity to acquire easements for the Toro Canyon Oil Water Separator Project.

As your staff has pointed out, The Project is necessary to address damage to the facility as a result of the Thomas Fire and 1-9 debris flow, and to prevent failures during high flows as experienced during the winter of 2023. It is necessary to bring the system up to current Health & Safety code standards, all of which will serve to prevent potential future oil leaks from the facility into Toro Creek, which impacts downstream property owners – and which ultimately flows to the ocean.

To accomplish this project the Supervisors should direct Public Works to acquire the easement of Mary McEwan and Dan Bellaart, Trustees of The McEwen-Bellaart Family 2015 Revocable Living Trust Dated July 22, 2015.

Since the Oil Separator is located at the upper headwaters of Toro Creek in steep terrain, the Supervisors have no choice but to rebuild it on the footprint it now occupies, and therefore the Resolution of Necessity to acquire easements is crucial.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Noah Boland".

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