

From: GAYLE HACKAMACK <ghackamack@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 3:51 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable pipeline - No!



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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I urge you to deny the transfer of permits for Sable to start operations of the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant and Las Flores Pipelines. Our coastline is too precious for that.

Sable has not demonstrated that they are a responsible entity. They have not done the required corrosion protection technology required by the permits. They have not proven their ability to pay for any cleanup necessary from spills that will eventually happen.

They refuse to abide by the cease and desist order from the Coastal Commission. They cannot be trusted and we shouldn't have to be left to clean up the mess they will leave us with.

As a birder I was outraged that again in 2015 an oil spill devastated our coast. The cleanup exposed everyone and everything to dangerous chemicals. The loss of birds and marine life was devastating and horrific. It's time we stop the ruination of our coast - we have the Channel Islands, marine and whale sanctuaries at risk.

Do the right thing and DENY the transfer of these permits.

Thank you,
Gayle Hackamack
Santa Barbara, CA

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Nancy <ngkrop@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 3:51 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny Sable's Application

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant and Las Flores Pipelines.

Another spill from these facilities is likely, and would be devastating to Santa Barbara County and the Gaviota Coast.

Denying this application means not just protecting the environment. It also means protecting the Santa Barbara economy, dependent on visitors like me who come frequently to enjoy the wondrous beauty of your beaches. We eat in your restaurants, stay in your hotels and spend money in your stores.

You are THE stewards who can protect these areas from this disaster - for not just Santa Barbara county residents, but also for frequent visitors to Santa Barbara, like me.

The images of wildlife covered in oil, from previous spills in the area, are heart wrenching. You have the power to prevent this.

With power, comes responsibility. Please exercise yours wisely and deny Sable's application.

Thank you
Nancy Krop
Palo Alto, CA

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Adrienne Russell <adrienne.russellrn@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 3:52 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Opposed to Sable Offshore permit transfer!

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To Whom It May Concern at the County Board of Supervisors,

Tuesday, February 25th, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors will consider transferring permits for these facilities from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore Corporation.

My name is Adrienne Self. I am a UCSB graduate, a Santa Barbara resident for 20 years and counting, a local home owner, and a mother of two young children. I would like to share my opposition to the transfer of permits regarding Sable Offshore. I feel the Supervisors should deny this case because Sable Offshore has demonstrated that it cannot responsibly manage the facilities and has not shown that it can afford to respond to and remediate another oil spill.

I am opposed to the restart of oil production from the Santa Ynez Unit and conveyance through the corroded pipeline that damaged our coast in 2015.

Thank you for your time. I would like my comments added to the record please.
Sincerely,
Adrienne Self

Sent from my iPhone

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Katherine Baviera <kgeorgalos@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 11:40 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable Offshore Corporation

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Hello,

Please protect the Santa Barbara Channel from future oil spills. We do not want the county to transfer permits to Sable Offshore Corporation. We do not want to restart offshore oil production along the Gaviota Coast. We remember one of the largest oil spills in California's history that happened near Refugio State Beach. We oppose the restart of oil production from the Santa Ynez Unit and conveyance through the corroded pipeline that damaged our coast in 2015.

Please do not transfer permits to Sable Offshore Corporation. Additionally, they have demonstrated they cannot responsibly manage the facilities and have not shown that they can afford to respond to and remediate another oil spill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Katherine Baviera

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Andrew Condrell <awcon@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 3:58 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: STOP SABLE

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Andrew Condrell, and I am concerned about the potential restart of the pipeline owned by Sable Offshore Corp. I attend UCSB. This school was built on the incredible coastline of California that we as Californians know and love. I am an environmental science major. This major was founded because of an equivalent of Sable Offshore Corp. This major was founded because of devastation to life. I'm sure you all know the Union Oil spill in 1969 all too well. I could sit here and write about the dangers of another oil spill, but this is far from the truth of the problem of implementing this pipeline and supporting this company. I feel that California is a leader in pushing for a world that can harbor our children and theirs. I feel that Santa Barbara specifically is a beacon of environmental change for good. I ask simply, what good does adding this historically problematic pipeline bring when at the cost of the heart and soul of this place and its people? The heart and soul of its future? How can it be that you as the board believe in the problems facing us today from the climate and could even consider this bill. Will it provide gasoline? Energy? These are things that we already have. We should not be letting these companies try to pave the way of the future when we **know** that this is not the future. The company will not be able to cover the cost if another major oil spill happens. The people that you govern don't want to have to pay for this. The people that you govern don't want to have to keep trying to claw their way to a bright sustainable future. The people that you govern don't want to have corporations have more sway than they do. The people that you govern want to be able to see wildlife in the ocean. The people that you govern want to feel good about heating their homes, or driving their car. I know that the esteemed members of the board know all of these points. I want you to be bold. I want you to be on the right side of history. I want you to not let money or corporations rule the good of this world. I want you to deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines. Let's show the world that we aren't simply going to let these companies continue to be successful at the plight of many more Americans than will benefit from their oil.

Protect the safety and future of Californians by NOT allowing Sable Offshore to restart the pipeline in Santa Barbara County.

Best,

Andrew Condrell

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Claudia Sobel <claudiajsobel@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:00 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: oppose the restart of oil production

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Dear County Supervisors,

Please do not allow Sable Oil Company to transfer oil permits due to their abysmal record of violations. I live here in Santa Barbara, and regularly enjoy our beaches, and respect our wildlife.

Thank you, sincerely,

Claudia Sobel
856 Deerpath Rd.
Santan Barbara, CA. 93108

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Liz Gaspar <glizgaspar@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:07 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Opposition to Allowing Transfer of Operation Permits from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore Corporation

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To the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

Please consider my comments in deciding whether to transfer permits from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore Corporation.

1. I don't agree that Sable has enough liability insurance to cover the costs of clean-up of an inevitable oil spill. Plains American's costs were \$750 million. Sable's insurance covers about \$100 million.
2. Sable's ignoring of two cease-and-desist orders from the California Coastal Commission is a clear demonstration that they are not interested in compliance with regulatory requirements. They can't be trusted to carry out the maintenance required to limit spills.
3. Exxon left Santa Barbara oil and sold the pipeline to Sable, a small, modestly funded company that Exxon had to loan money to in order to get the sale through. Sable doesn't have the financial clout to pay for estimated (by county reports) annual spills and eruptions every four years. Costs will be passed on to taxpayers like me.
4. Sable has not met the conditions of the permits; they should not be transferred.

There are many reasons to not support conveying permits from ExxonMobil to Sable. My comments focus on just a few.

I urge the County Board of Supervisors to have some grit and deny these permits.
Please don't support an action that poses such a predictable threat to our priceless coastline.

Sincerely,
Liz Gaspar

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Liz Gaspar
Santa Barbara
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Sheila de la Guerra

From: Katie Schmid <kategschmid@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:11 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment Regarding Pipeline Restart and Environmental Concerns

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Katie Schmid, and I am a proud resident of Santa Barbara. I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed restart of oil production in the Santa Ynez Unit by Sable Offshore, and to respectfully support the efforts of the Surfrider Foundation to halt this project.

As a local who cares deeply about our community, our future, and the preservation of our beautiful coastline, I ask you to prioritize the well-being of our environment and local residents when considering this matter. The Santa Barbara Channel is an irreplaceable natural treasure, and there are some actions—like the potential restart of this offshore oil production—that cannot be undone. The impacts of a spill or environmental damage would be devastating and irreversible.

It is essential that any decision made about the restart of these operations undergoes a rigorous and thorough review, including meaningful public engagement. We must be 110% confident that the environmental impacts are fully understood and that proper protections are in place before moving forward with such a risky project. Our community and our coastline deserve nothing less than due diligence and unwavering commitment to safeguarding our future.

Please serve and prioritize our community by ensuring that we proceed with the utmost caution and care. I urge you to reject the approval of this project until a full environmental review and public consultation process is conducted.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Katie Schmid
Santa Barbara, CA

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Anna Cronshaw <annacronshaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:20 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please DENY Sable Oil's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines...

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To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
From: Anna Maria Cronshaw, 2960 Hidden Valley Lane, Santa Barbara, CA 93108
Re: Please DENY Sable Oil's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines.

To protect our precious coastline from the next oil catastrophe...

I am respectfully asking that our Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors PLEASE DENY Sable Oil's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines.

Santa Barbara County has seen more than its fair share of oil-related environmental disasters.

Unfortunately Sable Oil, and the many companies that have come before them, cannot be trusted to build and maintain oil infrastructure that would guarantee no harm.

January 28, 1969 was an historic day in our community - and - unfortunately - a day that will live on in infamy.

My husband was a young boy back then, and he remembers vividly when he and his brothers joined their mother, and began to help cleanup our local beaches.

The oil was absolutely everywhere and it was a devastating and tragic sight - and one that he and his family will never forget.

Going to UCSB in the late 1970's - I was lucky enough to study in the Environmental Studies Department. This wonderful department grew out of that tragic January day in 1969 - and if we've learned anything - we simply cannot afford to have anything like this ever happen again.

My husband and I now have children and grandchildren - who love this area as much as we all do - and we would be devastated if it were to be harmed again by yet another oil industry fiasco.

Please do all that you can to make sure that the beaches and all of the coastline of Santa Barbara County stay safe and unharmed from oil disasters.

In this fractured political climate - we need to do all that we can to stand up for what is right and just.

Please do this for all of your constituents - not just for me and my family - please show everyone that Santa Barbara County can be an example; that it can stand up and say no to big oil.

Sable Oil's plans cannot be allowed to move forward - we need to stop them in their tracks now.

Sincerely,

Anna Maria Cronshaw
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805 689 9517

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Ellery Green <ellery2026@sbms.org>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:21 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Don't Enable Sable

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Hello,

I am a student in Santa Barbara and I have recently been informed about Sable attempting to restart the pipeline off of the Southern California coast. I strongly disagree with this development. The same pipeline caused one of the largest oil spills previously and if it started up again it can and will cause another one. As a youth in the world, I would like to live in a world where our oceans are free of oil. Where children grow up playing in the ocean, not where children grow up staying out of it for fear of thick black oil. Where birds, fish and wildlife are not struggling on the surface of the water covered in oil. If you do this I fear the Southern California coast will become a place of filthy beaches and rainbow sheened water. If you do this Santa Barbara's environmental history will forever be changed for the worse. I implore you, do not let the Sable company proceed if you at all care about the beautiful world we live in.

Sincerely,

Ellery

A Student Who Cares About The Environment

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Paolo Marchi <powrockett@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:23 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please Stop Sable!

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Paolo Marchi, and I am concerned about the potential restart of the pipeline owned by Sable Offshore Corp.

You, The Board of Supervisors should deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines. Another spill from these facilities is likely and would be devastating to Santa Barbara County and the Gaviota Coast. As you know, Sable likely cannot afford to cover the cost of remediation if/when another major spill occurs. The public should not have to pay to clean up another spill. Additionally, it is possible that Sable never restarts these facilities, forcing it into bankruptcy. Sable has not provided any assurances that it will be able to pay to decommission its facilities in that scenario. You, The Board, cannot approve the transfer of permits from Exxon to Sable because Sable has not met the conditions of the permits. For example, the pipeline does not have the critical corrosion protection technology required by the permits. Sable has received notices of violations from three state agencies and recently received a second cease-and-desist order from the Coastal Commission for continuing work on its facilities without a proper permit. The questionable behavior of Sable's management team shows that the Board cannot trust them to responsibly operate this project. As a surfer and environmentalist, the coastline of Santa Barbara and Gaviota is a biodiverse haven with estuaries that protect our coastlines. These oil rigs should be a thing of the past. Please protect the safety and future of Californians by NOT allowing Sable Offshore to restart the pipeline in Santa Barbara County.

Best,

Paolo Marchi

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Anna Mueller <anna.mueller2@googlemail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:24 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: No to giving permits to Sable

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To the Board of SB County Supervisors,
To Whom It May Concern,

I am a worried Santa Barbara resident and mother of two young children growing up in the city. It has come to my attention that after 10 years of not using the pipeline that caused the Refugio oil spill in 2015 it will be discussed in tomorrow's Board of Supervisors meeting whether or not to approve the transfer of permits and ownership from Exxon to Sable.

I am not even understanding why this is even up to discussion again after it became perfectly clear that the pipeline is not safe and that in fact all oil drilling is never fully safe and the costs of oil spills and such emergencies are simply too high that any liability insurance could ever cover them. It's not just the monetary aspect of cleaning up a potential spill or other oil drilling disasters, it's the life of countless marine animals, the ocean itself and therefore our lives that's on the line. Do you really believe the oceans and our health can be guaranteed by a 50 year old pipeline that has been „fixed“? Do you really believe that oil drilling is the future? I am sure the current administration thinks so but the economy points in another direction. Our need for oil is going down. Climate change is no joke and if we want to invest in a cleaner more sustainable future for all of us we really need to rethink our oil consumption and the possibilities of improving the usage or green energy like solar and wind instead of handing an oil drilling permit to Sable. This decision you are facing tomorrow is an important one and I am urging you to deny handing the permits over to Sable and making a clear statement against new oil drilling efforts in the Santa Barbara channel. Our future relies on it and most importantly the future of our children and grandchildren...not to mention the future of the amazing ocean ecosystem that we live with here.

Thank you so much for your consideration, Concerned Santa Barbara resident Anna Mueller

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Teya Perkin <teya2025@sbms.org>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:24 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable Oil Vote

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“The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it.” – Robert Swan

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Lewis White <lewiswhite@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:25 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable

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Hi there,

I am deeply concerned about the environmental consequences of Sable restarting the Santa Ynez Unit. This unit has been shut down since causing the 2015 Refugio oil spill, and Sable intends to restart rather than replace the defective pipeline causing this issue. This is unacceptable, and the board of supervisors should deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the pipelines.

Thank you.

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Lena Patel <lenapatel@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:26 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Don't Enable Sable

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My name is Lena Patel, and I am concerned about the potential restart of the pipeline owned by Sable Offshore Corp.

How much would it cost to implement the critical protection corrosion technology? If no repairs are to be made before the Sable Offshore Corp wants to reopen the pipeline, we are at danger for affecting the entire ecosystem near Santa Barbara. There is no way to quantify the damage which has occurred to the ecosystem in 2015, and if this happens again the consequences will be detrimental. It seems entirely reasonable to take extreme cautious measures to prevent this from happening again.

By allowing Sable to start operations without the correct permitting, the future consequences seem to outweigh the future benefits. Destruction, persistent clean up, and an unknown as to the abilities of the company to aid in this clean up are at risk. Therefore, with the current terms the pipeline should not be restarted.

Best,
Lena Patel

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Indra Boving <indraboving@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:27 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: In opposition of the Sable Pipeline

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Hello,

I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the transfer of permits from Exxon to Sable and the building of any pipeline in or near Santa Barbara county. These pipelines pose too strong a risk to the unique and irreplaceable ecology of our region, and to the essential ecological services these systems provide. Maintaining and conserving the health of our lands and waterways is integral for the health of those who live and work in Santa Barbara.

Additionally, facilitating the transfer of crude oil makes this county complicit in the climate crises, which poses an existential threat to all life on earth. Short-term economic gain is not worth the loss we will all suffer under climate change.

For the sake of your constituents and future generations, please vote against the Sable Pipeline.

Sincerely,

Indra Boving

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Mukta Kelkar <mk.muktakelkar@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:31 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable Pipeline - Public Comment Submission

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 Board of Supervisors,

My name is Mukta Kelkar and I am an environmental scientist and marine ecologist who has been living in Santa Barbara County for five years. I'm reaching out to ask the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors to deny Sable Offshore Corp.'s application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines.

The pipeline has already malfunctioned once in 2015, and we as a community cannot afford to experience that kind of completely preventable environmental devastation again. The 2015 oil spill cost Central Coast communities \$75 million, and Sable likely cannot afford to cover the cost of remediation if and when another major spill occurs. The public should not have to pay to clean up another spill. Furthermore, Sable is not responsible enough to manage a pipeline. They have received notices of violations from three state agencies. The questionable behavior of Sable's management team shows that the Board cannot trust them to responsibly operate this project.

Lastly, restarting oil infrastructure runs counter to California and Santa Barbara County goals for climate action. California is supposed to be carbon neutral by 2045, while the County of Santa Barbara aims to reduce emissions by 50% by 2030. Expanding oil infrastructure is in direct opposition with both those goals. Furthermore, we are in a climate emergency -- thousands of our neighbors in Los Angeles were recently displaced by wildfires made worse by climate change. Though the fires are no longer active, LA residents are now facing health threats from the very air they breathe and the water they drink, as plastic and heavy metals from burned homes have dispersed into the environment. Allowing Sable to restart the Las Flores Pipelines will make climate change worse, increasing risk of wildfire and extreme drought, driving up the cost of home and renters insurance in California, and reopening the possibility of Santa Barbara county experiencing another devastating oil spill. In 2015, the oil spill shutdown beaches and closed fisheries, hurting our local economies, public health, and access to food.

When active, the Santa Ynez Unit was by far the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Santa Barbara County. Restarting these facilities will significantly increase fossil fuel production and GHG emissions in California and will make it impossible for the County to meet its climate goals. Allowing Sable to access the permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines would hurt Santa Barbara communities, the people of California, and the ocean ecosystems we all love and depend upon for food. I ask that the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors deny Sable Offshore Corp.'s application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines.

Thank you,
Mukta

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Kian Vedder Fortin <kian2028@sbms.org>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:32 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Against Sable

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Sable Oil Company is NOT financially able to safely operate the oil drilling platforms, and it is predicted that there will be a YEARLY oil spill and a MAJOR OIL SPILL EVERY 4 YEARS. So please.... don't let another oil spill steal the ocean away from us.

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Sincerely, Kian Vedder Fortin

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Irene Cooke <irene.cooke@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:31 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Comment re Sable Hearing
Attachments: Comment_2-25-25.pdf

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Please find my comment attached.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Cooke
Goleta

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Irene C. Cooke
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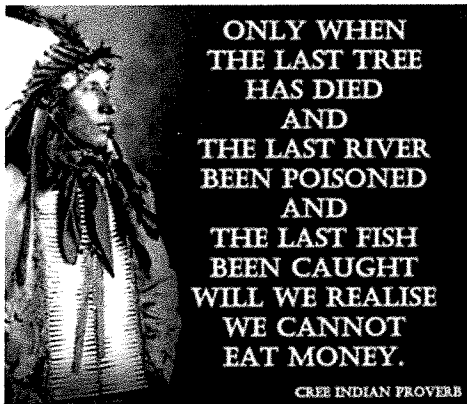
Honorable Supervisors:

Ordinarily, I would be planning to attend tomorrow's hearing in person. However, a recent injury is keeping me homebound and I must resort to written comment.

The 2020's is the decade that was supposed to bring dramatic reductions in carbon emissions to keep the planet within a safe level of CO2 in the atmosphere. Yet here we are in 2025, watching emissions escalating instead of reducing. No words are sufficient to convey the amount of physical, psychological and emotional anguish this reality is causing: watching one disaster after another – fires, floods, mud slides, hurricanes, droughts exacerbated by climate change -- and wondering when the next disaster will strike our communities.

Our elected officials are supposed to take the lead in protecting us. You have given lip service to a Climate Action Plan. But Actions speak louder than Words. Such Action Plan documents are but hollow, meaningless Words when the Actions of your staff in the Energy and Minerals Division continually rubber stamp applications for fossil fuel projects. It is infuriating, disappointing and heartbreaking to watch this happen time and time again. Scientists have clearly spoken: we must rapidly reduce emissions if our children and grandchildren are to have a livable planet.

How can we spend precious time debating whether an undercapitalized inexperienced company can restart a corroded, defectively designed pipeline that has been abandoned for 10 years, while knowing that the restart will dramatically increase our County's carbon emissions? We should be spending this time taking bold action to swiftly develop a green energy economy, leaving fossil energy as an unfortunate relic of the 20th century. Please vote NO to deny the transfer from Exxon to Sable. If not, how will you explain to your grandchildren that you failed to do everything in your power to protect their future?



Sheila de la Guerra

From: Houston R Harte <houstonrharte@me.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:32 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: PLEASE DENY PERMIT TRANSFER

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In these times of very real Shock and Awe as our country's constitution is being tossed in the wind Santa Barbara must stand-up and show accountability. Earn your raises and say NO to another assault on the environment. PLEASE.

As an ocean swimmer and one who puts money where her mouth is to protect our fragile ecosystem, I implore you to show decency for what really matters.

For all the reasons listed below:

- Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines.
- Another spill from these facilities is likely and would be devastating to Santa Barbara County and the Gaviota Coast.
- Sable likely cannot afford to cover the cost of remediation if/when another major spill occurs. The public should not have to pay to clean up another spill.
- It is possible that Sable never restarts these facilities, forcing it into bankruptcy. Sable has not provided any assurances that it will be able to pay to decommission its facilities in that scenario.
- The Board cannot approve the transfer of permits from Exxon to Sable because Sable has not met the conditions of the permits. For example, the pipeline does not have the critical corrosion protection technology required by the permits.
- Sable has received notices of violations from three state agencies and recently received a second cease-and-desist order from the Coastal Commission for continuing work on its facilities without a proper permit. The questionable behavior of Sable's management team shows that the Board cannot trust them to responsibly operate this project.

Houston Harte
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Sb ca 93108

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Luella Runhaar <luella2026@sbms.org>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:33 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Protecting Santa Barbara's Ocean – Please Reconsider

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Dear SB County,

I'm writing to share my deep concern about the proposed oil drilling platform off the coast of Santa Barbara. The ocean is a huge part of my life, and I know I'm not alone in that. I love spending time in the water, whether it's swimming, surfing, or just enjoying the beauty of the coastline. Santa Barbara's beaches and marine life are something truly special, and I can't imagine seeing them harmed by an oil spill.

I've heard that spills are a real risk with projects like this, and history has shown us the devastating impact they can have. From harming sea creatures to ruining beaches and affecting local communities, the damage from an oil spill lasts for years. It's heartbreaking to think about the possibility of our ocean being polluted when so many people, animals, and businesses depend on it staying clean.

I truly hope you will reconsider this project and prioritize the health of our ocean and environment. Santa Barbara is known for its stunning coastline and strong community of people who care about protecting it. I hope that instead of moving forward with this, you'll explore safer and more sustainable energy options that won't put our beautiful waters at risk.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns. I appreciate any steps you can take to help keep our ocean as clean and safe as possible.

Sincerely,

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Luella Runhaar
She/Her
luella2026@sbms.org

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Luna Agh <luna2026@sbms.org>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:34 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Don't Enable Sable!

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Hello Santa Barbara County,

I am a an 8th grade student in Santa Barbara who would truly like to see that our ocean stays clean, heathy and oil free! I want to add my vote and voice to the many others that are protesting against the oil pipeline. Adding this pipeline could so easily cause astronomical damage. An oil spill in the SB County and Gaviota Cost would not only ruin our beautiful ocean that so many people care so much about, but it would seriously hurt the underwater environment that is filled to the brim with fish, mammal, and plant life. If this kind of spill happened there is a high chance that Sable will not be able to cover the costs and our community should not be responsible for another spill. As a young person living and building a life here I really want to keep my community thriving and safe for further generations to grow up in, I don't ever want to have to worry about if it's safe for my kids to go into the water, or have to see any ocean creature lives ruined by oil in their home. So please take my words and lots of others into deep consideration and deny Sable's applications to restart this oil pipeline that caused so many issues before and will cause more if we don't do something about it!

Thank you for reading my comment.

Sincerely,

Luna

Sheila de la Guerra

From: kirk leven <kirkleven@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:37 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable no thank you

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The Santa Ynez Unit should not be restarted with Sable. Rather, it should be dismantled and removed. I would like to see a project presented and approved to this end. Thank you.

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Lindsay Edelman <ledelman@bren.ucsb.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:37 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny the Permit Transfer from ExxonMobil to Sable

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to oppose allowing permits and the restart for Sable Offshore Corp to restart on and offshore pipelines in Santa Barbara County. As a resident in the Santa Barbara area and environmental graduate student, I feel the need to voice my concern for such action to take place. Allowing for these permits and oil pipelines to be used puts Santa Barbara visitors, residents, and wildlife at risk of health and safety concerns. Chumash National Marine Sanctuary and the Channel Islands Marine Sanctuary are both critically protected habitats for many aquatic and avian species, and allowing for oil to be drilled and transported in close proximity in these areas will put these areas at risk. This hurts both aquatic life and the eco-tourism and fishing businesses that rely on healthy ocean ecosystems.

As seen throughout Santa Barbara's history with the Refugio pipeline rupture and the 1969 oil spill that notably started "Earth Day", we have seen the expensive costs and lack of reliability we can expect from drilling and transporting oil in this region. Allowing for Sable Offshore Corp to restart drilling and transportation of oil would show the community that we haven't learned from this lack of oversight, and would defy the collective environmentally conscience that Santa Barbara has grown over the last half century.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

Lindsay Edelman (she/her)

Masters of Environmental Science & Management

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Sheila de la Guerra

From: Ben Seitz-Sitek <ssben97@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:37 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny the Permit Transfer from Exxon to Sable

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Dear Supervisors - I implore you to deny the transfer of permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipeline from Exxon to Sable. The pipeline is irreparably damaged, Sable does not have the appropriate liability coverage, and the project restart has not gone through the public and environmental review processes. Please do not make this county complicit in another future disaster and degradation of our home.

Thank you,
Benjamin Seitz-Sitek

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Karina Munoz <karina@innerwarriorproject.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:38 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: DO NOT TRANSFER PERMITS TO SABLE OFFSHORE CORPORATION

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Hello,

Please protect the Santa Barbara Channel from future oil spills. We do not want the county to transfer permits to Sable Offshore Corporation. We do not want to restart offshore oil production along the Gaviota Coast. We remember one of the largest oil spills in California's history that happened near Refugio State Beach. We oppose the restart of oil production from the Santa Ynez Unit and conveyance through the corroded pipeline that damaged our coast in 2015.

Please do not transfer permits to Sable Offshore Corporation. Additionally, they have demonstrated they cannot responsibly manage the facilities and have not shown that they can afford to respond to and remediate another oil spill.

Best,

Karina Munoz-Benalcazar
Self Empowerment Mentor
Innerwarriorproject.com
Karina@innerwarriorproject.com
805.559.4700

Sheila de la Guerra

From: s sa <sbcl7017@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:39 PM
To: sbcob; s sa
Subject: Deny the permit transfer from Exxon to Sable

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Deny all Sable.

Deny the permit transfer from Exxon to Sable

Protect & preserve our beautiful coast, waters, land and air.

I stand with all the environmental defense centers talking points

Thank you for considering this letter.

Sincerely,

Sue

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Karina Munoz <karmv2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:39 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: No transfer of permits to Sable Offshore Corporation

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Please do not transfer permits to Sable Offshore Corporation. Additionally, they have demonstrated they cannot responsibly manage the facilities and have not shown that they can afford to respond to and remediate another oil spill.

Thanks,

Karina McClure
805.559.4700

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Ella Boehme <3llafish@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:40 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please Deny Permit Transfer from ExxonMobil to Sable

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To the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I am a student at Santa Barbara City College, and I am very concerned about the potential to provide a permit to Sable Oil to restart the Santa Ynez Unit offshore drilling operations, which includes an extremely corroded oil pipeline that spilled 450,000 gallons of oil onto the Gaviota Coast in 2015, barely a decade ago.

This Texas-based company, Sable Oil, has a track record that is far from desirable, operating as of now at a \$682 million dollar deficit. They have committed multiple violations from 3 separate state agencies for not protecting water quality or coastal resources. They plan to restart - not rebuild - the damaged Refugio pipeline, and they are so far making progress on this project without environmental review.

Any environmental review would show that the pipeline is clearly corroded and has a high chance of spilling again. Not only would this be extremely detrimental and damaging to our community, threatening the safety and cleanliness of our water and public beaches, as well as causing massive death and destruction to marine and coastal wildlife, but if Sable is currently operating at such a deficit, they likely cannot afford cleanup efforts when the inevitable disaster does happen.

Please consider your constituents, the people who live in Santa Barbara County, before an oil company from Texas. This is a very, very risky operation with little to no reward even in the best-case scenario. This will undoubtedly cause damage, suffering, and loss to all of us who get to call this beautiful place home.

As a young person and a college student currently studying biology, I am well aware of the state of our climate emergency, and I see and experience the effects of what fossil fuel reliance does to our world. I, and the other young people in Santa Barbara, are terrified for our futures and are counting on you, our leaders in Santa Barbara, to set a better example and precedent than what the rest of the country is currently displaying.

We know this place as a town that cares for its citizens, and cares for its environment, and that's why we love it and choose to live here. Please represent your constituents well and vote for our interest, our health, and our safety over a failing Texan oil company.

Thank you,
Ella Boehme

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Eleri Griffiths <elerigriffiths9@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:42 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Opposing the Sable Permit Transfer

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Eleri Griffiths and I am very concerned and strongly oppose the restart of the pipeline owned by Sable Offshore Corp.

The pending transfer of permits from Exxon to Sable should not be allowed for the following reasons:

The Board of Supervisors should deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Sable likely cannot afford to cover the cost of remediation if/when another major spill

The Board cannot approve the transfer of permits from Exxon to Sable because Sable has

Sable has received notices of violations from three state agencies. The questionable

As an ocean conservationist both personally and professionally, it deeply concerns me that the board is considering this action, which fundamentally threatens the long term health of our ocean. Knowingly approving an inevitable and preventable oil spill goes against the values, needs, and health of this community and more broadly, California and the fight against climate change. For the sake of our planet, do not approve this action.

Sincerely,
Eleri Griffiths

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Kristen LaBonte <kristenlabonte@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:43 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Don't enable Sable!

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Dear County Board of Supervisors,

It is dangerous to allow Sable to restart the pipeline that burst in 2015, causing massive oil pollution along our coast. This pipeline should be replaced and we're putting our sensitive habitats at risk.

Sable is not financially stable, please don't enable them! If there is another oil spill, they could go bankrupt instead of dealing with the disaster.

Thank you,
Kristen LaBonte
Goleta, CA

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Rachel Vedder <rachelvedder@me.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:44 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please Vote NO on Permit Transfer to Sable

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To whole it may concern,

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider this.

I am writing to convey my opposition to the transfer of permits for offshore drilling from ExxonMobil to Sable. Not only is it not ethically nor ecologically responsible to have any off-shore drilling in this area given what a unique environment these waters represent, This is important because Sable Oil Company is NOT financially able to safely operate the oil drilling platforms, and it is predicted that there will be a yearly oil spill and a major oil spill every four years.

Please protect our oceans and put a stop to this.

Given the terrible and long-lasting impact of the events that transpired in 2015, I am shocked that this proposal to transfer permit or even reopen this pipeline would be considered.

Santa Barbara represents a unique and widespread and bio-diverse economic-system in just its waters alone that will be significantly, if not terminally, impacted if such another event to occur.

Santa Barbara itself also represents a town that has always faced forward to consider and protect its eco-systems both in the water and in the land around it. This habitat supports not only a unique eco-system, but has drawn long-time families who have lived here for generations as well as considerable tourism for those benefits. Given this, there seems to be a good reason to take steps to implement something that will without doubt endanger all of this, as it is more than likely that another event such as that which occurred will occur again. Furthermore, these waters and communities should all be protected, just as our National Forest is.

I live on a 1400 acre ranch in the Foothills of Carpinteria that was purchased by my great-grand-parents in the early 1900's. I live here with my parents, my sister, and my son, who is now twelve years old. Additionally, many of our ranch workers live here, three of whom are brothers who have grown up here as their father also lived and worked here for forty years. All of these families also have children, some of whom also have children. This family property currently has four generations of people living here, and with roots in this community.

I am asking on their behalf and on the behalf of all of our children who deserve to be able to grow up in this incredible and bio-diverse world that we are so blessed to be able to live in here in Santa Barbara- please vote against this and protect our waters for the marine that lives there and also for the sake of all of us and our children who hope to lead happy and healthy lives here supporting the town of Santa Barbara.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Rachel Vedder

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Tonia Bauerlein Kelly <toniabauerleinkelly@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:44 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny the Permit Transfer from ExxonMobil to Sable

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed transfer of permits from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore Corporation for the operation of the Santa Ynez Unit, including the associated offshore platforms, onshore processing facilities, and the pipeline responsible for the devastating 2015 Refugio Oil Spill.

As a resident of Santa Barbara, I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact that the 2015 spill had on our community and environment. The spill devastated 150 miles of California coastline, destroying thousands of acres of shoreline and restarting this defective pipeline could result in a spill once a year and a major rupture every four years. Moreover, the California State Fire Marshal has granted Sable a waiver to operate the pipeline without effective corrosion protection-the very issue that led to the 2015 disaster. Sable's financial instability further exacerbates these concerns. Operating at a \$682 million deficit, there is a significant risk that the company may be unable to cover the costs of remediation in the event of another spill, potentially leaving taxpayers to shoulder the burden.

The Santa Ynez Unit was previously the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Santa Barbara County. Restarting these facilities would significantly increase fossil fuel production and greenhouse gas emissions, undermining the county's climate goals and contributing to the global climate crisis. Given these factors, I urge you to deny the transfer of permits to Sable Offshore Corporation.

Thank you,
Tonia Bauerlein Kelly

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Amelia Maday <amelia2028@sbms.org>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:47 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Concerns About the Oil Line Project

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Dear County of Santa Barbara

My name is Amelia, and I'm reaching out because I'm really concerned about the oil line project you're planning. I've been thinking a lot about past oil spills, like the Refugio oil spill, and how they hurt the environment, wildlife, and communities. The damage from that spill was huge, and it took a long time for nature to recover. I don't want to see something like that happen again. EVER!

Oil spills can destroy entire ecosystems. Animals lose their homes, water gets polluted, and people's lives are affected for years. It's really hard to fix something like that once it happens. I'm worried that building this oil line could lead to another disaster like that, and I think we should be doing everything we can to prevent it.

Oil spills not only affect nature, but affect kids like me! Kids like me who love the beach and surfing and just playing in the waves and just having a good time! An oil spill prevents all of that and comes with tons of really harmful chemicals that can really hurt people!!!

We've got better, cleaner options for energy now, like wind and solar power, and I believe we can find a way to get the energy we need without putting nature or people at risk. I hope you'll consider all the lessons we've learned from past spills and think about how to protect the planet moving forward.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I really hope you'll think carefully about the impact this project could have.

Sincerely,
Amelia

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With Gratitude,

Amelia Maday
amelia2028@sbms.org
SBMS 6th

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Barry Perlmutter <perlyfam@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:48 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Maryanne Perlmutter; david@cityofbuellton.com
Subject: Safety concern about proposal to restart crude oil pipeline under Buellton

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

We are homeowners in the Sycamore Ranch area of Buellton, an area that would be vulnerable should there be a leak in the crude oil pipeline that exists under our neighborhood. We are asking the Board to require the pipeline company to reroute the pipeline prior to restarting it so it is outside Buellton's city limits, and to require safety monitoring.

We would appreciate your prompt attention to this vital matter.

Sincerely,

Barry & Maryanne Perlmutter
320 Alder Lane
Buellton, CA 93427
Email: perlyfam@hotmail.com & mperlmutter39@gmail.com
Phone: (559)772-9559 & (909)742-2103

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Sheila de la Guerra

From: Vanessa Van Deusen <vanessa.van.deusen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:49 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Say "NO" to the Sable Pipeline

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SB Board of Supervisors,

As a Santa Barbara based marine ecologist and lover of our rich marine ecosystems, I am strongly opposed to the Sable Pipeline. Santa Barbara (of all places!) knows the cost of oil spills. Opening the Sable Pipeline goes against the safety and interest of the Santa Barbara public. Say "no" to Sable!

Vanessa Van Deusen
MSc in Marine Ecology

Sheila de la Guerra

From: BillandSusanne <billandsusanne@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:51 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: NO to Sable Oil

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I am strongly opposed to allowing Sable Oil to take over the rotten Exxon pipeline. Please think about our oceans, our sea life and humans. We have to stop making the same mistakes over and over again. Please...do the right thing.

Sincerely,
Susanne Wood
Sent from my iPad

Sheila de la Guerra

From: John Manning <jonman50@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:52 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable Offshore Permitting Appeal

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

Please support the appeal, and deny a transfer of permits from Exxon to Sable Offshore necessary to resume use of the oil pipeline that ruptured in 2015. Sable is not financially capable of guaranteeing any mishap in the future, and possibly could leave taxpayers with same situation that Venoco did several years ago.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Manning
Santa Barbara

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Seth Steiner <wsasteiner@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:53 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT--Sable Offshore Corporation's Change of Owner, Operator, and Guarantor

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It's clear that the pipeline that failed catastrophically 10 years ago is still not trustworthy, and that Sable Oil is not sufficiently indemnified to handle the next accident. State regulatory authorities have not stood up to the challenge and our County's energy planners have been timid, allowing themselves to be gamed. Couldn't County legal advisors be less reactive and more imaginative?

It's equally apparent that the clean energy transition is alive and well here and does considerably more economic benefit, and less harm, than old oil. Furthermore, any accounting of the true costs of fossil fuels must recognize the enormous price of fire damage, rising temperatures and sea levels, drought, land and mudslides, environmental and species destruction, air and water pollution and their resulting harm to health... and escalating home insurance premiums.

Our County government must find ways to advance the energy transition and do more to protect us from Big, Dirty Oil. Two of our District Supervisors always stand in the way of progress here. My sense is that Steve Lavagnino knows better but is seduced by tens of thousands of dollars from the oil industry. Bob Nelson appears to be a Climate Change denier and is also awash in oil donations. We should do what we can to either convince them or retire them.

This County, our home, needs to accelerate the shift to a clean energy economy and reduce the presence of Big Oil. It must find ways to do better.

Seth Steiner
Los Alamos

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Max Settineri <msett18@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:54 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny the Permit Transfer from ExxonMobil to Sable

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Max Settineri, and I am a local environmental professional working to help communities plan and finance projects that build resilience to climate change. I am writing to urge the Board of Supervisors to deny the transfer of oil pipeline permits from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore.

Allowing this transfer would restart aging, high-risk infrastructure that threatens our environment, economy, and public safety. Santa Barbara County's own analysis indicates that restarting the pipeline could result in a spill every year, with a major rupture expected once every four years. The 2015 Refugio Oil Spill demonstrated the devastating consequences of pipeline failures—contaminating 150 miles of coastline, closing beaches, disrupting commercial fishing and recreation, and costing taxpayers \$74 million. We cannot afford to repeat this disaster.

Furthermore, Sable Offshore is a financially unstable startup that currently operates at a deficit. If and when a spill occurs, Sable will not have the resources to cover cleanup costs, meaning local taxpayers—my neighbors and I—will be left with the burden. This is an unacceptable risk.

Santa Barbara County adopted an ambitious Climate Action Plan in 2024, committing to cutting emissions 50% below 2018 levels by 2030. Restarting this pipeline would generate over 1,500 tons of carbon pollution per day, making it nearly impossible to achieve these climate goals. As someone who works directly with communities to strengthen their resilience, I have seen firsthand the devastating impacts of climate change—wildfires, droughts, coastal erosion, and mudslides. Approving this permit transfer would be a step backward, undermining the commitments our county has made to a safer, more sustainable future.

I urge you to stand by your climate commitments and reject this transfer. Santa Barbara County should be investing in forward-thinking solutions, not reviving outdated, dangerous infrastructure that puts our community at risk.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Max Settineri

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Nadia Milani Comparetti <nadia2026@sbms.org>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:54 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Stop Sable Oil Project

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Dear Santa Barbara County,

If Sable was allowed to continue their oil project and re-start the pipeline, it would be backwards progress for our Earth and devastating for us all. The environment cannot handle another oil spill, nor should it have had to handle the Refugio spill from the **same** pipeline. If it spills, all the marine animals and the ocean's ecosystem will have to pay the price. That means we will too.

Are we really trusting that the same pipeline, the one that spilled in 2015, and has been in commission for many years? I don't quite know how old it is. You should. I do know that it's old and corroded in about 150 spots. Can the pipeline really be "as good as new" after that?

It is my understanding that Sable does not have the financial flexibility to fully pay for the safety measures needed to ensure no spills, and therefore a small spill a year is not out of the realm of possibility. If there's another spill as big as the Refugio spill, it appears that Sable may not be able to pay for it in its entirety. It doesn't have adequate liability insurance. Do we want an oil company in debt being the only line between us and the destruction of our ecosystem?

I'm only in Middle School. I don't remember the effects of the Refugio oil spill, except perhaps a higher level of tar at beaches. I was young enough that I probably didn't understand what was happening. I'd rather not know first-hand the effects of a big oil spill in my own community. No one should.

Please don't allow Sable to take over the oil platforms. It would be a better Santa Barbata, if we didn't have more oil platforms and spills.

Thank you.

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Marian de Orla-Barile <marianneorla-barile@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:57 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Written Comment Submission for Sable Pipeline Restart Hearing

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Good Evening to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I hope you all are doing well today.

My name is Marian, and I am a current graduate student at UC Santa Barbara who would like to submit a written comment related to the Sable Offshore Pipeline Restart hearing taking place tomorrow. The text below serves as my written comment:

The decision to allow Sable Offshore to restart the Exxon pipeline that caused the Refugio Oil Spill in 2015 will undoubtedly carry heavy consequences. If a restart of the current corroding pipeline is approved, it stands to reason that oil spills and oil leaks will become ever more frequent along a vital and ecologically diverse portion of southern California coastline. The environmental and economic destruction caused by the former oil spill in 2015 is well recorded and quantified.

The 10 years that have elapsed between the spill and present day is notable. The climate of the atmosphere and ocean within our county, state, country, and earth has changed in measurable and considerable ways. The wildfire crisis within California, and in southern California in particular, represents one clear example of the negative consequences associated with the poor planning and decision-making of those in positions of power and policy. Approving the restart of this pipeline will exacerbate the anthropogenic-influenced pressure that we are putting on our local ecosystem and natural resources, essentially squeezing ourselves between an ocean polluted with human-harvested oil and the burning landscapes within the wildland-urban interface, which most (if not all) of Santa Barbara County resides in.

I implore the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to break the chain of inequitable and short-sighted decisions that have been made in regards to the management of the natural environment within our community. The decision you make tomorrow will set a precedent for the type of community and environment you, your family, and the future of this county want to see in the turbulent years to come. Prohibiting a restart of this pipeline is the forward-thinking and proactive decision to make for the county, state, country, and the earth that we all share. Let's take steps forward together to build a world that we all want to inhabit peacefully and harmoniously with the natural world.

Thank you for your time and attention. I appreciate it.

Best,

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Marian de Orla-Barile (he/him)

Ph.D. Student & Stoked Human

Department of Geography | [CLIVAC Lab](#)

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Sheila de la Guerra

From: Katherine Grimm <kgrimm@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:57 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Opposition to the Transfer of Permits for the Santa Ynez Unit to Sable Offshore Corporation

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed transfer of permits from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore Corporation for the operation of the Santa Ynez Unit, including the associated offshore platforms, onshore processing facilities, and the pipeline responsible for the devastating 2015 Refugio Oil Spill.

As a resident of Santa Barbara, I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact that the 2015 spill had on our community and environment. The spill devastated 150 miles of California coastline, destroying thousands of acres of shoreline and subtidal habitats, and causing the injury or death of countless marine animals.

I am a freshman at UCSB majoring in zoology with the hopes of working in wildlife rehabilitation/conservation. I am originally from Las Vegas, Nevada so it is incredibly special for me to have the beach be only a quick 2 minute walk from my dorm. The ocean is now my backyard. If this pipeline were to be transferred into the hands of Sable the beach would not be the same for the rest of my college education. The beach is extremely important to me for many reasons: I am an MPA channel keeper, meaning I take data on how the beach surrounding campus is used, I volunteer to take children grades K-12 on field trips to the beach, I hope to conduct marine research in the future, and I use it as much needed recreation like so many other students. Transferring these permits would devastate the ecosystem that me and so many others call home including native animal and plant species. Along with devastating the Santa Barbara beaches, so many peoples', animals', and plants' livelihoods would be destroyed.

Sable Offshore Corporation's intention to restart the same corroded pipeline without comprehensive environmental review is deeply concerning. An analysis prepared for Santa Barbara County indicates that restarting this defective pipeline could result in a spill once a year and a major rupture every four years. Moreover, the California State Fire Marshal has granted Sable a waiver to operate the pipeline without effective corrosion protection-the very issue that led to the 2015 disaster. Sable's financial instability further exacerbates these concerns. Operating at a \$682 million deficit, there is a significant risk that the company may be unable to cover the costs of remediation in the event of another spill, potentially leaving taxpayers to shoulder the burden.

The Santa Ynez Unit was previously the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Santa Barbara County. Restarting these facilities would significantly increase fossil fuel production and greenhouse gas emissions, undermining the county's climate goals and contributing to the global climate crisis. Given these factors, I urge you to deny the transfer of permits to Sable Offshore Corporation.

Don't Enable Sable,
Katherine Grimm

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Arrel Gray <arrelg@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:58 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Opposition to Offshore Drilling in Santa Barbara

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Hello Santa Barbara administration,

As a resident of Santa Barbara (1342 San Rafael Ave), I urge the council to reject any efforts by Sable or other companies to restart drilling in the Santa Barbara Channel. Their poor safety and environmental records make them unfit to manage our most valuable resource—our coastline.

Thank you for your time,
Arrel Gray, Citizen of Santa Barbara

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Benny B <bdpbehar@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:58 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: STOP SABLE

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed transfer of permits from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore Corporation for the operation of the Santa Ynez Unit, including the associated offshore platforms, onshore processing facilities, and the pipeline responsible for the devastating 2015 Refugio Oil Spill.

As a resident of Santa Barbara, I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact that the 2015 spill had on our community and environment. The spill devastated 150 miles of California coastline, destroying thousands of acres of shoreline and restarting this defective pipeline could result in a spill once a year and a major rupture every four years.

Sable's financial instability further exacerbates these concerns. Operating at a \$682 million deficit, there is a significant risk that the company may be unable to cover the costs of remediation in the event of another spill, potentially leaving taxpayers to shoulder the burden.

The Santa Ynez Unit was previously the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Santa Barbara County. Restarting these facilities would significantly increase fossil fuel production and greenhouse gas emissions, undermining the county's climate goals and contributing to the global climate crisis.

Given these factors, I urge you to deny the transfer of permits to Sable Offshore Corporation.

Thank you,
Benny Behar

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Ella Graban <ellagraban@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 5:00 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Say No to Sable Pipeline

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Ella, and I am concerned about the potential restart of the pipeline owned by Sable Offshore Corp.

First and foremost, the board of supervisors should absolutely deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines. Another oil spill, like the one this same pipeline caused in 2015, would be disastrous and a true tragedy to our beautiful coastline and the people and organisms that are a part of it.

It pains me to see how such a thriving and vital ecosystem could be destroyed by the greed of short-term thinking people who just want to make money off this pipeline. The Refugio spill personally affected me and so many others in this way.

Do the right thing, protect the safety and future of Californians by NOT allowing Sable Offshore to restart the pipeline in Santa Barbara County.

Sincerely,
Ella Graban

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Thomas Lenihan <thomas@lenihans.net>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 5:00 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny the Permit Transfer from ExxonMobil to Sable

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To the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Thomas Lenihan, and I am a community member and environmental consultant at Dudek. I am writing to express my concerns about the decision to approve the transfer of oil pipeline permits from Exxon Mobil to Sable Offshore. I urge the board to reject Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, Las Flores Pipelines, and POPCO Gas Plant. Allowing this transfer would reactivate dangerous, polluting infrastructure that poses a risk to our community.

Santa Barbara County's own analysis shows that restarting the pipeline could result in a spill every year and a major rupture every four years. Sable, a financially unstable startup currently operating at a loss, would be unable to cover the costs of cleanup when a spill inevitably occurs. This means that local taxpayers—my neighbors and I—would be left to bear the financial burden of Sable's mistakes. The 2015 Refugio Oil spill serves as a stark reminder of what's at stake: it contaminated 150 miles of coastline, disrupted beach access, commercial fishing, and recreation, and took two months to clean up, costing taxpayers \$74 million. We cannot afford to risk another disaster like this.

In August 2024, Santa Barbara County adopted a Climate Action Plan with the goal of reducing emissions by 50% below 2018 levels by 2030. Restarting the pipeline would release over 1,500 tons of carbon pollution every day, making it nearly impossible to meet this target. We know firsthand the threat that climate change poses, with devastating disasters like droughts, wildfires, coastal erosion, and mudslides impacting us over the past decade. Approving this permit transfer would essentially abandon the County's climate goals, just months after they were established. It would be disheartening to see our local leaders go back on a commitment that my community cares deeply about.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Thomas Lenihan

Sheila de la Guerra

From: vickiward <vickiward@proton.me>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 5:02 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: please deny Sable permit

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Please do not grant permission for Sable to resume operations. Our coast is too valuable not to protect. I took part in the first demonstration of Get Oil Out, and well remember the last oil devastation as well. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, as Los Angeles County is discovering too late.

Victoria Ward
230 Jesmary Lane
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Dylan Dincelli <dyland2025@sbms.org>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 5:01 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable Drilling Company

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Hello, Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

My name is Dylan, and I'm a high school student in Santa Barbara who dearly loves the beach and all the natural beauties of the coast. If you allow this drilling company, sable, to dig, they will create numerous oil spills and destroy our beloved ocean. Please vote no!

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Russ Crane <russchrista@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 5:04 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Fwd: Sable hearing 2/25/25

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: Russ Crane <russchrista@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Feb 24, 2025 at 8:11 AM
Subject: Sable hearing 2/25/25
To: <sbcob@countyofsb.org>

I am resending this email as I didn't put my person information on the first one. Not sure if it's required.

Dear Supervisors,

After investigating all the faulty issues regarding the Sable pipeline project, I strongly believe that their application should be denied.

From financial uncertainty, violations abuses, and the overall condition of the pipeline, and the 2015 oil spill, this project does not bode well for our pristine coastline.

I was born and raised in Santa Barbara. I was a fourteen year-old living on the Mesa and experienced first hand the tragedy of the 1969 oil spill. It was devastating. I was also present for the Refugio spill, and was involved in those clean-up efforts. Another tragedy.

Please do the right thing, and protect our coastline from another environmental disaster.

Thank you for your work.

Christa Backson
118 Santa Rosa Place
Santa Barbara, CA 93109

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Marisa Hirsch <marisahirsch17@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 5:09 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Comment re 2-25-25 Agenda Item 5-00144 re the offshore Santa Ynez Unit

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Greetings,

My name is Marisa. I am a 30-year-old attorney and I spend my personal time working to mitigate the climate crisis. My family and I live south of you in San Diego County. As your neighbor, I beg you DENY Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines. In the very first weeks after the raging wildfires in LA, I cannot believe you all are already talking about taking an action to literally FUEL the crisis. I am deeply fearful for my children's future given the gravity of the climate crisis if we do not take action NOW. These types of fossil fuel infrastructure need to be retired. Permanently. Now.

Please do the right thing and work to shut these down the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines at the company's expense, not the taxpayers of the County of Santa Barbara or the State of CA.

Thank you,

Marisa Hirsch

San Diego, CA 91977
marisahirsch17@gmail.com

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Connor Ruhe <connorruhe@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 5:10 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Say No to Sable

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed transfer of permits from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore Corporation for the operation of the Santa Ynez Unit, including the associated offshore platforms, onshore processing facilities, and the pipeline responsible for the devastating 2015 Refugio Oil Spill.

The spill destroyed thousands of acres of shorelines. Restarting this pipeline could result in a spill once a year and a major rupture every four years. Moreover, the California State Fire Marshall granted Sable a waiver to operate the pipeline without effective corrosion protection which is the very issue that led to the 2015 disaster. Sable's financial instability further exacerbates these concerns. Operating at a \$682 million deficit, there is a significant risk that the company may be unable to cover the costs of remediation in the event of another spill, potentially leaving taxpayers to shoulder the burden.

The Santa Ynez Unit was previously the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Santa Barbara County. Restarting these facilities would significantly increase fossil fuel production and greenhouse gas emissions, undermining the county's climate goals and contributing to the global climate crisis.

Given these factors, I urge you to deny the transfer of permits to Sable Offshore Corporation.

Thanks,
-Connor Ruhe
Sent from my iPhone

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Matthew Ruhe <matthewruhe@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 5:11 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: My opposition

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed transfer of permits from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore Corporation for the operation of the Santa Ynez Unit, including the associated offshore platforms, onshore processing facilities, and the pipeline responsible for the devastating 2015 Refugio Oil Spill.

—Matthew Ruhe
UCSB student

Sheila de la Guerra

From: London Gilbert <londongilbert10@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 5:11 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny the Permit Transfer from ExxonMobil to Sable

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is London and I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed transfer of permits from Exxonmobil to Sable Offshore Corporation for the operation of the Santa Ynez Unit, including the associate offshore platforms, onshore processing facilities, and the pipeline responsible for the devastating 2015 Refugio Oil Spill.

As a resident of Santa Barbara, the stakes of this decision are deeply personal to me and to my community. The 2015 spill had a profound impact on our environment, devastating 150 miles of California coastline, destroying thousands of acres of shoreline and subtidal habitat, and causing injury or death of countless marine animals.

Sable Offshore Corporation's intention to restart the same corroded pipeline without comprehensive environmental review is deeply concerning. An analysis prepared for Santa Barbara County indicated that restarting this defective pipeline could result in a spill once a year and a major rupture every four years. Moreover, the California State Fire Marshal has granted Sable a waiver to operate the pipeline without effective corrosion protection-the very issue that led to the 2015 disaster.

Sable's financial instability further exacerbates these concerns. Operating at a \$682 million deficit, there is a significant risk that the company may be unable to cover the costs of remediation in the event of another spill, potentially leaving the taxpayers to shoulder the burden.

The Santa Ynez Unit was previously the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Santa Barbara County. Restarting these facilities would significantly increase fossil fuel production and greenhouse gas emissions, undermining the county's climate goals and contributing to the global climate crisis. Here in Southern California we have seen the devastation of worsening climate emergencies such as the recent historic fires in Los Angeles and we feel the urgency of this situation.

Given these factors, I urge you to deny the transfer of permits to Sable Offshore Corporation. Approving this transfer poses unacceptable risks to our environment, public health, and economic well being. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
London Gilbert

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Kimberly Wong <wongkimberly464@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 5:16 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Stop Sable Pipeline

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Kimberly, and I am concerned about the potential restart of the pipeline owned by Sable Offshore Corp. I believe that the Board of Supervisors should deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines. Another spill from these facilities is likely and would be devastating to Santa Barbara County and the Gaviota Coast. Sable likely cannot afford to cover the cost of remediation if/when another major spill occurs. The public should not have to pay to clean up another spill. Furthermore, the Board cannot approve the transfer of permits from Exxon to Sable because Sable has not met the conditions of the permits. For example, the pipeline does not have the critical corrosion protection technology required by the permits. Sable has received notices of violations from three state agencies and recently received a second cease-and-desist order from the Coastal Commission for continuing work on its facilities without a proper permit. The questionable behavior of Sable's management team shows that the Board cannot trust them to responsibly operate this project.

Protect the safety and future of Californians by NOT allowing Sable Offshore to restart the pipeline in Santa Barbara County.

Best,
Kimberly Wong

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Cameron Curtin <cameroncurtin@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 5:22 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: DO NOT allow Sable Offshore to restart the pipeline in Santa Barbara County

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Cameron Curtin, and I am concerned about the potential restart of the pipeline owned by Sable Offshore Corp. The Board of Supervisors should deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines. Another spill from these facilities is likely and would be devastating to Santa Barbara County and the Gaviota Coast. Sable likely cannot afford to cover the cost of remediation if/when another major spill occurs. The public should not have to pay to clean up another spill. It is possible that Sable never restarts these facilities, forcing it into bankruptcy. Sable has not provided any assurances that it will be able to pay to decommission its facilities in that scenario. The Board cannot approve the transfer of permits from Exxon to Sable because Sable has not met the conditions of the permits. For example, the pipeline does not have the critical corrosion protection technology required by the permits. Sable has received notices of violations from three state agencies and recently received a second cease-and-desist order from the Coastal Commission for continuing work on its facilities without a proper permit. The questionable behavior of Sable's management team shows that the Board cannot trust them to responsibly operate this project. Please help protect the safety and future of Californians by NOT allowing Sable Offshore to restart the pipeline in Santa Barbara County.

Sincerely,
Cameron Curtin

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Jonathan Davis <jon.personal.davis@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 5:28 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable offshore Corp Pipeline

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Jonathan Davis, and I am concerned about the potential restart of the pipeline owned by Sable Offshore Corp. The Board of Supervisors should deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines. Another spill from these facilities is likely and would be devastating to Santa Barbara County and the Gaviota Coast. Sable likely cannot afford to cover the cost of remediation if/when another major spill occurs. The public should not have to pay to clean up another spill. It is possible that Sable never restarts these facilities, forcing it into bankruptcy. Sable has not provided any assurances that it will be able to pay to decommission its facilities in that scenario. The Board cannot approve the transfer of permits from Exxon to Sable because Sable has not met the conditions of the permits. For example, the pipeline does not have the critical corrosion protection technology required by the permits. Sable has received notices of violations from three state agencies and recently received a second cease-and-desist order from the Coastal Commission for continuing work on its facilities without a proper permit. The questionable behavior of Sable's management team shows that the Board cannot trust them to responsibly operate this project. Please help protect the safety and future of Californians by NOT allowing Sable Offshore to restart the pipeline in Santa Barbara County.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Davis

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Diane Fox <dnfox70@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 5:33 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: please protect us from more oil spills--deny permit to Sable

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Dear Board of Supervisors--

I'm adding my voice to so many others who see our coastline as one of our greatest treasures in Santa Barbara County--first for its beauty, and also for its ability to attract tourist dollars.

Please don't let this treasure be exploited by a company that has shown itself to be acting irresponsibly, without permission, and without attention to safeguards.

There are many other ways to create jobs, if that is the argument--ways that will enhance our lives through renewable energy, bringing long-term gains instead of short term profits.

Please protect us!

with thanks for your consideration,

Diane

Diane Fox

Santa Barbara

Co-Chair, CLUE environmental justice workgroup

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Kelly Orwig <kelly.orwig@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 5:36 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Say NO to Sable!

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Dear Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

As a Santa Barbara community member, SB public school teacher for over 20 years, and mother of three ocean-loving daughters, I beseech you to vote NO on Sable's attempt to open the oil pipeline in our beloved ocean. The Board of Supervisors should deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines. Moreover, The Board cannot approve the transfer of permits from Exxon to Sable because Sable has not met the conditions of the permits. For example, the pipeline does not have the critical corrosion protection technology required by the permits.

In addition, Sable has received notices of violations from three state agencies and recently received a second cease-and-desist order from the California Coastal Commission for continuing work on its facilities without a proper permit. The questionable behavior of Sable's management team shows that the Board cannot trust them to responsibly operate this project. We must do better for our beloved Santa Barbara beaches and for our at-risk ocean.

We're counting on you to do the right thing.

Kelly Orwig
805.415.2573
420 Paso Robles Drive
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Jenny Anderson <jennylanderson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 7:16 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny the permit transfer from Exxon to Sable

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To: sbcob@countyofsb.org

To the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I write to implore you to deny the permit transfer from Exxon to Sable which would invite another devastating central coast spill because of our crumbling oil and gas infrastructure.

Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores pipelines should be denied because these facilities are out of date and falling apart. Another spill from these facilities is highly likely, and Sable has failed to prove that they have the ability or the commitment to respond to a spill or provide cleanup should a spill happen. It appears that they don't even have the resources to decommission these facilities in a safe and timely manner if and when they become unusable. In total, there is nothing that they appear to have the capacity to accomplish on behalf of the central coast to protect the people, animals, plants, and ecosystems that depend on stewards who truly care.

Oil spills are devastating to the natural environment, costly, and time-intensive to clean up. The last thing California needs is another easily foreseeable and preventable oil spill.

Sable's corporate irresponsibility should not be rewarded, and California taxpayers should not be asked to shoulder the burden of financing another cleanup if and when these outdated facilities fail, threatening our beautiful coast with another oil spill.

- Sable has not met the conditions of the Exxon permit.
- The pipeline does not have critical corrosion protection technology that is required by the permits.
- Sable has also lied and misrepresented ongoing work to the Coastal Commission.
- Sable has received a second cease and desist letter from the Coastal Commission in addition to multiple notices of various violations from two other state agencies.

It is absurd, enraging, and absolutely unacceptable to the people of California that Sable continues to ignore warnings and unsafe operating conditions while attempting to move forward with this project despite the environmental concerns and notices of violations from the agencies intended to keep our coastlines and people safe. **You MUST stand up for our safety and deny this permit.**

This is a CLEAR case of a corporation trying to put profits above the safety of humans and the natural environment on which all our communities depend. **It is your responsibility to protect the interests of the central coast by denying the transfer of permits from Exxon to Sable for the above-named facilities.**

You must prioritize people and planet over profits!!!

Jenny Anderson
San Luis Obispo

Sheila de la Guerra

From: John Douglas <jed805@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 7:21 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please DENY Sable's application

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Supervisors: Please deny Sable's application for transfer of Exxon-Mobil's oil pipeline permits. We cannot risk another oil leak.

Thanks for considering my views.

John E. Douglas
Santa Barbara

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John Enrico Douglas
jed805@gmail.com

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Max Larrabee <maxlarrabee908@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 8:18 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable Pipeline

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Max Larrabee and I am very concerned about the potential restart of the pipeline owned by Sable Offshore Corp. The pipeline is quite old and corroded, and Sable themselves have said it is only a matter of time before it bursts again. This statement alone should be enough to keep it closed, as the last time it burst, over 100,000 gallons of oil were spilled into the ocean. People got sick, and lots of wildlife died as a result, not to mention the millions of dollars spent on cleaning it all up. The safety of our oceans and fellow Californians can be protected by not allowing Sable Offshore to restart the pipeline.

Sincerely,
Max Larrabee

Sheila de la Guerra

From: maureen earls <maurenearls00@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 8:27 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Keep us safe!Deny Sable Permits

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Dear Supervisors,
I support the denial of transfer of Sable's permits.
It is clear you need to protect the county financially from likely future oil contamination Sable cannot afford to repair, but also from its untrustworthy practices in the past which has not justified assuring protection from community harm from its pipelines.

Thank you for responsible leadership,
Maureen Earls
3174 Laurel Canyon
Santa Barbara 93105
Sent from my iPhone

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Karen Ciabattoni <karenciabattoni@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 8:37 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable

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Please deny Sable the application for transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, the POPCO Gas Plant, and especially the Las Flores Pipeline.

After the massively corroded pipeline caused a huge spill 10 years ago, I volunteered for cleanup at our beaches. It was awful, and closed beaches for a long time. I never want to see it happen again. Sable has already violated laws for pompously doing work without securing the proper permits. I do not trust them to have integrity or to be honest when they begin their intrusion into our county by blatantly ignoring the law already.

Please say no to their bullying and dishonesty, and deny the transfer permits.

Thank you.

Karen Ciabattoni

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Cody Westheimer <codymusic@me.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 8:40 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny Sable Offshore permit transfer

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Hi there,

Enough is enough. We must put an end to fossil fuel profits over our environmental security.

The Refugio spill was devastating. And so preventable. This is your opportunity to prevent it. Please. Stand up to big oil.

Thank you,

Cody Westheimer

New West Studios, Inc. | *Santa Barbara, CA*

Studio | *newweststudios.com*

Catalog | *newwestcollection.com*

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Nova Forman <nova2026@sbms.org>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 9:03 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Urgent: Oil Spills

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Dear County of Santa Barbara

I am writing to strongly oppose any future offshore drilling in Santa Barbara and urge you to protect our beloved coastline from the devastating risks of oil spills. Our ocean is not just a resource—it is the heart of our community, a source of life, inspiration, and livelihood for so many. We cannot allow it to be jeopardized by the dangers of oil extraction.

The Santa Barbara coastline is a natural treasure, home to vibrant marine ecosystems, breathtaking scenery, and countless species that rely on clean waters to survive. It fuels our local economy through tourism, recreation, and fishing, while also providing a sanctuary for those of us who cherish its beauty and serenity. For many, the ocean is not just a place—it's a way of life.

Offshore drilling threatens everything we hold dear about our coast. History has shown that spills are inevitable, leaving behind destruction that lasts for decades. No amount of economic gain is worth the irreversible damage to our environment, wildlife, and coastal communities. Instead of risking another catastrophe, we should be investing in sustainable energy solutions that protect our future.

I urge you to stand with the people of Santa Barbara in rejecting offshore drilling and ensuring that our ocean remains clean, thriving, and beautiful for generations to come. Our love for the ocean is deep, and we will not stand by while it is put in harm's way.

Sincerely,
Nova Forman

(805)-448-8235

nova2026@sbms.org

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Blair Whitney <whitney@silcom.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 9:11 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny the Permit Transfer from ExxonMobil to Sable

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Dear County Supervisors,
Please deny the permit to transfer from ExxonMobil to Sable the permit to pump oil in a failing, hodge podge patched oil pipeline, that has already failed and spilled oil into the Pacific Ocean.
I know the oil company says they have patched it. Well, it was in the cheapest way possible, and instead of relining the entire pipeline, they spot patched it. That is not safe. It should have been replaced, or repaired by the most robust method.

Sincerely,
Blair Whitney

Sheila de la Guerra

From: Sue Hill <essread@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 9:13 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Do not permit Sable to operate in SB County! Margaret Troy

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Sheila de la Guerra

From: Esme Wright <esme2027@sbms.org>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:59 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable Oil Company

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Hello,

I would like to vote AGAINST Sable, the offshore drilling company and their idea of adding another oil platform and drilling for oil.

This is because, as a middle schooler, with everybody talking about how our generation has to step it up to save our environment and planet, I am trying to do everything I can to keep our home healthy. I do not believe that disrupting the ocean and channel will be of any service to us humans, or the marine ecosystem.

This is why I am voting against another oil platform.

Sincerely,
Esme

Santa Barbara Middle School