

Katherine Douglas

Public Comment - Group 3

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From: anne earhart <nianui@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2025 6:49 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please deny Sable's permit transfer

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There are so many reasons to reject this permit, most of them of Sables own doing which show exactly why the permit transfer should be denied. There are criminal charges pending against Sable. They have illegally discharged waste into streams etc because they have not repaired pipes etc. They are obviously not up to their corporate responsibility and have demonstrated that again and again. They should not be allowed to operate under a federal or state permit as demonstrated by the 21 criminal charges. The people of Santa Barbara County as well as all who love our beautiful coast are not not only served in any way by Sable's actions but our coastlines are demonstrably endangered by their continued operation in any way shape or form.

Please deny.

Thanks very much for your attention to this matter.

Anne Earhart

Sent from my iPad

Katherine Douglas

From: Emily Schmid <emilyschmid@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 12, 2025 2:49 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Protect the Gaviota Coast and formally deny transfer of permits to Sable

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Dear Chair and Members of the Board,

I am very grateful that the Board of Supervisors took a stand against Sable's pressure at the November hearing and directed County staff to prepare the findings needed to formally deny Sable's permit transfer requests. Now it is time to finish the decision and deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, Las Flores Pipelines, and onshore processing facilities.

I'm writing to express my continued strong opposition to transferring Exxon's oil and gas permits to Sable Offshore Corporation.

I often enjoy spending time on the Gaviota Coast riding mountain bikes, hiking and surfing. It is truly special and one of very few remaining unspoiled natural coastlines on the Southern California coast. Tremendous and thoughtful efforts over many decades by many committed members of the community have made this possible and its value to the State of CA, County of Santa Barbara and beyond cannot be overstated.

On a recent hike through Gaviota State Park, I noticed a lot of construction activity with oil pipeline repairs underway, tearing up trails and closing areas to the public. It made me so very sad to see this and after researching, to realize that Sable is pushing to restart offshore oil drilling with the Santa Ynez Unit. I simply cannot reconcile Sable's quest for oil profits versus the risk of severely damaging or destroying the Gaviota Coast and its natural resources which are so immensely valued by our community.

Sable's record of environmental violations and disregard for California law should give us all pause.

Approving this transfer would allow them to restart aging offshore platforms, onshore facilities, and the same pipeline that ruptured ten years ago, spilling more than 140,000 gallons of oil along the Gaviota Coast.

That spill devastated wildlife, shut down local fisheries, and left lasting scars on one of California's most beautiful stretches of coastline.

We cannot invite that risk back into our community.

A federal court has already recognized concerns about Sable's capabilities and judgment. Now it's up to the County to protect our coastline, our wildlife, and the people who live here.

Please formally deny this transfer. Our community deserves a future free from another preventable disaster.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Emily Schmid
Carlsbad, CA

Katherine Douglas

From: andrea zambrano <andyzambrano@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 12, 2025 8:19 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Support to stop Transfer of Oil Permits from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore

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Hello we are two concerned residents from 837 Arbolado Rd.

We want to firmly support the City Council's decision to block the Transfer of Oil Permits from ExxonMobil to Sable Offshore. We do not want operational oil platforms on our coast line much less led by a company that has proven to be a risk to our environment. We already as it is, suffer consequences of those leaky pipes which constantly spill and we see tar on the beach and on some of the birds that have washed up dead.ashore.

Please stop this transfer and stop oil companies from operating in our coast line.

Thank you,

Andrea Zambrano
Timothy Wallack

Katherine Douglas

From: Beth Boyd <bethboyd44@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 12, 2025 9:43 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny Sable's Offshore Permits

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Dear Supervisors:

I live in Montecito and am a District 1 constituent. I implore you all to deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, Las Flores Pipelines, and onshore processing facilities.

Sable's record makes clear the company does not have the skills, training, or financial resources to operate these dangerous oil facilities.

Sable has not shown that it has the financial capacity to cleanup an oil spill or abandon the facilities.

And the oil is not needed. Sun and wind power are cheaper and better for all of us.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Boyd
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Katherine Douglas

From: SYLVIA SULLIVAN <sylvia805@cox.net>
Sent: Friday, December 12, 2025 10:39 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny Sable any type of drilling permit

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The Board of Supervisors must deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, Las Flores Pipelines, and onshore processing facilities.

- Sable's record makes clear the company does not have the skills, training, or financial resources to operate these dangerous oil facilities.

In addition, we must make a just transition to renewable energy for the sake of our lives and our descendants. Please help us do that.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Sullivan
Goleta resident

Katherine Douglas

From: Tristan Partridge <tristan.partridge@ucsb.edu>
Sent: Friday, December 12, 2025 11:36 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment re. 16 Dec. 2025 (transfer of oil and gas permits to Sable Offshore Corp)

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FAO The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I was encouraged by the Supervisors' 4-1 vote in November to deny the transfer of permits to Sable Offshore Corp — a dangerously unreliable actor — and I would like to express my thanks particularly to Supervisors Capps, Lee, Hartmann, and Lavagnino for listening to our community and for voicing your serious and legitimate concerns.

Echoing my previous comment (4 Nov. 2025), I am writing again to underline some of the many reasons why it is vital you deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, Las Flores Pipelines, and related onshore processing facilities.

Any future operation of these sites and infrastructure would be a disaster for the local and global environments, and would mark an unjustifiable backwards step in the County's ongoing efforts to secure livable futures for generations to come.

It is clear that Sable has neither the skills, training, integrity, nor financial resources to operate these dangerous oil facilities. Sable has routinely demonstrated dangerous disregard for vital ecosystems, for local political voices, and for the rule of law.

The County's ordinance (Chapter 25B) prohibits a transfer of permits that would place the environment and public health at risk — and Sable's record makes clear the company is either unwilling or unable to follow the law and operate safely. Within a mere few months and before even restarting, we have seen: the California Coastal Commission fined Sable a record \$18 million penalty; the state Attorney General filed a lawsuit accusing Sable of illegally discharging waste into streams and habitats; the District Attorney filed 21 criminal charges against the company, including five felonies; the State Lands Commission Chair publicly questioned "Sable's willingness to be a transparent operator" due to its "willful disregard for the directives of regulatory agencies; the State Fire Marshal sent Sable a notice regarding noncompliance with the State Waiver requirements for the pipelines; and Sable's own investors filed a federal lawsuit accusing the company of misleading investors about restarting production to boost its stock price before a public offering.

Sable has not shown that it has the financial capacity to cleanup an oil spill or abandon the facilities. The Board must require Sable post bonds for the facilities now to ensure the public is not burdened with these costs.

Please take this opportunity, as our Board of Supervisors, to uphold the 4 November vote and to protect our coastline, our planet, and our local communities.

Sincerely,
Dr. Tristan Partridge

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From: stu.sherman100@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, December 12, 2025 4:11 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny Sable Oil Offshore Permits!!

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Dear SB County Board of Supervisors,

The Board of Supervisors must deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, Las Flores Pipelines, and onshore processing facilities.

Sable's record makes clear the company does not have the skills, training, or financial resources to operate these dangerous oil facilities.

For example:

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The District Attorney filed 21 criminal charges against the company, including five felonies; and

The State Fire Marshal sent Sable a notice regarding noncompliance with the State Waiver requirements for the pipelines.

Sable has not shown that it has the financial capacity to cleanup an oil spill or abandon the facilities.

For all these reasons, I implore you to deny Sable Oil an offshore permit.

Sincerely,

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