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FYI,

Attached is the letter reflecting the position of the Buellton City Council on the EDC appeal of the Sable Offshore permits. This has been sent to the Board of Supervisors via US mail.

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City of Buellton

February 18, 2025

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 East Anapamu Street
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RE: Appeal of Planning Commission Approval of Change of Owner, Operator, and Guarantor for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipeline System Final Development Plan Permits – February 25, 2025 Agenda Item

Chair Capps and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The City Council of the City of Buellton has been made aware of the pending appeal of the Sable Offshore Pipeline project Planning Commission approval of October 30, 2024, and would like to make comments and requests pertaining to the Board of Supervisors' consideration of the matter.

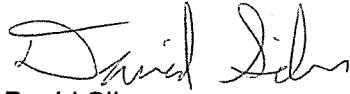
The City recognizes that there are conflicting claims from both the applicant and appellant regarding the safety and reliability of the pipeline. As the pipeline in questions runs through the City of Buellton, we hereby request that the Board of Supervisors take the safety and well-being of the residents of the City into consideration when making its decision on this appeal. To this end, the City Council has specifically requested that:

1. The Board of Supervisors acknowledge the desire of the City to have the existing pipeline segment running through the City abandoned and replaced with a re-routed alignment which bypasses the City, and take action to encourage Sable Offshore to review options and conduct this work prior to re-activation off the pipeline. This has been presented as a planned improvement during a previous discussion of restarting pipeline operations, and given the proximity of residences along the existing pipeline alignment, would be a tremendous enhancement with regard to the safe operation of the pipeline, as the consequences of leaks and fires which may occur along the pipeline could be catastrophic.
2. Ensure that the required documentation associated with the re-activation of the pipeline be completed and submitted for public review. This should include an Oil Spill Contingency Plan to be prepared by Sable Offshore and approved by appropriate authorities prior to the re-activation of the pipeline.
3. Ensure that, if the pipeline re-activation is to be approved, a thorough inspection of the pipeline is conducted – especially for the segment running through the City of Buellton – and that appropriate mitigation of corrosion and installation of modern safety equipment is completed.

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It is the City Council's hope that the Board of Supervisors will keep our requests in the forefront of their minds as they consider this decision and assist us in the protection of our current and future residents.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Silva". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

David Silva
Mayor