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Please find the attached comment from Ryan Gellert, CEO, Patagonia re: Sable Offshore pipeline permit transfer.

Thank you,  
Nick Mucha

  
Nick Mucha | [Pronunciation here](#)  
Senior Director of Environmental Activism  
Patagonia



Dec. 15, 2025  
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
105 E Anapamu St. #406  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
RE: Sable Offshore pipeline permit transfer

Dear Board Members:

As a Ventura-based company, Patagonia is deeply invested in the health of our coastline and watersheds. We have been headquartered in Ventura for more than 50 years, and nearly 600 local employees rely upon these public resources for drinking water, recreation, beach days with their families and overall way of life. The local coastline and surf breaks make Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties desirable places for our employees to live and company to be based, while also supporting recruiting and retention. Preventing environmental destruction is imperative to maintaining all of it.

Sable Offshore Corp.'s plan to restart the Las Flores Pipeline System and the associated three offshore drilling platforms is a threat to our business and our community's health. We urge you to deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, Las Flores Pipelines and onshore processing facilities. This is the same pipeline system that, in 2015, ruptured and spilled what experts now believe to be 450,000 gallons of crude oil onto the coast, killing wildlife and poisoning ecosystems for months.

This devastation must be prevented from occurring again.

Sable has openly ignored cease-and-desist orders from the California Coastal Commission and racked up multiple notices of violation from other agencies. The Santa Barbara County District Attorney charged the company with 21 criminal charges, including five felonies. Clearly, Sable has not demonstrated the ability to responsibly operate in our region.

Patagonia urges you to deny Sable's application to transfer permits and end this issue for good.

Sincerely,

Ryan Gellert  
Patagonia CEO

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