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Subject: August 22, 2023 Agenda Item 2 - Applicant Appeal of the Planning Commission Denial of the Lines 901/903 Valve Upgrade Project, Case No. 23APL-00022
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Dear Chair Williams and Honorable Supervisors,

I hope this email finds you well. Please see the attached public comment re: August 22, 2023 Agenda Item 2 - Applicant Appeal of the Planning Commission Denial of the Lines 901/903 Valve Upgrade Project, Case No. 23APL-00022.

Kind regards,

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Friday, August 18th, 2023

**Re: August 22, 2023 Agenda Item 2 - Applicant Appeal of the Planning Commission
Denial of the Lines 901/903 Valve Upgrade Project, Case No. 23APL-00022**

Dear Chair Williams and Honorable Supervisors,

Heal the Ocean strongly urges the Board of Supervisors to uphold the Planning Commission's denial of Pacific Pipeline Company's (PPC) Lines 901/903 Valve Upgrade Project. State law (AB 864) requires that coastal pipeline operators install safety features to reduce the volume of a potential spill to protect sensitive coastal resources. Since the pipeline is nonoperational, there is no risk of a spill and therefore, the valves are not required by state law at this time.

Furthermore, use of the existing compromised pipeline would pose a serious risk of future spills and damage to sensitive coastal resources, due to the massive corrosion and weakening of the pipeline walls. Installing valves will not prevent additional spills, as valves do not remedy external corrosion or prevent additional ruptures from occurring.

In the interest of preventing our coast from the threat of additional oil spills, we request that the Board deny this appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Noah Boland', written in a cursive style.

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