



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

November 4, 2025

Present: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 25-00942

RE: HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding the appeals of the Planning Commission approval of the Sable Offshore Corporation's Change of Owner, Operator, and Guarantor for the Santa Ynez Unit (SYU), Pacific Offshore Pipeline Company (POPCO) Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipeline System Final Development Plan (FDP) Permits, First, Third, and Fourth, Districts, as follows: (EST. TIME: 3 HR.)

- a) Deny the appeals, Case Nos. 24APL-00025 and 24APL-00026;
- b) Make the required findings for approval of the Change of Owner, Operator, and Guarantor for the respective SYU, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipeline System FDP Permits, including California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings;
- c) Determine the requests are not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5); and
- d) Grant de novo approval of the Change of Owner, Operator, and Guarantor for the respective SYU, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipeline System FDP Permits, subject to the Conditions of Approval.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY

HEARING TIME: 10:30 AM – 1:05 PM AND 1:39 PM – 3:26 PM (4 HR. 22 MIN.)



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Received and filed staff presentation and conducted a public hearing.

Cristina Sandoval, Michael Lyons, Christopher Alexander, Elizabeth Martinez, Ken Hough, Candice Meneghin, Juan Lares, Shelsey Marquez, Thomas Becker, Paasha Mahdavi , Kelsey Dowdy, Larry Bickford, Mike Umbro, Julia Bickford, Lucy Ge, Sneha Namboodiri, Ethan Maday, Alex Borgas, Milena Seymour, Lila Werland, Olivia Johnson, Mike Caldwell, Nikki Talebi, Ted Morton, Maureen Ellenberger, Ken Palley, Molly Troup, Jonathon Ullman , Aiden Maestas, Elena Danielson, Kylan Hobart, Adam Maingot, Jose Crespo, John Hochlightner, Michelle Pasini, Sasha Stevens, Aaron Stockwell, Jenna McGovern, Izzi Sistek, Pascual Morales, Chris Gankas, Evan Brown, Charlotte Pinegar, John H Steed, Jason Wall, Sophia Kofoed, Kristen Miller, Johnny McConville, Jake Twomey, Eva Lawson, Steve Balkcom, Mar Lopez, Mariah Edmonds Smith, Stephanie Katers, Bill Woodbrigde, Drew Hart, Juan Cardenas, Evie Lynn, Eric Roachell , Robert Bueno, Mati Waiya, Martin A Rodriguez, Spenser Jaimes, David Cardona, Bill Hickman, Brook Balthaser, Katie Davis and Sheri Higgins addressed the Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hartmann, seconded by Supervisor Lee, that this matter be acted on as follows: Accepted into the record the following documents: Public Comment Letter from Paasha Mahdavi dated October 31, 2025 at 1:59pm; Public Comment Letter from Noah Bolan, Heal the Ocean dated October 31, 2025 at 2:43pm; Public Comment Letter from Helen Johnson dated November 2, 2025 at 9:47am; 386 Public Comment Letters from individuals via CivicHub dated October 31, 2025 between 1:18pm – 1:37pm; Public Comment Letter from Nicholas Sebastian dated November 3, 2025 at 10:11am; Public Comment Letter from Laurence Severance dated November 3, 2025 at 12:12pm; Public Comment Letter from Katie Davis dated November 3, 2025 at 12:40pm; Public Comment Letter from Elena Nirgiotis dated November 3, 2025 at 3:35pm; Public Comment Letter from Gregory Sater dated November 3, 2025 at 4:29 pm; Two (2) Public Comment Letters from Kalena Sapp dated November 3, 2025 at 5:00 pm and 5:27 pm; and Public Comment Letter from Christie Lynn dated November 3, 2025 at 11:38 pm.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, and Supervisor Lavagnino

Noes: 1 - Supervisor Nelson

A motion was made by Supervisor Lee, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be continued, as follows: Tuesday, December 16, 2025 in Santa Maria, for consideration and approval of the prepared findings supporting the approval of the appeals and the denial of the Change of Owner, Operator, and Guarantor. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, and Supervisor Lavagnino

Noes: 1 - Supervisor Nelson