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Public Comment - final 4

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**From:** Lauren Klammer <Lauren.Klammer@patagonia.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2022 10:37 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Please stop ExxonMobil!

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**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am contacting you in regards to my passionate opposition to the restart of the 3 offshore oil platforms in the Santa Barbara Channel.

Not only would this decision negatively impact the sea life but would also negatively impact the life on land as our highways would be used for the next 7 YEARS to transport 460,000 gallons of oil daily! Daily!!! Tanker trucks used to transport the oil already have a bad history in our state, 87 crashes in the last 22 years, nearly half of which were in Santa Barbara County. These crashes resulted in 59 humans injured, 28 humans dead, and over 100,000 gallons of oil spilled. Our neighbors, friends, family, colleagues, and the local wildlife have all lost life due to these accidents. These numbers are already atrocious, why would we set ourselves up to repeat history?

The fossil fuel industry is identified as one of the highest contributing industries to the climate crisis. It is NOT logical that we invest further into it if we want the planet and therefore humanity to survive to see future generations. I know that 1 decision in your week, to restart only 3 oil platforms, for just 7 years, all sound like small numbers, BUT it is thanks to people like you, who have worked to be in a position of decision making for your community, to chariot your hard earned voting privilege by choosing to do the right thing.

Please spend your precious time, department resources, and budgets to invest in energy sources that will set your grandchildren up for a life of clean air, water, soil and a healthy community to support and love them.

Sincerely,  
Lauren Klammer

Lauren Klammer  
she/her/hers  
Graphic Developer  
**patagonia**

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**From:** Brian Krueger <briankrueger@wclgp.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2022 10:50 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Jeff S Patterson

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

I would like to state my position in support of ExxonMobil's interim trucking permit application. The Santa Ynez Unit's operations were forced to halt back in 2015 after the Plains Pipeline ruptured, resulting in a depletion of critical funding for Santa Barbara County schools that serve largely low-income communities.

Specifically, the Commission should consider approving this permit application because of the economic rejuvenation will provide. The restart will infuse \$4.5 million per year into local K-14 schools, helping to alleviate their budget crunches and benefit their vocational programs that prepare youth for well-paying jobs.

Vista Del Mar School District stands to receive over \$700,000 per year – this money will go a long way to fighting their fiscal insolvency.

Santa Maria Join Union High School District would receive over \$200,000 per year. This extra funding is critical for a school where 72.9% of students receive free or reduced-cost meals.

Even Santa Barbara Unified School District would get nearly \$500,000 per year, and these three schools are only the tip of the education funding iceberg!

Our children and their families deserve fully funded educational institutions. I urge you to approve this project for future generations of Santa Barbarians.

Please read my comment into the record.

Sincerely,

*Brian Krueger*  
Managing Partner

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**From:** Norm Sajovie <norm@spinwhir.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2022 11:10 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Please deny ExxonMobil's oil trucking proposal

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Please deny ExxonMobil's proposal to restart its three offshore oil platforms in the Santa Barbara Channel and send its tanker trucks (70 per day!) along the county's coastal highways. Please use your powers to protect our climate, public safety, land and watersheds and pursue clean energy alternatives.

Thank you,

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Norm Sajovie  
503.750.2322

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**From:** Phil Fine <philipfine0@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2022 11:17 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Reject ExxonMobil's dangerous oil trucking project

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

We urge you to deny ExxonMobil's proposal to restart offshore drilling operations and to transport more than 460,000 gallons of oil daily by truck.

It seems that hardly a week goes by without at least one deadly accident occurring on Highway 101; to add up to 70 roundtrip truck transits, as ExxonMobil is proposing, would be extremely dangerous to public health and safety.

If we have learned anything from the disastrous Santa Barbara oil spill in 1969 or the more recent Refugio spill, it's that the extraction and transportation of hydrocarbons is inherently a dirty business. It is also totally incompatible with other uses and activities along our beautiful coast.

Proponents of ExxonMobil's project cite the industry's economic contribution to local communities. But these are minuscule (and mostly transitory) compared to the potential damage to the much more robust and sustainable tourist industry.

Finally, ExxonMobil's project is not only dangerous to our health and economy, it is also totally unnecessary; the proven reserves of the oil industry are already more than sufficient to power global economies during the transition to more sustainable sources of energy.

We therefore urge the Board to deny ExxonMobil's dangerous proposal.

Respectfully, Philip Fine

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**From:** Marian Baker <mariantbaker13@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2022 11:59 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Stop Exxon

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear SB County,

I am a resident of Buellton and I work in Santa Barbara. Please stop the Exxon proposal to reopen oil platforms. Santa Barbara needs to lead in Solar. When the oil platforms were open you could smell the petroleum all across Santa Barbara beaches. We don't want the oil trucks up and down the 101. We don't want oil truck accidents or the spills in the ocean. The spills have a direct impact on the local economy at great cost. Santa Barbara began the environmental movement and we must continue that leadership. That quality of life is what we love about Santa Barbara - clean air and water not oil disasters.

Sincerely,  
Marian Baker  
549 Lehigh Lane  
Buellton, CA 93427

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**From:** Michael Briley <bricom3@roadrunner.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:03 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Disaster in the making

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Supervisors: Please deny ExxonMobil free rein to further pollute our environment. Thank you.

M Briley  
Ojai, CA

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**From:** Brandon Hebert <Brandon.Hebert.532992947@p2a.co>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2022 9:50 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** ExxonMobil Interim Trucking Permit Support Comment

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing to ask you to approve the temporary trucking permit that will enable ExxonMobil to restart operations at the Santa Ynez Unit (SYU). Given the unprecedented impact that COVID has had on business in our communities, I hope the County is considering how to go about reviving the economic health of our community and how restarting SYU may help bring much-needed revenues and family-supporting jobs for those that live and work here.

SYU has been safely operating in our community in partnership with federal regulators and county staff for nearly four decades. Their more than 330 employees and contractors lived and raised their families in communities throughout Santa Barbara and many of them were separated from their families by transfers around the world or impacted by layoffs as a result of the forced shutdown for the last 7 years. If the Board of Supervisors approves the temporary trucking permit, many of these workers can get back to work with high-paying jobs and reunite with their families.

The economic boost that getting operations going will come at a time when we need it most. SYU's estimated \$7 million in tax payments each year will go to our schools, public safety and even the general fund, and it will be critical as we face a budget shortfall.

Regards,  
Brandon Hebert  
2550 Eastman Ave  
Ventura, CA 93003

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**From:** Christina Bennett <Christina.Bennett.532999102@p2a.co>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2022 10:32 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Case No. 17RVP-00000-00081: Deny ExxonMobil Interim Trucking

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Supervisors,

As a Santa Barbara County resident, I'm writing to urge the Board to deny ExxonMobil's Interim Trucking for SYU Phased Restart Project, case number 17RVP-00000-00081. Trucking oil is inherently dangerous, and this project poses unacceptable risks to our highways and public lands.

Transporting up to 70 truckloads of oil per day, 7 days per week on a dangerous highway through some of the county's most environmentally sensitive areas is an environmental, public health, and safety hazard.

Both U.S. Highway 101 along the coast and the two-lane State Route 166 that winds through the mountains are especially dangerous, reporting numerous fatal and serious accidents every year. California Highway Patrol data show that there were 216 trucking accidents along the route from 2015 to 2020, resulting in nine deaths and 92 injuries. In 2020, a tanker truck crashed along State Route 166 spilling more than 4,500 gallons of oil into the Cuyama River near the Los Padres National Forest. These accidents can cause also cause fires, explosions, and they can damage roads and properties, pollute waterways, and kill or harm wildlife.

Oil spills along the proposed route pose a threat to the Cuyama River, Carrizo Plains Ecological Reserve, Carrizo Plain National Monument, and Los Padres National Forest. These public lands provide critical habitat for threatened or endangered species including the southern California steelhead, California tiger salamander, arroyo toad, California red-legged frog, California condor, giant kangaroo rat, San Joaquin kit fox, mountain lion, and others. Spilled oil lingers in the environment for years and can continue harming wildlife long after cleanup teams have finished their work.

We need to end dirty drilling off our coast, not restart platforms and invite a steady stream of tanker trucks onto our roadways and through our most sensitive wildlife habitats.

I urge you to protect our coastal community, public lands, and climate by denying this permit.

Regards,  
Christina Bennett  
103 San Federico Ave  
Santa Barbara, CA 93111



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**From:** Patricia Hedrick Duncan <phdsyv@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2022 4:09 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** NO TO EXXONMOBIL PROJECT

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear County Board of Supervisors:

I applauded the SB County Planning Commission for their vote against the ExxonMobil oil trucking proposal.

I strongly urge you to DENY the current ExxonMobil proposal to re-start oil platforms and allow trucking of 460,000 gallons of oil on county roads.

Our government is FAILING to adequately and urgently address Climate Change and our dependence on oil.

- Carbon dioxide levels continue to rise
- Drought conditions threaten our water supplies
- Forests are burning
- Oceans are rising
- Plant and wildlife is imperiled
- The future of our children is threatened

Santa Barbara County has more than paid the price of inaction to deal with fossil fuel extraction.

Now is the time to stand up for the safety of county residents and build on a climate resilient future.

Sincerely,

Patricia Hedrick  
635 Aqueduct Way  
Solvang, CA 93463

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**From:** Gabriel van Praag <gvanpraag@ucsb.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2022 4:07 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Comment on Exxon's trucking plan

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

As a recent graduate and concerned resident, I urge you to deny this dangerous project as recommended by the Santa Barbara Planning Commission.

In addition to the significant and unavoidable risks of spills from trucking the oil, the purported benefit of producing oil from the offshore platforms and processing it on the Gaviota coast would bring with it unacceptable risks of offshore oil spills, air pollution and toxic fire and smoke risks that were not analyzed in the EIR, which focused narrowly on trucking impacts.

It is not just that the trucking routes are along sections of road with above average accident rates, there have been specific and recent instances of oil tankers on this route spilling oil into rivers and starting fires. In fact, on October 11 -- the same day as the Alisal fire -- an oil tanker crash near Orcutt caused a fire in Eucalyptus trees.

This project could bring in small short term economic rewards for the county, but it has the potential for causing catastrophic and costly accidents. How will you explain to your constituents that you are okay with putting them in harms way for the benefit of a global oil corporation?

Sincerely,

Gabriel van Praag

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**From:** Kent Lind <kentbluebayou@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2022 3:55 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Vote No on ExxonMobil

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

DEAR SUPERVISORS OF SANTA BARBARA CO.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION TO KEEP EXXON-MOBIL FROM TRUCKING OIL IN S.B., CO.  
PLEASE STOP THEIR PLANS TO OPERATE ANY OFFSHORE RIGS .

PLEASE REALIZE THAT EXXON-MOBIL WILL DO DAMAGE TO OUR ENVIRONMENT , AND , WILL RISK SAFETY ON THE  
ROADS .

THEY WILL RISK OUR OCEANS , BEACHES , CREEKS , OUR SENSITIVE HABITATS , AND MOST PRECIOUS OUR CHILDREN'S  
FUTURE ,, OUR WILDLIFE ,, IT'S ALL PART OF DOING THEIR DIRTY BUSINESS . THEY DO NOT CARE .

PLEASE REVIEW WHAT THEY HAVE DONE TO ECUADOR , AND STEVEN DONZIGER .  
REALIZE WHAT THEY HAVE DONE TO THE GULF OF MEXICO ,

STOP EXXON-MOBIL NOW

SINCERELY ,  
KENT LIND

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**From:** Nancy Weiss <nancygweiss@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2022 3:39 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Please say No to Exxon's plan

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

After reviewing the plans to reopen the three oil platforms and resume transportation of oil in SB County, I am writing to urge you to deny Exxons plans.

In particular, I am concerned about the increased air pollution and unsafe trucking plans, as well as the threat of another oil spill to marine and other wildlife.

Please deny Exxon's proposal.

Thank you,

Nancy Weiss

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**From:** Bob Crocco <robert.crocco@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2022 3:33 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Vote No on ExxonMobil

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Supervisors,

Tanker trucks are one of the riskiest ways to transport oil: 87 tanker truck crashes have occurred in California in the last 22 years, 14 of which were in Santa Barbara County, leaving 59 people injured, 28 people dead and spilling over 100,000 gallons of oil. We must stop this proposal and protect our communities, climate, and local environment.

Please stop any further consideration of this project.

Thank you.

Bob Crocco

Santa Barbara resident.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Kathy Nolan <kn@studio-landscape.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2022 3:28 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Vote No on ExxonMobil

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

As a past resident of Santa Barbara County, now a tri-county resident and a frequent visitor to the area , I'm opposed to the restart of 3 offshore oil platforms shuttered since the devastating 2015 Plains All American Pipeline oil spill at Refugio State Beach.

I am urging you to deny this dangerous proposal and protect our climate, public safety, and our land and watersheds.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen Nolan

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**From:** Sarah Rawlings <sarah.rawlings98@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2022 2:57 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Please Say No to ExxonMobil's Oil Trucking Plan

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

From the IPCC's latest report on climate change:

"Any further delay in concerted anticipatory global action on adaptation and mitigation will miss a brief and rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a livable and sustainable future for all."

Do your part.

Best,

Sarah Rawlings

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**From:** Gene Zubrinsky <GeneZub@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2022 3:04 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Please Deny Oil Trucking Project!

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Board Members:

ExxonMobil is seeking permission for a dangerous proposal to restart three offshore oil platforms in the Santa Barbara Channel and send nearly 70 oil-filled tanker trucks per day on our coastal highways.

Exxon then wants to truck more than 460,000 gallons of oil daily along our winding coastal Highway 101 and the narrow, overcrowded Route 166, for up to seven years. Tanker trucks are one of the riskiest ways to transport oil: 87 tanker truck crashes have occurred in California in the last 22 years, 14 of which were in Santa Barbara County, leaving 59 people injured, 28 people dead, and spilling over 100,000 gallons of oil.

ExxonMobil's plan will result in more oil spills, air pollution, and increased climate change at a time when we need to pursue clean energy alternatives.

Please do the right thing and deny this dangerous proposal.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gene Zubrinsky



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**From:** Linda Harmon <lhart412@roadrunner.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 3, 2022 4:18 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Exxon oil plan

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Supervisors,

I'm writing to voice my opposition to ExxonMobil's plan before you.

ExxonMobil's plan will result in more oil spills, air pollution, and increased climate change at a time when we need to pursue clean energy alternatives.

This is going in the completely wrong direction.

Thank you for the work you do,

Linda Harmon

412 N. Fulton St.

Ojai, Ca.

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