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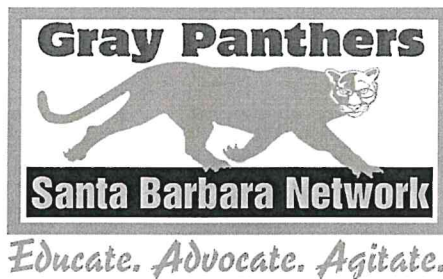


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See the attached for the letter from the Gray panthers Santa Barbara Network.

Thank you.



Gray Panthers Santa Barbara Network

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21 February 2025

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

RE: 2/25/25 Hearing on Appeal of PC Approval of Change of Owner, Operator and Guarantor for the Santa Ynez Unit, etc

Dear Chair Capps and Board members:

The Gray Panthers Santa Barbara Network wishes to express our strong support for the Environmental Defense Center's [& appellants GOO & SBCAN) appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of Sable Offshore Corp.'s ("Sable" applications for Change in Owner, Operator, and Guarantor of the Final Development Plan Permits ("FDPs") for the Santa Ynez Unit (the "SYU"), Pacific Offshore Pipeline Company ("POPCO") Gas Plant, and the Las Flores Pipeline System.

We agree with the appellant's assertions that in approving Sable's applications, the Commission ignored or misinterpreted several findings of approval required by Chapter 25B. In particular the required findings related to financial capability and compliance plans seem woefully inadequate. Considering the fact that we are approaching the ten year anniversary of the devastating Refugio Oil Spill, it is imperative that any effort to restart these facilities be subject to the greatest possible scrutiny lest we experience a repeat of that event. As noted in appellant's submission, the staff and Commission ignored or misinterpreted several conditions of the Final Development Permits which the Commission was required to review for compliance and "improperly excluded relevant evidence in the record concerning the risks of operating the facilities at issue". Thus it appears the Commission made a number of findings that were unsupported by evidence, contradicted by evidence in the record, and/or inconsistent with Chapter 25B.

We urge you to exercise scrutiny in evaluating the required findings. We are certain that if carefully considered, your Board will be unable to make those findings and will grant the appeal and rescind the Commission's approval of the permits.

Sincerely,

Gail Marshall, President