

Katherine Douglas

Public Comment - Group 2 # 2



From: elizabethparmyweber@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elizabeth Weber
<elizabethparmyweber@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 4:03 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny the Plains Valve Upgrade Project at the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting

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Dear Clerk of the Board,

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The zoning administrator's approval of this project is based on faulty environmental analysis. The analysis fails to consider the impacts of restarting and replacing certain segments of the pipeline; ignores the impacts of the 2015 spill that were not accounted for in the original environmental analysis; and ignores the factors currently contributing to the corrosion of the pipeline.

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It's time to end the era of fossil fuels. I urge you to put Santa Barbara's people and wildlife first by denying ExxonMobil's permit application to restart this dangerous pipeline.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Weber
Santa Barbara, CA 93109
elizabethparmyweber@gmail.com

Katherine Douglas

From: steve mcMahon <mcmahoncycles@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 7:16 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Reject the Exxon pipeline scheme - Aug 22 Board of Supervisors meeting

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Dear County Supervisors,

Please deny Exxon's so-called safety valve upgrades. These "upgrades" are extremely dangerous and will never make the pipeline safe. Instead please order the immediate shutdown and removal of the corroded pipeline.

Exxon is cynically attempting to re-use the very same pipeline that ruptured in 2015 at Refugio Beach sending 450,000 gallons of oil onto the Santa Barbara Channel coastline resulting in at least 202 dead birds and 99 dead mammals, including at least 46 sea lions and 12 dolphins. Any efforts to restart this pipeline will only prove catastrophic.

Please DO NOT give Exxon the ability to unleash an environmental disaster ever again.

Sincerely,

Steve McMahon
Carpinteria, Ca

Katherine Douglas

From: penny216@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of PENNY LUCE <penny216@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 6:40 PM
To: sbcob
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Sincerely,
PENNY LUCE
Santa Barbara, CA 93111
penny216@cox.net

Katherine Douglas

From: Drew Hart <quatrecoin@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 12:10 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Valve Upgrade Project

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

The Board should reject Exxon's appeal and deny the Valve Upgrade Project to safeguard the County's environment and its residents from the devastating consequences of another oil spill.

Please DO NOT give Exxon the ability to unleash an environmental disaster ever again.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Drew Hart
Santa Barbara

Katherine Douglas

From: durgama@silcom.com
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 12:19 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Valve upgrade project

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SB County Board of Supervisors

To Whom it May Concern:

I hereby add my voice to the others who request that

you deny the Valve Upgrade Project to in order to safeguard the County's

environment and its residents from the devastating consequences of another oil spill.

Thank you for your responsible consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Durga Andre

Goleta, CA

Katherine Douglas

From: Marina Lenney <marinalenney@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 12:20 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny the valve upgrade project

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The Board should reject Exxon's appeal and deny the Valve Upgrade Project to avoid the consequences of another oil spill.

Thank you.

Katherine Douglas

From: Margaret Connors <mmc8mmc@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 12:31 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Plains Pipeline Project

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Dear Supervisors:

Please uphold the Planning Commissions denial of the ill conceived Plains Pipeline Project. For the health of community citizens and the health of our unique sea and land environment.

Thank you,

Margaret Connors
Carpinteria, CA

Katherine Douglas

From: gracenotes789@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amber Larson <gracenotes789@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 12:45 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny the Plains Valve Upgrade Project at the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting

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Sincerely,
Amber Larson
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
gracenotes789@gmail.com

Katherine Douglas

From: tot ton <totton@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 1:02 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please uphold Planning Commission Denial of Exxon Valve Upgrade Project

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Dear County of Santa Barbara Supervisors, Please reject Exxon's appeal and deny the Valve Upgrade Project to safeguard the County's environment. We do not see any automatic protection from future oil spills that would limit discharge to less than a barrel of oil (44 gallons). Furthermore, without digging up the complete length of the old pipeline, there may be many areas of hidden pipeline corrosion similar to the section that spilled near Refugio.

One small break could drain out hundreds of barrels of oil from a section of pipeline. It is too risky to allow continued operation of the existing pipeline. Future properly engineered pipelines should be double contained with leak detection and automatic valve shut-offs every

1000 feet (and probably other safety measures) tested at least yearly.

Oil companies have lost our trust in protecting the environment, so they should be thoroughly regulated and monitored.

Thomas Totton, 7242 del Norte Drive, Goleta, CA 93117

Katherine Douglas

From: Tod Mesirow <mesirow@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 12:38 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: please UPHOLD THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DENIAL OF THE PROJECT and reject Exxon's appeal and deny the Valve Upgrade Project

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please **UPHOLD THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DENIAL OF THE PROJECT** and reject Exxon's appeal and deny the Valve Upgrade Project to safeguard the County's environment and its residents from the devastating consequences of another oil spill.

thank you.

Tod Mesirow



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From: Tom Baker <thbjr@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 1:25 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Uphold the Planning Commission Decision

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Please deny the Exxon Appeal.

Thanks!

Tom Baker

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Kathy Yaeger <k.yaeger@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 1:35 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Valve Upgrade

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Please continue to deny this project and protect our coast!!!

Sent from my iPhone

Katherine Douglas

From: gisi.adams <gisi.adams@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 1:50 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: The Valve Upgrade Project

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

Please uphold the Planning Commission's denial of the Valve Upgrade Project.
Please reject Exxon's appeal and deny the Valve Upgrade Project to safeguard the County's environment and it's residents from the devastating consequences of another oil spill.

Thank you and Best Regards,
William and Gisela Adams

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Katherine Douglas

From: B WILSON <btkf6rai@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 1:51 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: lines 901 and 903 use permits

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Permits re;

1. **Lines 901 and 903** were recently purchased by **Exxon** (who also owns the Santa Ynez Unit offshore platforms and related assets), *with pending transfer to **Sable Offshore Corp.*** Instead of removing and/or replacing the 30+ year-old corroded pipeline, **Exxon/Sable** is now seeking the County's approval for the Valve Upgrade Project in order to resume operations as soon as possible using the existing pipeline.
2. The Valve Upgrade Project would install valves on the existing compromised pipeline to enable its resumed use, risking another oil spill with potentially disastrous consequences to the Gaviota Coast's marine and terrestrial ecosystems, cultural resources, public recreational areas, as well as to local businesses.
3. Use of the existing compromised pipeline would pose a very real 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 (valves do not remedy external corrosion or prevent additional ruptures from occurring).
4. The Board should reject Exxon's appeal and deny the Valve Upgrade Project to safeguard the County's environment and its residents from the devastating consequences of another oil spill. (at some unknown location)
5. **The best solution** to start/continue use of the 901-903 pipelines, would be the whole/complete replacement of the pipelines with a new best technology corrosion resistant pipeline.
6. **If that was implemented**, the risk of a pipeline leak, especially from corrosion, would be greatly reduced. The extraction of oil from the Santa Barbara channel region would be greatly reduced or eliminated and also naturally occurring oil seeps along our coast. All of those of us who use the beaches, know about the tar-balls and seep deposits, and always carry some foot cleaning products along on the beach trip. Shore birds are also affected by the tar deposits.

Bruce Wilson Resident, City of Goleta

Katherine Douglas

From: Joe Silv <jsilv579@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 1:51 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Exxon pipeline project

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Please uphold the ban on the Exxon Pipeline . Sincerely, Joe Silvey

Katherine Douglas

From: barbrobles@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ms.Robles
<barbrobles@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 1:53 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Deny the Plains Valve Upgrade Project at the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting

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Sincerely,
Ms. Robles
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
barbrobles@gmail.com

Katherine Douglas

From: John Conroy Images <johnconroyimages@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 2:07 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Exxon's Value Upgrade Project for the Plains Pipeline

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I have been a Santa Barbara County resident and home owner since the early 70's. I witnessed the devastation that the oil spills have done to our community and our economy. I personally lost needed income following the Plains All American/Refugio spill. The Board's decision to reject Exxon's appeal and deny the Valve Upgrade Project to safeguard the County's environment and its residents from the devastating consequences of another oil spill. The Valve Upgrade Project would install valves on the existing compromised pipeline to enable its resumed use, risking another oil spill with potentially disastrous consequences to the Gaviota Coast's marine and terrestrial ecosystems, cultural resources, public recreational areas, as well as to local businesses. Please reject this proposal and all that it represents

John Conroy
112 Romaine Drive
Santa Barbara, CA. 93105

Katherine Douglas

From: Vicky Blum <blumvicky@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 2:27 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: The Valve Upgrade Project

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We urge you to uphold the Planning Commission's denial of the Valve Upgrade Project. Installing valves wouldn't prevent additional spills because they don't repair external corrosion or prevent additional ruptures from occurring.

It is a priority to prevent the devastating consequences of another oil spill. The Gaviota Coast is one of the most beautiful places on earth and we should do everything in our power to preserve it.

Thanks for your consideration,

Vicky Blum and David Lebell

Katherine Douglas

From: Carol Sklenicka <carolsklenicka@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 2:28 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: deny Exxon valve upgrade project

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Please uphold your Planning Commission's wise decision to reject Exxon's pipeline project.

Carol Sklenicka
(Santa Maria native)
P O Box 13
Jenner CA 95450

Katherine Douglas

From: Raymond Smith <ray@eri.ucsb.edu>
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 2:54 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Ray Smith; Domi Smith
Subject: Please Reject Exxon pipeline scheme

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Please Reject Exxon pipeline scheme

Climate Change due to fossil fuels is dramatically altering life on earth.

For the sake of our planet we **MUST** reduce the extraction and use of fossil fuels. Exxon's so-called safety valve upgrades are extremely dangerous, will never make the pipeline safe, could result in future spills, and will exacerbate climate change.

Please protect our environment by rejecting Exxon's pipeline scheme.

Sincerely,

Ray & Domi Smith

1330 Tunnel Road

Santa Barbara, CA 93105

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From: Trace Robinson <traceroobinson@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 2:58 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Board should reject Exxon's appeal

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The Board should reject Exxon's appeal and deny the Valve Upgrade Project to safeguard the County's environment and its residents from the devastating consequences of another oil spill.

Thank you,
Trace Robinson
SB Resident Tax Payer

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From: curt.crotzer@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 3:06 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Exxon

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Please help protect our coastline by rejecting Exxon's appeal and deny the Valve Upgrade Project.

Sincerely,

Curt Crotzer, 6224 Parkhurst Dr. Goleta, 93117



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Katherine Douglas

From: Antonia Robertson <nzantoniारob@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 3:13 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Pipeline Valve Project

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Dear SB Board of Supervisors:

Thank you for all the good work you do.

Please sure to continue the good work by denying the Exxon appeal to upgrade the Pipeline Valve project.

This pipeline and its valves have a bad history and the pipeline is aging & no guarantee there won't be another costly damaging spill.

Please Vote NO and keep our county safe.

Antonia Robertson J.D.

Laurence Dworet M.D.