

Katherine Douglas

# Public Comment

Closed Session



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Third District Supervisor Joan Hartmann MUST recuse herself from the BOS closed session on 1/5/26.

Hartmann has an acknowledged conflict of interest with ANY AND ALL Board of Supervisors meetings, actions and votes concerning the Sable Offshore Company Oil pipeline.

Hartmann MUST recuse herself from ANY AND ALL BOS meetings, actions or votes involving Sable Offshore Company, the pending decommissioning of the Point Arguello Unit, The proposed BOEM OCS leasing program, and ANY AND ALL other BOS meetings, actions and votes that have ANY nexus to offshore oil development or projects.

Currently, a FPPC complaint is being contemplated against Hartmann for participating in a hearing and vote involving Sable Offshore Company. Hartmann used a letter from the FPPC as a reason to participate at the hearing, which was premised on inaccurate information about the location of Sable's pipeline in proximity to her property. Hartmann may have known the information was false, and may have used the false information to unlawfully participate and vote at the hearing. It is also possible County Council, County Administrator, and the members of the Board of Supervisors also knew the FPPC letter was premised on false information, and allowed Hartmann to participate and vote at the meeting, knowing the participation may have been in violation. The FPPC may be asked to investigate all of this, and more.

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