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Public Comment - Group 6

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From: Abigail Youngblood <abiyoungblood@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 2:35 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Sable Pipeline Appeal Hearing

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong disapproval of the movement to restart the Sable Pipeline off the coast of Santa Barbara. The Board of Supervisors should deny the appeal to transfer permits to operate the pipeline and the adjacent operating facilities.

This pipeline has been proven to contain faulty corrosion detection technology — look to the 2015 Plains Pipeline spill that created catastrophic effects on the ecosystems and coastal aesthetic of Santa Barbara. How can Santa Barbara tout its environmental values and, at the same time, move forward with a project that has the potential to create extreme environmental catastrophe?

Sable additionally has not met the financial criteria to restart the pipeline. They owe Exxon \$700 million and are only able to receive \$400 million from insurance in the case of a spill. As an example, the 2015 Pipeline spill cost over \$750 million — Sable is not able to pay for a spill of similar magnitude whatsoever. In the case of a spill, that burden would be placed on the community (financially, aesthetically, and ecologically). Approving this pipeline would mean allowing the citizens of Santa Barbara to get hurt.

Sable also has received several notices of violation from three different state agencies and yet has continued to operate their repairs to the pipeline in a shady manner. It is clear that Sable has no care for the law and the public good, only for their profits.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Best,
Abigail Youngblood
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From: Monica Ballas <monballas@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 9:01 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please Do NOT Allow the Restart of the Sable Pipeline

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Monica Ballas, I am a student at UCSB, and I am concerned about the potential restart of the pipeline owned by Sable Offshore Corp. The Board of Supervisors should deny Sable's application to transfer permits for the Santa Ynez Unit, POPCO Gas Plant, and Las Flores Pipelines. Another spill from these facilities is likely and would be devastating to Santa Barbara County and the Gaviota Coast. Sable likely cannot afford to cover the cost of remediation if/when another major spill occurs. The public should not have to pay to clean up another spill. It is possible that Sable never restarts these facilities, forcing it into bankruptcy. Sable has not provided any assurances that it will be able to pay to decommission its facilities in that scenario. The Board cannot approve the transfer of permits from Exxon to Sable because Sable has not met the conditions of the permits. For example, the pipeline does not have the critical corrosion protection technology required by the permits. Sable has received notices of violations from three state agencies and recently received a second cease-and-desist order from the Coastal Commission for continuing work on its facilities without a proper permit. The questionable behavior of Sable's management team shows that the Board cannot trust them to responsibly operate this project.

Protect the safety and future of Californians by NOT allowing Sable Offshore to restart the pipeline in Santa Barbara County.

Best,
Monica Ballas