SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Staff Report for a Change of Ownership, Change of Guarantor, and Change of Operator for the Las Flores Pipeline System (formerly Plains All American Lines 901/903)

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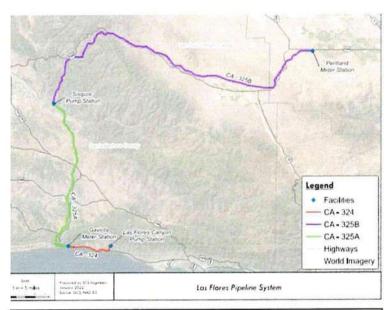
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Location of the Las Flores Pipeline System (formerly AAPL Lines 901/903), in the Third, Fourth, and First Supervisorial Districts.

1.0 REQUEST

Hearing on the request of Pacific Pipeline Company (PPC) and ExxonMobil Pipeline Company (EMPCo) to consider the approval of a County Code Chapter 25B Permit Amendment for Final Development Plan (FDP) Permit No. 88-DPF-033 (RV01)z, 88-CP-60 (RV01) (88-DPF-25cz; 85-DP-66cz; 83-DP-25cz) for the following:

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- 1. A Change of Ownership of the All American Pipeline L.P. (AAPL) 901 and 903 Pipeline System (Las Flores Canyon to Pentland) from Plains Pipeline L.P. (Plains) to PPC;
- 2. A Change of Guarantor of AAPL Lines 901 and 903 from Plains to ExxonMobil Corporation; and
- 3. A Change of Operator of AAPL Lines 901 and 903 from Plains to EMPCo.

The request involves a linear pipeline system crossing various Assessor Parcels within the First, Third, and Fourth Supervisorial Districts. Documents related to this request may be reviewed at the Planning and Development Department located at 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, and on the County website at https://www.countyofsb.org/3773/Plains-Pipeline-901903-Permit-Transfer.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION AND PROCEDURES

Your Commission's motion should include the following:

- 1. Make the required findings for approval for the Change of Ownership, Change of Guarantor, and Change of Operator as specified in Attachment A of this Staff Report, including CEQA findings;
- 2. Determine that the request is not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), as included in Attachment C; and
- 3. Approve the Change of Ownership, Change of Guarantor, and Change of Operator for FDP Permit No. 88-DPF-033 (RV01)z, 88-CP-60 (RV01)(88-DPF-25cz;85-DP-66cz; 83-DP-25cz), subject to the Conditions of Approval included as Attachment B.

Refer back to staff if the Planning Commission takes other than the recommended actions for appropriate findings and conditions.

3.0 JURISDICTION

This request consists of a permit transfer pursuant to County Code Chapter 25B, which governs the process to transfer a County permit from an existing owner, operator, and/or guarantor to a new person(s) for certain oil and gas facilities (herein referred to as a 25B Permit Amendment). Chapter 25B is applicable because the subject facility is involved in the transportation of oil extracted from offshore reserves, as defined in Sec. 25B-2.

Pursuant to Sec. 25B-8, the review authority for a Change of Ownership and a Change of a Guarantor is the Planning and Development Director, and the review authority for a Change of

Operator is the Planning Commission. Applications that include components under both jurisdictions may be processed with a combined application and decided on by the Planning Commission in accordance with Sec. 25B-8(C).

4.0 ISSUE SUMMARY

The 901 and 903 pipeline system (now known as the Las Flores Pipeline System) is an existing 122 linear mile crude oil pipeline that runs from the Gaviota Coast in Santa Barbara County to the Pentland Delivery Station in Kern County. The pipeline system is permitted under Santa Barbara County FDP Permit 88-DPF-033 (RV01)z, 88-CP-60 (RV01) (88-DPF-25cz; 85-DP-66cz; 83-DP-25cz), approved on February 18, 1986, revised in 1988, and last modified in May 2003.

PPC formally acquired ownership of the pipeline system from Plains on October 13, 2023. PPC and EMPCo submitted applications for a Change of Owner (Plains to PPC), Change of Guarantor (Plains to ExxonMobil Corporation), and Substitution of a *Temporary* Operator (Plains to EMPCo) to the County on November 15, 2022. These applications were all under the jurisdiction of the Planning and Development Director in accordance with County Code Chapter 25B-8(a)(1). Applications were submitted following the final sale of the pipelines in order to process all three requests together at the Director-level, and to allow PPC and EMPCo time to prepare an application for permanent operatorship, which is under the jurisdiction of the Planning Commission.

The Change of Owner, Guarantor, and Substitution of *Temporary* Operator applications were approved by the Director on March 13, 2023. Three parties subsequently appealed the Director's approval on March 23, 2023 in accordance with Chapter 25B-12, and staff began preparing to take the appeals to the County Planning Commission. The primary concerns raised by the appellants are discussed in Section 7.0 of this Staff Report.

Prior to the appeals being heard by the Planning Commission, PPC and EMPCo submitted a *permanent* Change of Operator (Plains to EMPCo) application to the County on April 28, 2023. Rather than continuing to process the applications for a Change of Owner, Guarantor, and Substitution of a *Temporary* Operator, and the application for a *permanent* Change of Operator as separate items, PPC withdrew their November 2022 applications and re-applied for a Change of Owner (Plains to PPC) and Change of Guarantor (Plains to ExxonMobil Corporation) on May 12, 2023. In doing so, all items may be heard by the Planning Commission under one comprehensive request.

Applications for a Change of Owner, Change of Guarantor, and Change of Operator were determined to be complete on May 15, 2023. The application materials for a Change of Owner and Guarantor are identical to those previously submitted. Application materials for the

permanent Change of Operator maintains information previously submitted for the Substitution of a *Temporary* Operator, and provides additional information unique for a *permanent* Change of Operator as outlined under Sec. 25B-10.

5.0 PROJECT INFORMATION

5.1 Site Information

Site Information	
Ordinance, Zone	Chapter 25B of the County Code governs the Change of Owner, Operator, and Guarantor. The pipeline system is subject to Article II for coastal portions, and the LUDC for inland portions.
Site Size	122 linear miles
Present Use & Development	The existing oil and gas pipeline system has been purged and out-of-service since 2015. The system is classified by the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and the CAL FIRE Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) Pipeline Safety Division as "Active", but remains out-of-service while the Owner/Operator works to fulfill the requirements for the safe operation of the lines.
Access	Regional access to the pipeline system is provided via US Highway 101, Highway 1, Highway 246, and Highway 166. Various local public and private roadways are used to access the pipeline right-of-way and pump stations.
Public Services	Water Supply: groundwater Sewage: NA Fire: Stations 38 (Gaviota); 31 (Buellton); 24 (Los Alamos); 21 (Orcutt); 26 and 23 (Santa Maria Valley), and 27 (Cuyama) Police: County Sherriff
County Districts	The pipelines span County Supervisorial Districts Three (Gaviota Coast and Santa Ynez Valley), Four (Santa Maria Valley), and One (Cuyama Valley).

5.2 Background Information

The Las Flores Pipeline system consists of pipeline segments, mainline valves, pipeline markers, cathodic protection test stations, and three metering and regulating stations (Las Flores Canyon Station, Gaviota Station, and Sisquoc Station). Line 901 is a 24-inch diameter pipeline designed to transport crude oil approximately 10.9 miles from the Las Flores Station to the Gaviota Station

along the Gaviota Coast. Line 903 is a 30-inch diameter pipeline designed to transport crude oil approximately 61.7 miles from the Gaviota Station to the Sisquoc Station, through the Cuyama Valley to the Pentland Station. Pipeline construction occurred from 1988 to 1991, and the system became operational in 1994 under owner/operatorship of Celeron/All American. Plains acquired Lines 901 and 903 from Celeron/All American in 1998.

In May 2015, Line 901 ruptured and released crude oil on land, beaches, and into the Pacific Ocean near Refugio Beach (herein referred to as the 2015 Refugio Incident). As part of Corrective Action Orders (CAOs) from PHMSA, the pipeline system was shut down, purged, and filled with inert gas. Site clean-up and monitoring activities continued into 2016, and were overseen by the United States Coast Guard and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). In March 2020, Plains entered into a legally binding federal Consent Decree¹ with the U.S. Government to provide monetary and injunctive relief for the 2015 Refugio Incident. The Consent Decree requires that, among other things, all PHMSA CAOs be completed prior to the restart of the pipelines. The pipeline system is classified by PHMSA and OSFM as "Active" but remains out-of-service while the owner/operator works to fulfill the requirements for the safe operation of the lines. The OSFM Pipeline Safety Division is the regulatory authority responsible for the safety oversight of the pipelines.

PPC purchased Lines 901 and 903 from Plains on October 13, 2022. The pipelines are now registered to PPC as the "Las Flores Pipeline System" under OSFM identifiers CA-324 (formerly 901), CA-325A (formerly 903 Gaviota to Sisquoc), and CA-325B (formerly 903 Sisquoc to Pentland). PHMSA and OSFM recognize PPC as the new owner of the pipeline system, and PPC is now responsible for implementing the remaining PHMSA CAOs in accordance with the Consent Decree.

Although PPC is the new owner and EMPCo is the new operator of the pipeline system, the County considers them a "pending" owner and operator regarding their FDP permit until a 25B Permit Amendment is approved in accordance with County Code Sec. 25B-3. PPC and EMPCo submitted applications for a Change of Ownership (Plains to PPC), Change of Guarantor (Plains to ExxonMobil Corporation), and Substitution of a *Temporary* Operator (Plains to EMPCo) on November 15, 2022, following the final sale of the pipelines from Plains. The Director approved these initial applications on March 13, 2023. Three parties (the Environmental Defense Center, the Gaviota Coast Conservancy, and Cappello and Noel III LLP) appealed the Director's decision on March 23, 2023. PPC and EMPCo then submitted a separate application for a *permanent*

 $^{^1 \,} Available \, on line \, at: \, \underline{https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-03/documents/plainsallamerican pipelinelp.pdf}$

² OSFM Pipeline Status Terminology Information Bulletin available online at: https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/media/dd3mkcaf/information-bulletin-pipeline-status-terminology-v1.pdf

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Change of Operator on April 28, 2023. To bring all requests together under one comprehensive item, PPC and EMPCo withdrew their initial application and resubmitted for a Change of Owner and Guarantor on May 12, 2023. The current applications were determined to be complete on May 15, 2023.

In accordance with the noticing requirements outlined in the County's Land Use and Development Code Section 35.106.020, and Coastal Zoning Ordinance Section 35-181, a *Notice of Submittal of Complete Application* was distributed to the Energy Division's Oil and Gas Interested Parties List, as well as the initial request's former appellants on May 17, 2023. Due to the regional size of the project, a *Notice of Public Hearing* was distributed to all interested parties listed above on May 31, 2023, and published in local newspapers in lieu of mailed notices to surrounding property owners. The applicants also posted the required notice of the project at the entrance to Las Flores Canyon.

5.3 Description

PPC is the full owner of the Las Flores Pipeline System. PPC is a company under Delaware state law, and has been in operation since August 1, 2022. PPC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Mobil Pacific Pipeline Company, an ExxonMobil corporation. EMPCo would operate the pipeline system on behalf of PPC. EMPCo is a limited liability company under Delaware state law, and has been in operation since December 26, 1941. EMPCo is a wholly owned subsidiary of Exxon Pipeline Holdings LLC, also an ExxonMobil corporation. ExxonMobil Corporation is the Guarantor, using self-insurance of \$100 million dollars to provide financial guarantees for any potential incidents associated with the pipeline system.

6.0 ANALYSIS

6.1 Environmental Review

The proposed action is not subject to the requirements of CEQA, as it does not constitute a "project", as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(a), which states in part:

" 'Project' means the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment..."

Section 15378(b)(5) specifically exempts "organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment" from this definition. A County Chapter 25B Permit Amendment is an administrative action that would

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not result in any direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. Under the proposed project, the acting Owner, Guarantor, and Operator would change from Plains to PPC, ExxonMobil Corporation, and EMPCo respectively. No physical changes to the pipeline system, modifications to the pipeline operations, or restart activities are proposed under this request.

Further, the County has historically considered all previously processed 25B Permit Amendments to not constitute as a "project", including the 2005 and 2012 Change of Owner of the similar Sisquoc and Point Pedernales Pipelines, and the 2014 Change of Owner and Guarantor of the similar Point Arguello and Point Pedernales Pipelines.

The CEQA Notice of Exemption is included as Attachment C to this Staff Report.

6.2 Consistency with Chapter 25B

The requirements for a Change of Owner, Guarantor, and Operator as detailed in County Code Chapter 25B are outlined below, along with a discussion of the consistency analysis.

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e of Owner	
Consistent. Staff has verified with the Planning and Development Accounting Department that no outstanding payments are due for the facility, or related planning and compliance cases.	

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REQUIREMENT DISCUSSION **Consistent.** Previously required bonds and (2) Financial Guarantees. All necessary endowments under the FDP Permit were insurance, bonds or other instruments or limited to conditions related to habitat methods of financial responsibility approved restoration. These restoration bonds were put by the county and necessary to comply with in place at the time of project construction and the permit and any county ordinance have were previously released back to Plains. been updated, if necessary, to reflect the new owner(s) and will remain in full effect Neither the FDP Permit, Chapter 25B, or other following the ownership change. County ordinance requires the Owner, Operator, or Guarantor to carry insurance or surety bonds to cover oil spills or other damages. Chapter 25B-4(i) requires the current owner or operator to be responsible for the proper abandonment of the facility; however, County code does not require any accompanying financial bond. Liability may be passed to previous owners if the Director determines that the current owner does not have the financial resources to cover the abandonment costs. ExxonMobil Corporation is the facility Guarantor, using self-insurance/guarantee to support financial demonstration of \$100 million dollars. Similarly, FDP Permit does not require a financial bond for abandonment, but does require the Owner to continue to pay property taxes until site restoration is complete in accordance with Condition O-1. (3) Acceptance of Permit. The proposed Consistent. PPC and EMPCo provided a signed owner has provided a letter from a and notarized Agreement to Comply with responsible official representing the Conditions of Approval as part of their

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proposed owner formally accepting all, conditions and requirements of the permit.	application materials. The Agreement outlines the Owner/Operator's acceptance of all conditions and requirements of the permit. The Agreement was recorded with the County Clerk-Recorder's Office as an official record on May 8, 2023. A copy of the Agreement is included in Attachment D.
(4) Facility Safety Audit. The current owner or operator has provided a copy of the most recent county-conducted comprehensive safety audit of the physical facility, along with a description of the status of implementing its recommendations, to the new or proposed new owner(s). A safety inspection maintenance and quality assurance program (SIMQAP) audit approved by the appropriate county official shall satisfy this requirement.	Consistent. Due to a 1988 Settlement Agreement between the County and Plain's predecessor Celeron/All American, there is no County-conducted audit available for the pipeline system. The Settlement Agreement determined that the County does not have the jurisdiction to regulate any aspect of the design, construction, or operation of the pipeline that is already covered under the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Title 49 Part 195 Transportation of Hazardous Liquids by Pipeline. Title 49 §§ 195.450 and §§ 195.452 require that pipeline operators implement both internal (operator-conducted) and external (agency- conducted) audits. Therefore, because PHMSA and OSFM conduct audits of the pipeline system, it is not subject to County-conducted audits. The existing owner (Plains) has satisfied the County's requirement to provide audit information to the pending owner (PPC). PPC confirmed that Plains provided copies of the most recent PHMSA and OSFM-conducted

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	audits from at least 2018 through 2021. PPC provided the County a list of six recent audits listing the audit date, type, and status as part of their application materials, which are included in Attachment D. Planning and Development Staff confirmed with OSFM that the audits took place as described by PPC. A table of the audits performed with information regarding the scope and results of those audits is provided in Section 7.1 of this Staff Report, and is included herein by reference.
(5) Compliance With Existing Requirements. As of the date that the application is deemed complete, the current owner(s) are in compliance with all requirements of the permit, including any requirement of a county-required safety audit, any notice of violation, and any county ordinance, or the current and proposed owner(s) have entered into a written agreement with the Director that specifies an enforceable schedule to come into compliance with such requirements.	Consistent. Plains is in compliance with all requirements of the FDP Permit. Below is a discussion of conditions that Staff previously determined were not yet in compliance (Condition P-2 SIMQAP), or were raised as public concerns (see Section 7.0). Permit Condition P-2 SIMQAP FDP Permit Condition P-2 requires that the owner/operator submit a Safety, Inspection, Maintenance, and Quality Assurance Program (SIMQAP) for the pump stations, valves, and pipeline. A SIMQAP is a County-specific document prepared for certain oil and gas facilities, and is used by the County's Systems Safety & Reliability Review Committee (SSRRC) to identify and correct possible project-related hazards and review facility changes, among other uses.

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	Planning and Development Staff determined that no known SIMQAP for the pipeline system existed during the review of PPC's initial applications; therefore, PPC provided a comprehensive SIMQAP document to the County on March 10, 2023.
	FDP Permit Condition P-2 states that if the SSRRC finds fault with the SIMQAP, concerns can be submitted to the owner/operator. However, if the owner/operator decides not to modify the document, the County's recourse is with the Department of Transportation Office of Pipeline Safety (now OSFM). Therefore, SSRRC may review the SIMQAP, but the County is not required to approve the document.
	The document was reviewed by the SSRRC, and comments were provided and discussed with PPC during the public SSRRC meeting held on April 13, 2023. Following SSRRC's review, PPC provided a revised final SIMQAP to Planning and Development on May 12, 2023, satisfying this condition. The final SIMQAP is included in Attachment F.
	Permit Conditions A-7 Substantial Conformity and A-20 Project Description FDP Permit Condition A-7 states (in part) that
	the project description is incorporated as a permit condition, and the procedures, operating techniques, design, equipment, and other descriptions described therein shall be required elements of the project. The Condition

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	refers to the project description that is described by AAPLP in its application to the County for Permit No. 83-DP-25cz and 83-CP-97cz, in subsequent clarifications and additions to that application, and in the Final Development Plan. The Condition also references the project description that received environmental analysis.
	Condition A-20 states (in part) that permits are based upon, and limited to, compliance with the project description and conditions of approval.
	The public raised concerns that Plains is not in compliance with the part of the project description that requires effective cathodic protection of the pipeline system, because the existing cathodic protection failed, leading to the 2015 Refugio Incident.
	The project description, as described in the Final Development Plan and associated Conditions of Approval, does not contain any requirements for cathodic protection. The project description in the FDP Permit is limited to a general discussion of the pipeline type, purpose, and location.
	The project description that received environmental analysis is described in the 1984 Draft Environmental Impact Report / Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/EIS) for the Celeron/All American Pipeline Project. The DEIR/EIS states that a cathodic protection

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	system, consisting of groundbeds and rectifiers, would be placed every 10 miles within the pipeline right-of-way (DEIR/EIS pg. 2-14). It also states that the cathodic protection system would be inspected and maintained at 6-month intervals, and that annual pipe-to-soil potential readings would be used to determine the effectiveness of the system (DEIR/EIS pg. 2-34).
	The design of the cathodic protection system and the equipment used is in accordance with the elements outlined in the DEIR/EIS. The cathodic protection system was installed as part of the original construction of the pipelines and implements Impressed Current Cathodic Protection (ICCP), consisting of rectifiers and high-current capacity groundbed anodes located at each pipeline station, and one critical bond located at the Pentland Station. Various test stations are located along the pipelines to take electrical measurements, including 30 points between the Las Flores Canyon and Gaviota Stations, 34 points between the Gaviota and Sisquoc Station, and 79 points between the Sisquoc and Pentland Station. This equates to approximately one test station every half mile between the Las Flores Canyon and Sisquoc Stations, and one test station every mile between the Sisquoc and Pentland Stations, which meets the described system
	placement of every 10 miles.

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	The cathodic protection system is inspected at least every 6-months in addition to annual inspections, which meet the described inspection and maintenance schedules. A table of the cathodic protection monitoring schedule is provided in Section 7.4 of this Staff Report and is included herein by reference.
	Therefore, Plains is in compliance with the project description outlined in the FDP Permit, and the pipeline system also meets the cathodic protection elements described in the DEIR/EIS.
	FDP Permit Conditions J-5, J-7, J-10, and J-11 relating to pipeline easements
	The public raised concerns that Plains nor PPC is in compliance with FDP Permit Conditions relating to the pipeline easements, as easements are void and currently being litigated.
	FDP Permit conditions related to pipeline easements include J-5, J-7, J-10, and J-11. These conditions require that Plains: 1) demonstrate they have obtained the right to construct the pipeline; 2) provide written notice to affected property owners prior to the start of construction (unless easements or agreements have been obtained); and 3) restrict the pipeline right-of-way to operational maintenance following construction (except where permitted by easements).

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	As easements or eminent domain rights were
	acquired during the original construction of the
	pipelines, Staff considers these conditions to be
	satisfied, and Plains to be in compliance with
	the FDP Permit.

CHANGE OF GUARANTOR

Sec. 25B-9 Director approval: findings.

(e) Change of Guarantor.

The Director shall approve an application to modify a permit pursuant to Sec.25B-8.1.a.iii for a change of guarantor only if the director makes the following findings:

(1) **Financial Guarantees.** The proposed guarantor has provided all necessary instruments or methods of financial responsibility approved by the county and necessary to comply with the permit and any county ordinance.

Consistent. The analysis of this finding is discussed in the similar finding listed above in Table Section 25B-9(a)(2).

CHANGE OF OPERATOR

Sec. 25B-10 Planning Commission approval: findings.

- (a) The planning commission shall approve an application for change of operator only if the planning commission makes the following findings:
- (1) Fees and Exactions. All outstanding fees and exactions due for the facility have been paid.

Consistent. The analysis of this finding is discussed in the similar finding listed above in Table Section 25B-9(a)(1).

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(2) Financial Guarantees. All necessary insurance, bonds or other instruments or methods of financial responsibility approved by the county and necessary to comply with the permit and any county ordinance have been updated, if necessary, to reflect the new operator and will remain in full effect following the operator change.	Consistent. The analysis of this finding is discussed in the similar finding listed above in Table Section 25B-9(a)(2).					
(3) Acceptance of Permit. The proposed operator has provided a letter from a responsible official representing the proposed operator formally accepting all conditions and requirements of the permit.	Consistent. The analysis of this finding is discussed in the similar finding listed above in Table Section 25B-9(a)(3).					
(4) Facility Safety Audit. The current owner or operator has provided a copy of the most recent county-conducted comprehensive safety audit of the physical facility, along with a description of the status of implementing its recommendations, to the proposed new operator. A safety inspection maintenance and quality assurance plan audit approved by the appropriate county official shall satisfy this requirement.	Consistent. The analysis of this finding is discussed in the similar finding listed above in Table Section 25B-9(a)(4).					

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REQUIREMENT DISCUSSION (5) Compliance with Existing Requirements. **Consistent.** The analysis of this finding is As of the date that the application is deemed discussed in the similar finding listed above in complete, the current operator is in Table Section 25B-9(a)(5). compliance with all requirements of the permit, including any requirements of a county-required safety audit, any notice of violation, and any county ordinance, or the owner and proposed operator have entered into a written agreement with the director that specifies an enforceable schedule to come into compliance with such requirements. Consistent. PPC submitted updated Compliance (6) Compliance Plans. The current owner and proposed operator have updated, where Plans to satisfy this requirement, summarized applicable, any existing, approved safety in the table below. Planning and Development inspection maintenance and quality Staff confirmed that all plans have been assurance program, emergency response updated with the current emergency contact information pertaining to PPC, EMPCo and/or plan, fire protection plan, and oil spill contingency plan, or equivalent approved ExxonMobil. Plans that only relate to the plans, with current emergency contact original construction of the pipeline are information pertaining to the new operator. considered satisfied and are not included. The current owner and proposed operator Copies of the revised Compliance Plans are have agreed in writing to revise all other included as Attachment F to this Staff Report. plans required by the permit or any county ordinance, as necessary to reflect the change

of operator, and to do so with sufficient diligence to obtain approval of the revised plans by the appropriate county official within six months after assuming operations.

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REQUIREMENT DISCUSSION

Las Flores Pipeline Compliance Plans					
Plan Name	Plan Description	FDP Permit Condition	Approving Department		
Integrated Contingency Plan	Plan covers Emergency Response, Fire Protection, and Oil Spill Contingency	G-1 P-3 P-5 P-9 P-14	County Fire		
Noise Monitoring Plan	Describes best efforts to reduce noise impacts	N-1	P&D		
SIMQAP	Describes maintenance and safety inspections, safety audits, corrosion monitoring, leak detection, and truck inspections	P-2	SSRRC (review only)		
Site Security Plan	Describes procedures to prevent intentional damage to facilities	P-6	P&D		

(7) Transitional Plan. The current owner or operator and proposed operator have submitted a transitional plan that will demonstrate the proposed operator shall receive adequate training, including by means of cross training by the current operator, where feasible, and shall have a good working knowledge of the crucial compliance plans listed in Sec. 25B-10.1.f before assuming control of operations. The plan has been approved by the director. The planning commission may exempt the current owner and proposed operator from this requirement, or portions thereof, for good cause.

Consistent. Plains and PPC submitted a comprehensive Transitional Plan as part of their application materials. The Plan describes the general strategy taken for the transition from Plains to PPC and EMPCo, a description of the pipeline system and general operating procedures, how the system is staffed and operated, and facility-specific transition and training activities. The Transitional Plan is included as Attachment E.

(8) Emergency Response Plan Drills. The proposed operator has adequately performed one or more county approved

Consistent. PPC and EMPCo submitted an Incident Contingency Plan (ICP) to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Office of Spill

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those that are the subject of the permit, as may be necessary to make findings. These records shall be used to provide sufficient assurance that the proposed operator does not reflect a record of non-compliant or unsafe operations systemic in nature for similar facilities to those being considered for operatorship.

DISCUSSION

Operations Integrity Management System (OIMS), which is included in Attachment D. The OIMS defines job competencies and requirements, verifies and measures competency, and implements safety training, emergency response procedures, operation and maintenance training, and regulatory and environmental training.

Las Flores Pipeline employees have been trained on the ICP and other facility-specific Compliance Plans, and participated in the February 2023 emergency response drill.

To satisfy the required records of compliance needed for this finding, Staff directed PPC/EMPCo to include compliance records for any major incidents, as defined in Sec. 25B-3, over a 5-year timeframe as part of their application materials. A reporting period of five years was requested, as it is sufficiently long enough for environmental assessments and legal ramifications to be complete in most cases, and long enough to observe recent trends and demonstrate how measures are taken to prevent future accidents.

Based on the information provided by the applicants, EMPCo has had zero major incidents involving crude oil pipelines and facilities within the U.S. over the past five years (2018 – 2023). Staff confirmed this record by searching the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation

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³ Available online at: https://www.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=7f33183c95244956afb62482684afd3a

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(b) Upon making the findings listed in See. 25B-10.1, the planning commission shall approve the change of operator. The planning commission may impose additional conditions on the permit in order to ensure that any insurance or other financial guarantees that were submitted to and relied on by the planning commission as a basis to make any finding required by this chapter are maintained.	The Planning Commission has the authority to impose additional conditions on the FDP Permit in order to maintain any existing insurance or financial bonds. However, as Staff determined consistency with financial guarantees as described in Table 1, Section 25B-9(a)(2), no additional conditions are recommended.			

6.3 Findings and Conditions of Approval

Staff finds that the request for a Change of Owner (Plains to PPC), Change of Guarantor (Plains to ExxonMobil Corporation), and Change of Operator (Plains to EMPCo) is consistent with the required findings of Chapter 25B, and that all findings can be considered satisfied. Findings of Approval are included as Attachment A.

Conditions of Approval are included as Attachment B. In accordance with Sec. 25B-7, conditions were revised to remove and replace Plains ("AAPL") where listed as owner/operator with PPC and/or EMPCo. The term "Permittee" was used instead of PPC or EMPCo for conditions that have already been satisfied (such as those relating to the construction of the pipeline) in order to maintain the complete record of the permit. References to the former "County Resource Management Department" were also replaced with the current descriptor "County Planning and Development Department."

7.0 PRIOR APPEAL ISSUES AND PUBLIC CONCERNS

Appeals regarding PPC and EMPCo's November 2022 applications for a Change of Owner, Change of Guarantor, and Substitution of a *Temporary* Operator generally contested that the Director's approval was inconsistent with Chapter 25B relating to safety, compliance, and liability of the pipeline system. A summary of those concerns and staff's response is provided below.

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7.1 Safety Audits

Public concerns stated that Plains and/or PPC should be required to pass a County-conducted safety audit, or that details about the current status of PHMSA/OSFM's audits, inspections, investigations, and recommendations should be provided.

For both a Change of Owner and Change of Operator approval, Chapter 25B requires that an existing owner or operator provide a copy of the most recent County-conducted safety audit, along with a description of the status implementing its recommendations, to the new or proposed new owners. The County is not required to oversee or monitor state and/or federal pipeline audits.

Due to a 1988 Settlement Agreement between the County and Plain's predecessor, Celeron/All American, the County is precluded from conducting audits on the pipeline system. However, PPC confirmed that Plains provided copies of the most recent PHMSA and OSFM-conducted audits from at least 2018 through 2021, and provided the County with a summary list in their application materials. Planning and Development Staff confirmed with OSFM that the provided audit list is accurate through publically available audit documents dated 2018 to 2022.

Below is a summary and status of the audits performed as provided by PPC, with information regarding the scope and results of the audits as provided by OSFM. More information regarding County compliance with safety audits is provided in Section 6.2 of this Staff Report.

Las Flores Pipeline OSFM/PHMSA Audit Information						
Agency	Date	Audit #	Audit Type	Status	Scope	Results
OSFM	7/12/21	2021- 64	Annual Records / Field Inspection	Closed	Records review and field inspection	No unsatisfactory results or concerns
PHMSA	6/16/21	2021- 58	Documentation Inspection	Closed	PHMSA Plain's Headquarters Control Room Management Procedures Inspection	Various inadequacies found regarding procedures for CRM, SCADA, Alarm Management, Training Evaluation, Change Management, and Operators Experience. Requirements to amend procedures as needed. No additional enforcement action or penalty assessment required
OSFM	1/19/21	2021- 3	Field Inspection	Closed	No supplemental information provided by OSFM	No supplemental information provided by OSFM

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	Las Flores Pipeline OSFM/PHMSA Audit Information					
Agency	Date	Audit #	Audit Type	Status	Scope	Results
OSFM	6/22/20	2020- 72	Annual Records / Field Inspection	Closed	Records review and field inspection	Field inspection observed flagstone pavers within ROW at a property in Buellton. Upon restart, owner/operator would need to ensure ROW is unobstructed and line has not been compromised
OSFM	10/20/19	2019- 118	Annual Records / Field Inspection	Closed	Records review and field inspection	Field inspection observed flagstone pavers within ROW at a property in Buellton. Upon restart, owner/operator would need to ensure ROW is unobstructed and line has not been compromised
OSFM	10/15/18	2018- 98	Standards Inspection	Closed	Records review of ILI reports, pressure tests, repairs, SCADA system, training and qualifications, tank inspections, emergency planning and response, valve inspections, ROW records, CP records etc.	No unsatisfactory results or concerns

CRM - Control Room Management

SCADA - Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition

ROW – Pipeline Right-of-Way

ILI - Inline Inspection (e.g. smart pig inspection)

7.2 State and Federal Compliance Actions

Public concerns stated that the Plains and/or PPC should be required to demonstrate compliance with state safety requirements, and that the County should provide information regarding the status of the outstanding PHMSA CAOs.

Chapter 25B only requires that the owner/operator be in compliance with County laws and permits to approve a Change of Owner and Change of Operator. The County does not monitor or enforce state regulations or the PHMSA CAOs. More information regarding compliance with County laws and permits is provided in Section 6.2 of this Staff Report.

7.3 Liability

Public concerns stated that Plains (or any existing owner/operator) should retain liability of the pipeline system after a permit transfer, including providing financial guarantees for the remediation, abandonment, and decommissioning of the pipelines, as well as for any future oil spills associated with a new owner/operator.

County Code Sec. 25B-7 requires the County to list any new owner, operator, and guarantor on the appropriate permits, and to remove any previous persons that no longer serve such a role upon approval of a 25B Permit Amendment. Owners and Operators are required to accept all permit conditions, be liable for compliance with those conditions, and be liable for the proper abandonment of the facilities in accordance with Sec. 25B-4.

As described in FDP Permit Conditions A-5, A-12, O-1, and G-1, PPC would be liable for any incidents, abandonment, and decommissioning of the pipelines upon a 25B Permit Amendment approval. Plains shall continue to be responsible for compliance with all terms and conditions of the FDP Permit, and any applicable County ordinance in accordance with Chapter 25B-4(e) until approval is granted. Neither County Code or the FDP Permit requires that previous owners/operators maintain liability for a new owner/operator's operation or abandonment of the facilities as the permit transfers.

Sec. 25B-4(i)(2) states that if the Director determines an existing owner/operator does not have the financial resources to cover the cost of abandonment, the Director may look to previous owners or operators to fulfill the requirement. Therefore, only if it is determined that the Guarantor (ExxonMobil) does not have adequate financial resources to abandon the pipelines, Plains would be financially responsible. ExxonMobil is the facility Guarantor, using self-insurance/guarantee to support financial demonstration of \$100 million dollars. More information regarding the financial guarantees of the Guarantor is provided in Section 6.2 of this Staff Report.

7.4 Cathodic Protection

Public concerns stated that Plains is out of compliance with FDP Permit Conditions A-7 and A-20, which require effective cathodic protection as part of the project description.

The pipeline system satisfies the required project description elements outlined in the FDP Permit, which is the relevant requirement for this application. The system also satisfies the cathodic protection system described and analyzed in the 1984 DEIR/EIS. The pipelines maintain a cathodic protection system consisting of rectifiers and anodes located at each pipeline station and various test stations, which meet project description placement requirements. The cathodic protection monitoring schedule is summarized in the table below, and meets the project description inspection types and schedules. More information regarding consistency with the project description is provided in Section 6.2 of this Staff Report.

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Las Flores Pipeline Cathodic Protection Monitoring Information

Monitoring Description	Required Frequency ¹	Inspection Frequency ²
Annual Survey/ Pipe-to-Soil Potential Survey	At least once each calendar year, but with intervals not exceeding 15 months	Annual Task
Rectifier Performance Verification	At least six times each calendar year, but with intervals not exceeding 2-1/2 months	Bi-Monthly Task Weekly RMU Task
Interference (Critical) Bonds	At least six times each calendar year, but with intervals not exceeding 2-1/2 months	Bi-Monthly Task

^{1 -} Per 49 CFR 195 Subpart H and NACE SP 0169

RMU - Remote Monitoring Unit

Public concerns also stated that the federal Consent Decree requires Plains to apply for a "OSFM Waiver" to offset the effectiveness of the existing cathodic protection, and therefore the County must consider the ramifications and effects of such waivers as Plain's inability to provide effective protection to the system.

The County does not oversee or monitor the implementation of state or federal regulations. OSFM issues waivers to modify compliance with state regulations pursuant to its participation in PHMSA's Federal Pipeline Safety Program. Both OSFM and PHMSA perform extensive technical analysis on waiver applications and typically only grant them when an applicant can demonstrate that alternative measures would provide an equal or greater level of safety than the state's regulations. State Waivers, if granted, are not designed to exempt an owner/operator from regulations, but rather condition pipeline systems with alternative measures that provide an equal or greater level of safety.

The pipeline system complies with the County permit, which is what is required under Chapter 25B. Separately, PPC is coordinating with OSFM and PHMSA on state and federal compliance items, which are outside of the scope of the County's authority to review or oversee.

7.5 SYU Sale

Public concerns stated that PPC's purchase of the pipeline system also includes offshore oil platforms, and that ExxonMobil has plans to transfer the Santa Ynez Unit (SYU) to a separate company, Sable Offshore Corporation/Flame Acquisition (Sable/Flame). Concerns stated that a 25B Permit Amendment approval would endorse a change of owner/operator without accountability, and would encourage Sable to restart the pipelines with impunity.

^{2 -} Through a SAP Plant Maintenance (SAPPM) computerized scheduling program

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PPC's purchase of Plain's assets consisted of the purchase of Lines 901 and 903 and associated metering stations, but not the SYU facilities. ExxonMobil's SYU facilities include offshore Platforms Hondo, Harmony, and Heritage, as well as related facilities within the Las Flores Canyon. Sable entered into a purchase agreement with ExxonMobil to acquire the SYU and the Las Flores Pipelines; however, the sale is not final as of this date.

In accordance with Sec. 25B-4(c), County permits are not transferable from any existing owner, operator, or guarantor to a new owner, operator, or guarantor without the approval of a 25B Permit Amendment. Sable would be required to submit an application to the County to transfer the FDP Permit either prior to, or shortly after, the final sale of the assets. The Planning and Development Department would then evaluate whether Sable meets the required findings for approval, and the Director and/or the Planning Commission would take action on any subsequent permit transfer.

7.6 Line 901/903 Replacement Project

Public concerns stated that a 25B Permit Amendment approval conflicts with the County's obligation to process the pending Line 901/903 Pipeline Replacement Project (Case Nos. 17DVP-00000-00010, 17CUP-00000-00027, 17DRP-00000-00002, and 17CDP-00000-00060).

The 25B Permit Amendment is separate from the pending Line 901/903 Pipeline Replacement Project. The 25B Permit Amendment is required by Chapter 25B to process a Change of Owner, Guarantor, and Operator for the Las Flores Pipeline System, and is required independently of any other approved or pending project related to the pipelines.

The Line 901/903 Replacement Project is a separate project proposed by PPC to construct a new pipeline to replace the existing system. The Line 901/903 Pipeline Replacement Project is not a County-proposed or mandated project. PPC may proceed with, or withdraw the application for the Pipeline Replacement Project at any time. The County will continue to process the Line 901/903 Pipeline Replacement Project as long as the application remains submitted.

7.7 Pipeline Easements

Public concerns stated that pipeline right-of-way easements have lapsed or terminated, and because the validity of the easements are being litigated, Plains nor PPC can claim a right to them.

Chapter 25B does not require existing easements to be proven or revised in order to approve a Change of Owner, Guarantor, or Operator. Further, the County does not adjudicate private easement disputes. In terms of land use easements, Chapter 25B only requires that the owner/operator be in compliance with all terms of their permit. FDP Conditions of Approval J-5,

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J-7, J-10, and J-11 relate to land use and the pipeline easements. These conditions require the rights to construct the pipeline, restrict the right-of-way to operational maintenance following construction, and require property owner notification prior to the start of construction. Easements or eminent domain rights were acquired during the original construction of the pipeline, satisfying these permit conditions. More information regarding compliance with existing requirements is provided in Section 6.2 of this Staff Report.

8.0 APPEALS PROCEDURE

The action of the Planning Commission may be appealed to the Board of Supervisors within ten (10) calendar days of said action. For Energy Division projects, no appeal fee will be charged.

9.0 ATTACHMENTS

- A. Findings
- B. Conditions of Approval
- C. CEQA Notice of Exemption
- D. Permit Application Materials
- E. Transitional Plan
- F. Compliance Plans

FINDINGS

ATTACHMENT A: FINDINGS OF APPROVAL

1.0 CEQA FINDINGS

1.1 CEQA EXEMPTION

The Planning Commission finds that the proposed project is not subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as it does not constitute a "project", as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5). Please see Attachment C, Notice of Exemption.

2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS

The Staff Report dated June 6, 2023 for the Change of Owner, Change of Guarantor, and Change of Operator for the Las Flores Pipeline System (formerly Plains All American Lines 901/903), Final Development Plan (FDP) Permit No. 88-DPF-033 (RV01)z, 88-CP-60 (RV01) (88-DPF-25cz; 85-DP-66cz; 83-DP-25cz) is incorporated by reference herein.

2.1 CHANGE OF OWNER, OPERATOR, OR GUARANTOR FOR CERTAIN OIL AND GAS FACILITIES

- **2.1.1 Findings required for Change of Owner**. In compliance with Section 25B-9(a) of the County Code, prior to the approval of an application for a change of owner, the director shall make the following findings:
 - (1) Fees and Exactions. All outstanding county required fees and exactions due for the facility have been paid.

The requirements of this finding are satisfied. Planning and Development has verified with Accounting staff that no outstanding payments are due for the facility, or related planning and compliance cases.

(2) Financial Guarantees. All necessary insurance, bonds or other instruments or methods of financial responsibility approved by the county and necessary to comply with the permit and any county ordinance have been updated, if necessary, to reflect the new owner(s) and will remain in full effect following the ownership change.

The requirements of this finding are satisfied. Previously required bonds and endowments under the FDP Permit have been satisfied and none remain outstanding. The FDP Permit does not require the Owner, Guarantor, Operator to carry insurance or other financial responsibility (e.g. surety bond) to cover oil spills or other damages, or for the final abandonment of the pipelines. After final abandonment, the Owner will

continue to pay property taxes until site restoration is complete in accordance with FDP Permit Condition O-1.

(3) Acceptance of Permit. The proposed owner has provided a letter from a responsible official representing the proposed owner formally accepting all, conditions and requirements of the permit.

The requirements of this finding are satisfied. PPC and EMPCo provided a signed and notarized Agreement to Comply with Conditions of Approval dated November 1, 2022 accepting all conditions and requirements of the permit. The Agreement was recorded with the County Clerk-Recorder's office on May 8, 2023 as an official record. The Agreement is provided in Attachment D of the Staff Report dated June 6, 2023, and is included herein by reference.

(4) Facility Safety Audit. The current owner or operator has provided a copy of the most recent county-conducted comprehensive safety audit of the physical facility, along with a description of the status of implementing its recommendations, to the new or proposed new owner(s). A safety inspection maintenance and quality assurance program (SIMQAP) audit approved by the appropriate county official shall satisfy this requirement.

The requirements of this finding are satisfied. The 1988 settlement agreement between the County and Celeron Pipeline Company/Getty Trading and Transportation Company determined that the County does not have the jurisdiction to regulate any aspect of the design, construction, or operation of the pipeline which was already covered by the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) under 49 C.F.R. Part 195 (*Transportation of Hazardous Liquids by Pipeline*). The settlement agreement determined that this authority rests exclusively with PHMSA and now, the CAL FIRE Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM).

Title 49 §§ 195.450 and §§ 195.452 require that pipeline operators implement both internal (operator-conducted) and external (agency-conducted) audits. As PHMSA and OSFM conduct audits of the pipeline system, it is not subject to County-conducted safety audits. Consequently, there is no County-conducted audit available.

The existing owner (Plains) has satisfied the County's requirement to provide audit information to the pending owner (PPC). PPC confirmed that Plains provided copies of the most recent PHMSA and OSFM-conducted audits from at least 2018 through 2021. Planning and Development confirmed with OSFM that the audits took place. PHMSA and OSFM safety audits are described in section 6.2 of the Staff Report dated June 6, 2023, and included herein by reference.

(5) Compliance With Existing Requirements. As of the date that the application is deemed complete, the current owner(s) are in compliance with all requirements of the permit, including any requirement of a county-required safety audit, any notice of violation, and any county ordinance, or the current and proposed owner(s) have entered into a written agreement with the Director that specifies an enforceable schedule to come into compliance with such requirements.

The requirements of this finding are satisfied. Plains is in compliance with all requirements of the FDP Permit, including Condition P-2 which requires a Safety, Inspection, Maintenance, and Quality Assurance Program (SIMQAP) for the pump stations, valves, and pipelines. A draft SIMQAP was provided to the County on March 10, 2023, and was reviewed by the County's Systems Safety & Reliability Review Committee (SSRRC). A final SIMQAP was provided to the County on May 12, 2023, satisfying this condition. The final SIMQAP is included in Attachment F to the Staff Report dated June 6, 2023, and is included herein by reference.

As described in the Staff Report dated June 6, 2023 and included by reference herein, Plains is also in compliance with all other FDP Permit Conditions, including Conditions A-7 and A-20 regarding the project description, and Conditions J-5, J-7, J-10, and J-11 relating to pipeline easements, which were raised as public concerns.

- **2.1.2 Findings required for Change of Guarantor**. In compliance with Section 25B-9(e) of the County Code, prior to the approval of an application for a change of guarantor, the director shall make the following findings:
 - (1) Financial Guarantees. The proposed guarantor has provided all necessary instruments or methods of financial responsibility approved by the county and necessary to comply with the permit and any county ordinance.

ExxonMobil Corporation is the Guarantor for the Las Flores Pipeline facilities. The requirements of this finding are satisfied, as discussed under the similar finding for Change of Owner in Finding 2.1.1 (2).

2.1.3 Findings required for Change of Operator.

(a) In compliance with Section 25B-10 of the County Code, the planning commission shall approve an application for change of operator only if the planning commission makes the following findings.

(1) Fees and Exactions. All outstanding county required fees and exactions due for the facility have been paid.

ExxonMobil Pipeline Company (EMPCo) is the Operator of the Las Flores Pipeline facilities. The requirements of this finding are satisfied, as discussed under the similar finding for Change of Owner in Finding 2.1.1 (1).

(2) Financial Guarantees. All necessary insurance, bonds or other instruments or methods of financial responsibility approved by the county and necessary to comply with the permit and any county ordinance have been updated, if necessary, to reflect the new operator and will remain in full effect following the operator change.

The requirements of this finding are satisfied, as discussed under the similar finding for Change of Owner in Finding 2.1.1 (2).

(3) Acceptance of Permit. The proposed operator has provided a letter from a responsible official representing the proposed operator formally accepting all conditions and requirements of the permit.

The requirements of this finding are satisfied, as discussed under the similar finding for Change of Owner in Finding 2.1.1 (3).

(4) Facility Safety Audit. The current owner or operator has provided a copy of the most recent county-conducted comprehensive safety audit of the physical facility, along with a description of the status of implementing its recommendations, to the proposed new operator. A safety inspection maintenance and quality assurance plan audit approved by the appropriate county official shall satisfy this requirement.

The requirements of this finding are satisfied, as discussed under the similar finding for Change of Owner in Finding 2.1.1 (4).

(5) Compliance with Existing Requirements. As of the date that the application is deemed complete, the current operator is in compliance with all requirements of the permit, including any requirements of a county-required safety audit, any notice of violation, and any county ordinance, or the owner and proposed operator have entered into a written agreement with the director that specifies an enforceable schedule to come into compliance with such requirements.

The requirements of this finding are satisfied, as discussed under the similar finding for Change of Owner in Finding 2.1.1 (5).

(6) Compliance Plans. The current owner and proposed operator have updated, where applicable, any existing, approved safety inspection maintenance and

quality assurance program, emergency response plan, fire protection plan, and oil spill contingency plan, or equivalent approved plans, with current emergency contact information pertaining to the new operator. The current owner and proposed operator have agreed in writing to revise all other plans required by the permit or any county ordinance, as necessary to reflect the change of operator, and to do so with sufficient diligence to obtain approval of the revised plans by the appropriate county official within six months after assuming operations.

The requirements of this finding are satisfied. As discussed in section 6.2 of the Staff Report dated June 6, 2023, and incorporated by reference herein, County staff confirmed that all relevant compliance plans have been updated with the current emergency contact information pertaining to PPC, EMPCo and/or ExxonMobil as Owner, Operator, and Guarantor respectively. Compliance Plans are included as Attachment F to the Staff Report dated June 6, 2023 and are incorporated by reference.

(7) Transitional Plan. The current owner or operator and proposed operator have submitted a transitional plan that will demonstrate the proposed operator shall receive adequate training, including by means of cross training by the current operator, where feasible, and shall have a good working knowledge of the crucial compliance plans listed in Sec. 25B-10.1.f before assuming control of operations. The plan has been approved by the director. The planning commission may exempt the current owner and proposed operator from this requirement, or portions thereof, for good cause.

The requirements of this finding are satisfied. Plains and PPC submitted a comprehensive Transitional Plan describing the general strategy taken for the transition from Plains to PPC and EMPCo, a description of the pipeline system and general operating procedures, how the system is staffed and operated, and facility-specific transition and training activities. The Transitional Plan is included as Attachment E to the Staff Report dated June 6, 2023 and is incorporated by reference herein.

(8) Emergency Response Plan Drills. The proposed operator has adequately performed one or more county approved emergency response plan drills necessary to respond to emergency episodes that may occur at the facility.

The requirements of this finding are satisfied. As described in the Staff Report dated June 6, 2023 and incorporated by reference herein, PPC submitted an Incident Contingency Plan (ICP) that combines the once separate Emergency Response, Fire Protection, and Oil Spill Contingency plans for the Las Flores Pipeline system. PPC and EMPCo held a comprehensive ICP training exercise and emergency response drill on February 9, 2023 in coordination with the County Fire Department's Office of Emergency Services, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Office of Spill

Prevention and Response (OSPR), OSFM, PHMSA, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Planning and Development confirmed with the County Fire Department in attendance that the emergency response drill was completed in accordance with County requirements, and that no outstanding issues were identified.

(9) Operator Capability. The proposed operator has the skills and training necessary to operate the permitted facility in compliance with the permit and all applicable county codes and has a good working knowledge of the crucial compliance plans listed in Sec. 25B-10.1.f. The director shall require relevant records of compliance, and corrective actions taken subsequent to any major incidents for facilities, if any, that are similar in nature to those that are the subject of the permit, as may be necessary to make findings. These records shall be used to provide sufficient assurance that the proposed operator does not reflect a record of non-compliant or unsafe operations systemic in nature for similar facilities to those being considered for operatorship.

The requirements of this finding are satisfied. As discussed in Section 6.2 of the Staff Report dated June 6, 2023, EMPCo has been in operation since December 26, 1941. EMPCo operates similar pipelines and related facilities in other states, and operates over 1,000 miles of crude oil pipelines. EMPCo has had zero major incidents involving crude oil pipelines and facilities within the U.S. over the past five years (2018 – 2023).

The Las Flores Pipeline System has five full-time-equivalent EMPCo employees in addition to contracted personnel and specialists. EMPCo employees are trained under the ExxonMobil Operations Integrity Management System (OIMS), which is included in Attachment D of the Staff Report dated June 6, 2023. Las Flores Pipeline employees have also been trained on the site-specific Incident Contingency Plan and other facility-specific Compliance Plans, and participated in a February 2023 emergency response drill.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

ALL AMERICAN PIPELINE PROJECT LAS FLORES PIPELINE SYSTEM FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONDITIONS

88-DPF-033 (RV01)z, 88-CP-60 (RV01) (88-DPF-25cz; 85-DP-66cz; 83-DP-25cz) December 12, 1988

(As Modified Through May 2003)

(Modified on June 14, 2023 with the Change of Ownership, Change of Guarantor, and Change of Operator for the Las Flores Pipeline System [Lines 901/903])

These conditions of approval have been revised to list the new owner, guarantor, and operator, and remove all previous owners, guarantors, and operators that no longer serve such role. Text that has been added is shown in <u>underline</u>, and text that has been removed is shown in <u>strikeout</u>.

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ALL AMERICAN PIPELINE PROJECT LAS FLORES PIPELINE SYSTEM FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONDITIONS

88-DPF-033 (RV01)z, 88-CP-60 (RV01) (88-DPF-25cz; 85-DP-66cz; 83-DP-25cz) December 12, 1988 (As Modified Through May 2003)

(Modified on June 14, 2023 with the Change of Ownership, Change of Guarantor, and Change of Operator for the Las Flores Pipeline System [Lines 901/903])

The current owner and operator of record for the Las Flores Pipeline System (previously the All American Pipeline) is Pacific Pipeline Company, All American Pipeline, L.P., referred to herein as PPC AAPLP. ExxonMobil Pipeline Company (EMPCo) serves as the pipeline operator. ExxonMobil Corporation Plains Marketing GP Inc. serves as AAPLP's General Partner and has a 0.001% interest. Plains Marketing, L.P. is a limited partner with a 99.999% interest. AAPLP is identified as sole guarantor and carries in excess of \$100 125 million insurance coverage, as required by the Office of Oil Spill Prevention and Response. PPC is directly wholly owned by Mobil Pacific Pipeline Company, and indirectly wholly owned by Exxon Mobil Corporation. EMPCo is directly wholly owned by Exxon Pipeline Holdings LLC, and indirectly wholly owned by ExxonMobil Corporation. (adopted by Director's amendment on June 3, 2003, pursuant to Chapter 25B, Sections 9.2 and 9.5, following changes of owner and guarantor)

A. GENERAL

A-1. Acceptance of Permit Conditions

Acceptance of this permit shall be deemed as acceptance of all final conditions of this permit, except that AAPLP PPC reserves the right to pursue any remedy for any legal violations imposed directly or indirectly by these permit conditions.

A-2. Grounds for Permit Modification or Revocation

If the Planning Commission determines at a noticed public hearing that AAPLP PPC is not in compliance with any permit condition(s), pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 35-185 of Article II and/or Sec. 35-330 of Article III of the Santa Barbara County Code, the Planning Commission is empowered, in addition to revoking the permit pursuant to said section, to amend, alter, delete, or add conditions to this permit. (modified by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

A-3. Court Costs

AAPLP PCC agrees as a condition of the issuance and use of this permit to defend at its sole expense any action brought against the County by a third party challenging either its decision to issue this permit or the manner in which the County is interpreting or enforcing the conditions of the permit. AAPLP PCC will reimburse the County for any court costs and attorneys fees which the County may be required by a court to pay as a result of such action where AAPLP PCC defended or had control of the defense of the suit. County may, at its sole discretion, participate in the defense of any such action, but such participation shall not relieve AAPLP PCC of its obligation under this condition. County shall bear its own expenses for its participation in the action.

A-4. Costs of Implementing and Enforcing Conditions

AAPLP the permittee shall make an initial deposit to a fund to permit the County to adequately implement and enforce the conditions imposed by this permit and on AAPLP by applicable County ordinances and/or the conditions of this permit, if such a fund is established. If the Board of Supervisors determines that a reasonable enforcement fund is needed, the Director of the Planning and Development Resource Management Department shall present to the Board of Supervisors and AAPLP the permittee a plan for enforcement within one year from the effective date of this permit. This plan shall set forth the staffing requirements and materials necessary for such enforcement and the estimated costs thereof. This plan shall provide that all reasonable expenses incurred by the County or County contractors, for permit condition implementation, reasonable studies, and emergency response directly and necessarily related to enforcement of these permit conditions shall be reimbursed by AAPLP PCC within 30 days of invoicing by County.

A-5. Civil Penalties

In the event that AAPLP PCC fails to comply with any order of the Administrative Officer or the Board of Supervisors issued hereunder or any injunction of the Superior Court, it shall be liable for a civil penalty for each violation to the extent imposition of such civil penalty is authorized by applicable laws, rules, or regulations.

Said civil penalty shall be in addition to AAPLP's PCC's obligation, if any, to reimburse the County of Santa Barbara (and others) for actual damages suffered as a result of AAPLP's PCC's failure to abide by the conditions of this permit or by the orders of the Administrative Officer, the Board of Supervisors, or any court of competent jurisdiction.

A-6. Access to Records and Facilities

As to any condition which requires for its effective enforcement the inspection of construction records or records pertaining to facility operations, or the facilities themselves by County or its duly authorized agents, AAPLP PCC will make all necessary records available or provide access to such facilities upon reasonable notice from County. County agrees to keep such information confidential where permitted by law and requested by AAPLP PCC in writing.

A-7. Substantial Conformity

The procedures, operating techniques, design, equipment and other descriptions (hereinafter procedures) described <u>in</u> by AAPLP in its application to the County 83-DP-25 cz, 83-CP-97 cz, and in subsequent clarifications and additions to that application and the Final Development Plan are incorporated herein as permit conditions and shall be required elements of the project. Since these procedures were part of the project description which received environmental analysis, a failure to include such procedures in the actual project could result in significant unanticipated environmental impacts. Therefore, modifications of these procedures will not be permitted without a determination of substantial conformity or a new or modified permit. The use of the property and the size, shape, arrangement and location of buildings, structures, walkways, parking areas and landscaped areas shall be in substantial conformity with the approved Final Development Plan.

A-8. Authority for Curtailment

In addition to the authority to enforce and secure compliance with the provisions of this permit under Division 12, Coastal Zoning Ordinance of the Santa Barbara County Code and Division 7, General Regulations, Article III Santa Barbara County Zoning Ordinance, the County Administrative Officer, or in his/her absence a designated appointee, may order that curtailment of activities which is required to protect the public health and safety. Said action may include, but is not limited to, ordering temporary, partial or total facility shutdown.

Such an order shall be made only in the event that the Administrative Officer has reasonable and probable cause to believe that continued unrestrained activities of permittee will likely result in or threaten to result in danger to public health, welfare, or safety, or in the environment and provided such violations can be expected to continue or recur unless operations are in whole or in part shut down or reduced pending the necessary corrections.

Before issuing any curtailment order, the County Administrative Officer shall set a time for hearing and shall give written notice of the time and place of the hearing and of the alleged violations. Such notice shall be received by the person in charge of the operation of the facility at least 24 hours before the hearing at which time there will be an opportunity for all concerned parties to present evidence regarding the alleged violations. The notice may be served in person or by certified mail.

In the event the Administrative Officer, or in his/her absence the designated appointee, determines that there is an imminent danger to the public health and safety resulting from violations, he/she may summarily order the necessary curtailment of activities without hearing and such order shall be obeyed upon notice of same, whether written or oral. At the same time that notice of the order is conveyed, the Administrative Officer shall set a date, time and place for a publicly noticed hearing and review of said order as soon as possible which date shall be no later than 24 hours after such order is issued or served. Said hearing shall be conducted in the same manner as a hearing on prior notice. After such hearing, the Administrative Officer may modify, revoke, or retain the emergency curtailment order.

Any order of the Administrative Officer may be appealed to the Board of Supervisors within three working days after such order is made.

If such appeal is not filed with the Board of Supervisors, the Administrative Officer's order becomes final. If there is an appeal, the order of the Administrative Officer shall remain in full force and effect until action is taken by the Board of Supervisors. The decision of the Board of Supervisors shall be a final Administrative Action. Such decision shall not preclude AAPLP PCC from seeking judicial relief.

Once AAPLP PCC has shown that the conditions of violation no longer exist and are not reasonably likely to recur, the Administrative Officer shall modify the curtailment order to account for such compliance and shall entirely dissolve the order when it is shown that all of the violations have been corrected and are not likely to recur.

A-9. Conditions Separately Remain in Force

In the event that any condition contained herein is determined to be invalid, then all remaining conditions shall remain in force.

A-10. Conflicts Between Conditions

In the event that any condition contained herein is determined to be in conflict with any other condition contained herein, then where principles of law do not provide to the contrary, the condition most protective of public health and safety and natural environmental resources shall prevail to the extent feasible.

A-11. Injunctive Relief

In addition to any administrative remedies or enforcement provided hereunder, the County may seek and obtain temporary, preliminary, and permanent injunctive relief to prohibit violation of the conditions set forth herein or to mandate compliance with the conditions herein.

All remedies and enforcement procedures set forth herein shall be in addition to any other legal or equitable remedies provided by law.

A-12. Owner/Operator Liability

The owner and the operator of the facility shall be jointly and severally liable without regard to fault for all legally compensable damages or injuries suffered by any property or person that result from or arise out of any oil, water spillage, fire, explosion, odor, or air pollution, in any way involving oil or gas or the impurities contained therein or removed therefrom and which arises out of construction or operation of AAPLP's PCC's facilities. For the purpose of this condition, the "facility" shall be deemed to include all facilities described and approved pursuant to 83-DP-25cz, 83-CP-97cz.

This condition shall not inure to the benefit of any of the owners of the pipeline, including the United States Government. This declaration of strict liability and the limitations upon it shall be governed by the applicable law of California on strict liability.

A-13. Facility Throughput and Source Limits

All facilities constructed under this permit shall be used only for the shipment of a maximum volume of heated crude oil demonstrated to be within the design parameters of the pipeline facilities as built. The subject volumes will be outer continental shelf (OCS) and other locally produced onshore and offshore petroleum from the Santa Barbara and Santa Maria Basins. AAPLP PCC shall obtain a new or modified permit, or authority to continue operation under the existing permit prior to undertaking any of the following activities which may, in the judgment of the County, result in significant changes to the impacts on the County. Such changes could include but not be limited to: 1) major pipeline or pump station modifications; 2) major changes in pipeline throughput; 3) introduction of production to the pipeline from sources other than those described above; and 4) introduction of a different product from any source.

Other source volumes may be transported subject to a determination of substantial conformity by the Planning Commission and a finding of facts and determination that project impacts will not be increased by transporting and processing those other sources.

A-14. Pipeline Alignment

AAPLP The permittee shall align the pipeline corridor from the coastal starting point to the County exit point in the western Cuyama valley according to the route approved by the County. AAPLP The permittee shall locate and construct all isolation valves as identified by the final approved alignment.

A-15. Permit Violations

Any person, firm or corporation, whether as a principal, agent, employee, or otherwise, found to be in violation of any provisions or conditions of this ordinance or permits, shall be punishable as set forth in the applicable section of the Coastal Zoning Ordinance, and Article III of the Santa Barbara County Code.

Each and every day during any portion of which any violation of this Article or the rules, regulations, orders, or permits issued thereunder, is committed, continued, or permitted by such person, firm or corporation shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense.

A-16. Board of Supervisors Authority to Change County Department Responsible for Condition

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors in a noticed public hearing shall have the authority to specify or change the Santa Barbara County Department responsible for any conditions contained herein.

A-17. Fees as Mitigation Measures

Should circumstances, including legal or legislative action, cause the County to lose its authority or have its authority fundamentally reduced to assess fees as a method to mitigate project-related impacts, then other feasible mitigation measures shall be imposed which will substantially lessen the significant impact formerly mitigated by the imposition of fees. Within six months of the County's loss of such authority, feasible alternative mitigation measures shall be imposed as replacement permit conditions. Alternatively, the County in a noticed public hearing must find that no feasible mitigation measures are available and that the benefits of the project outweigh the significant environmental impacts.

A-18. Payment of Attorney's Fees and Costs

Should legal action be required by either party to enforce any rights in connection with this permit the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant to Civil Code 1717.

A-19. Applicability of Conditions to Construction and Operation

Unless otherwise specified, these permit conditions are intended to apply to AAPLP during both the construction and the operation of the permitted facilities.

A-20 Project Description

The Development Plan Revision (88-DP-33) and Conditional Use Permit Revision (88-CP-60) are based upon and limited to compliance with the project description and conditions of approval adopted for the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Relocation Project, as documented in 00-ND-21 and the September 6, 2000 staff report. Any deviations from the project description, exhibits or conditions must be reviewed and approved by the County for conformity with this approval. Deviations may require approved changes to the permit and/or further environmental review. Deviations without the above described approval will constitute a violation of permit approval. The project description is summarized as follows:

AAPLP proposes to:

- Relocate their existing Gaviota Creek pipeline crossing by re-burying the 30" crude oil pipeline at least 10 feet into bedrock immediately upstream from their existing crossing;
- Remove the existing, exposed pipeline segment in Gaviota Creek;
- Restore and revegetate the disturbed area; and
- Monitor the crossing to ensure erosion control and revegetation efforts are successful.

The grading, development, use, and maintenance of the property, the size, shape, arrangement, and location of structures, parking areas and landscape areas, and the protection and preservation of resources shall conform to the project description and the associated hearing exhibits and conditions of approval. The property and any portions thereof shall be sold, leased or financed in compliance with this project description and the approved hearing exhibits and conditions of approval hereto. All plans must be submitted for review and approval and shall be implemented as approved by the County.(adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

A-21

Any use authorized Conditional Use Permit Revision (88-CP-060 RV01) shall immediately cease upon expiration or revocation of this Conditional Use Permit. Any Coastal Development issued pursuant to this Conditional Use Permit shall expire upon expiration or revocation of the Conditional Use Permit. Conditional Use Permit renewals must be applied for prior to expiration of the Conditional Use Permit. (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

A-22

Within 18 months after the effective date of Conditional Use Permit Revision (88-CP-060 RV01), construction and/or the use shall commence. Construction or use cannot commence until a Coastal Development Permit has been issued. Failure to commence the construction and/or use pursuant to a valid Coastal Development Permit shall render the Conditional Use Permit null and void. All time limits may be extended by the Planning Commission for good cause shown, provided a written request, including a statement of reasons for the time limit extension request is filed with Planning and Development prior to the expiration date. (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

A-23

Approval of the Final Development Plan Revision (88-DP-33 RV01) shall expire five (5) years after approval by the Planning Commission, unless prior to the expiration date, substantial physical construction has been completed on the development or a time extension has been applied for by the applicant. The decisionmaker with jurisdiction over the project may, upon good cause shown, grant a time extension for one year. (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

A-24

Before using any land or structure, or commencing any work pertaining to the erection, moving, alteration, enlarging, or rebuilding of any building, structure, or improvement, the applicant shall obtain a Coastal Development and Building Permit from Planning and Development. These Permits are required by ordinance and are necessary to ensure implementation of the conditions required by the Planning Commission. Before any Permit will be issued by Planning and Development, the applicant must obtain written clearance from all departments having conditions; such clearance shall indicate that the applicant has satisfied all pre-construction conditions. A form for such clearance is available from Planning and Development. (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

A-25

All applicable final conditions of approval shall be printed in their entirety on applicable pages of grading/construction or building plans submitted to P&D or Building and Safety Division. These shall be graphically illustrated where feasible. (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

A-26

The applicant shall ensure that the project complies with all approved plans and all project conditions including those which must be monitored after the project is built and occupied. To accomplish this the applicant agrees to:

- 1. Contact the Energy Division as soon as possible after project approval to provide the name and phone number of the future contact person for the project and give estimated dates for future project activities.
- 2. Contact the Energy Division at least two weeks prior to commencement of construction activities to schedule an on-site pre-construction meeting with the owner, planner, other agency personnel and with key construction personnel.
- 3. Contact the State Parks archaeologist one week prior to commencement of any project activities on the site, including pre-construction activities.
- 4. Pay fees to cover full costs of consultants and staff time and monitoring (AAPLP's EQAP program). In the event of a dispute, the decision of the Director of P&D shall be final. (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

A-27

Developer shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County or its agents, officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers or employees, to attack, set aside, void, or annul, in whole or in part, the County's approval of the Final Development Plan Revision (88-DP-33 RV01) and Conditional Use Permit Revision (88-CP-060 RV01). In the event that the County fails promptly to notify the applicant of any such claim, action or proceeding, or that the County fails to cooperate fully in the defense of said

claim, this condition shall thereafter be of no further force or effect. (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

A-28

In the event that any condition imposing a fee, exaction, dedication or other mitigation measure is challenged by the project sponsors in an action filed in a court of law or threatened to be filed therein which action is brought within the time period provided for by law, this approval shall be suspended pending dismissal of such action, the expiration of the limitation period applicable to such action, or final resolution of such action. If any condition is invalidated by a court of law, the entire project shall be reviewed by the County and substitute conditions may be imposed. (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

A-29

Within 60 days of completion of the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Relocation project, AAPLP the permittee shall submit as-built drawings to the Energy and Building and Safety Divisions. (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

A-30

Within 60 days of completion of the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Relocation project, AAPLP the permittee shall revise their Operations and Maintenance Manual to reflect the changes to the pipeline. Revisions shall be copied to the Energy and Building and Safety Divisions. (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

A-31

The Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Relocation project is estimated to take a maximum of 5 weeks. If earthmoving work extends past November 1, the Energy Division shall convene a meeting between AAPLP the permittee and all responsible agencies to decide on—the appropriate action. If the Planning Director determines that work cannot continue due to impacts on sensitive resources (e.g., steelhead migration, red-legged frog breeding season), or the potential for increased sedimentation and erosion, work shall be suspended.

B. PERMIT REVIEW

B-1. System Safety and Reliability Review Committee (SSRRC) Review Prior to Construction

Prior to initiation of construction activity (such as ROW preparation, river crossings or pump station construction), AAPLP the permittee shall submit to the System Safety and Reliability Review Committee (established by condition P-1) relevant construction drawings and supporting text demonstrating compliance with the appropriate conditions. Construction may not commence until County has reviewed and/or approved this submittal, consistent with the SSRRC review specified in Conditions P-1 and P-2. Within 15 days of submittal, County shall either give written notice to proceed with construction or indicate in writing conditions which have not been met. When such conditions have been met construction approval shall be granted.

B-2. Imposition of New and Comprehensive Review of Conditions

If at any time County determines that these permit conditions are inadequate to effectively mitigate significant environmental impacts caused by the project, or that recent proven

technological advances could provide substantial additional mitigation, then additional reasonable conditions shall be imposed to further mitigate these impacts. Imposition of such conditions shall only be considered and imposed as part of the County's comprehensive review of the project conditions. County shall conduct a comprehensive review of the project conditions and consider adding reasonable conditions which incorporate proven technological advances three years after permit issuance and at appropriate intervals thereafter. A comprehensive review of conditions which are not effectively mitigating impacts may be conducted at any appropriate time. Upon written request of AAPLP PCC, the Board of Supervisors shall determine whether the new condition required is reasonable considering the economic burdens imposed and environmental benefits to be derived.

B-3. Authority to Impose Feasible Mitigations

This permit is premised upon findings that where feasible, all significant environmental effects of the project identified in the EIR/EIS (State Clearinghouse No. 83110902), which occur in Santa Barbara County, will be substantially mitigated by the permit conditions. Prior to approval of the Final Development Plan, County shall review any findings that identified certain mitigation measures as being in the primary jurisdiction of another agency but are also within County's jurisdiction. County shall thereupon determine either (1) that such mitigation has or is being implemented by such other agency or (2) that such other agency and County determine such mitigation to be infeasible. If County determines that no other agency is or may be implementing such feasible mitigation measures then County may impose those feasible measures within its jurisdiction to mitigate those environmental impacts in accordance with appropriate mitigation measures identified by the EIS/R.

B-4. Coordination Plan for the Use of a Shared Pipeline Corridor

Prior to approval of the Final Development Plan, AAPLP the permittee shall develop and submit to the Planning and Development Department Resource Management Department for approval a plan to co-ordinate the placement and timing of their pipeline with SCPS's pipeline (or other potential proposals for use of the same corridor for a pipeline). Any agreements between AAPLP the permittee and SCPS (or other applicant) necessary to implement this plan shall be subject to review and verification by the Planning and Development Resource Management Department to assure the purpose of the plan will be achieved. The expressed purpose of this co-ordination plan shall be:

- 1) arrangement of simultaneous construction where practical;
- 2) engineering of pipe placement within the ROW to minimize incremental widening of the initial construction corridor during subsequent pipeline projects;
- 3) identification of segments where incremental widening of the ROW is constrained and alternative engineering techniques which may allow construction of subsequent pipelines (and potential limitations of future pipeline use of the ROW); and
- 4) timing and design of revegetation plans to promote effective revegetation but minimize unnecessary duplication of efforts.

Should SCPS or any other applicant abandon their pipeline project, or fail to submit a Final Development Plan prior to AAPLP pipeline construction, this condition may be modified to reflect the existing situation but maintain the intent of this condition.

B-5. Resolution of Scheduling Conflicts Among Conditions of Approval

In the event that scheduling requirements among or between conditions in this permit (or with this permit and conditions imposed by other agencies) conflict with respect to timing, the <u>Planning and Development Resource Management</u> Department (in consultation with other agencies as appropriate) shall resolve such conflict.

B-6. Cooperation with San Luis Obispo County for Pipeline Permitting

Applicant shall cooperate as necessary with San Luis Obispo County in the permitting, design, and construction of those segments of the pipeline which could affect Santa Barbara County. The intent of this condition is to ensure that potential impacts to Santa Barbara County are mitigated to the maximum extent feasible by these permit conditions, regardless of the location of the source of the impact.

B-7. P&D Authorization Prior to Construction

Prior to commencing any construction activities in Santa Barbara County, AAPLP the permittee shall obtain a letter from the Director of the <u>Planning and Development</u> Resource Management Department indicating that all conditions which require approval prior to construction, as specified by this permit, have been satisfied.

B-8. P&D Authorization Prior to Start-Up

Prior to start-up of the pipeline in Santa Barbara County, AAPLP the permittee shall obtain a letter from the Director of the <u>Planning and Development</u> Resource Management Department indicating that all conditions which require approval prior to start-up, as specified by this permit, have been satisfied.

B-9. Adequacy of Submittals to be Determined by the Planning Commission

In the event that AAPLP PCC and staff cannot reach an agreement on the adequacy of any submittal required by these conditions, the matter will be brought before the Planning Commission for resolution at the earliest possible date.

C. MANAGEMENT

C-1. Environmental Quality Assurance Program (EQAP)

AAPLP The permittee shall prepare an Environmental Quality Assurance Program (EQAP) for Resource Management Department approval prior to the Final Development Plan. This EQAP shall encompass both the construction and operation phases of the project, and shall describe the steps AAPLP the permittee will take to assure compliance with these conditions. This plan is intended to provide a framework for all other programs and plans specified by these conditions as required prior to approval of the Final Development Plan. As such, it will become a comprehensive reference document for the County, other agencies, and the public regarding the AAPLP project.

This plan shall provide for the submission to the <u>Planning and Development</u> Resource Management Department semi-annual reports throughout construction and annual reports during operations. These reports shall describe:

- a) Project status, including but not necessarily limited to:
 - i) extent to which construction has been completed,
 - ii) the rate of production/throughput during operation,
 - iii) environmental planning and implementation efforts, and
 - iv) any revised time schedules or timetables of construction and operation that will occur in the next one year period.
- b) Permit condition compliance, including but not necessarily limited to the results of the specific mitigation requirements identified in these conditions.
- c) Results and analyses of all data collection efforts being conducted by AAPLP pursuant to these permit conditions.

The program shall include (or if separate plans exist, reference) all plans relevant to construction and operations of the pipeline facilities specified by these conditions.

Construction

The program shall include all plans relevant to construction activities such as the Restoration, Erosion Control and Revegetation Plan and the Cultural Resources Mitigation Plan.

The program shall include provisions for at least one managing environmental coordinator with overall responsibility, and if necessary, one onsite environmental coordinator per construction site during the construction phase. These coordinators shall be approved by and be responsible to the <u>Planning and Development Resource Management</u> Department. <u>AAPLP PCC</u> shall fund the coordinator(s). The number of coordinators necessary shall be determined according to the amount of simultaneous construction activity occurring in geographically separate areas. The responsibilities of the coordinator(s) are to include:

- a) on-site, day-to-day monitoring of construction activities;
- b) ensuring contractor knowledge of and compliance with all appropriate permit conditions;
- c) evaluating the adequacy of construction impact mitigations, and proposing improvements to the contractors, AAPLP the permittee, and County;
- d) having the authority to require correction of activities observed to violate project environmental conditions or that represent unsafe or dangerous conditions, and having the ability and authority to secure compliance with the conditions or standards through the County Administrative Officer as described in condition A-8, if necessary;
- e) performing as contact for affected property owners and any other affected persons that wish to register observation of environmental permit violations and/or unsafe conditions, receiving any complaints, immediately contacting AAPLP's the permittee's onsite construction representative, verifying any such observations and developing any necessary corrective actions in consultation with AAPLP's the permittee's onsite construction representative;
- f) maintaining prompt and regular communication with the <u>Planning and Development</u> Resource Management Department, Public Works Department, or other appropriate County agency, and with <u>AAPLP</u> permittee personnel responsible for contractor performance and permit compliance.

In the event that resolution of disputes between the public and/or governmental agencies and AAPLP the permittee over adherence to permit conditions is not achieved by the managing environmental coordinator, an arbitration system shall be utilized to resolve such disputes in a timely manner in order to minimize the need to halt construction activities as per conditions A-2 or A-8.

The coordinator(s) shall be thoroughly familiar with all plans and requirements set forth in the permit conditions. Prior to construction start-up, the managing coordinator shall discuss with other agency inspectors or monitoring personnel, inspection programs, areas of jurisdiction, responsibility, and define methods of avoiding disputes or construction delay due to agency disagreements.

Selection of the necessary coordinators shall be made, and the person(s) available, prior to issuance of the Coastal Development Permit and Land Use Permit.

Operations

The program shall include all plans related to operations, such as the Emergency Response Plan, Oil Spill Contingency Plan, and Landscaping Plan, as well as specific conditions not required in formal plans. It may also include any procedures not specified by these conditions but relevant to environmental protection and safety. Operational Compliance Plans shall be updated as necessary to reflect any approved change of operator within six months after assuming operations in accordance with County Code Section 25B-10(a)(6).

C-2. 24-Hour Emergency Contact

Prior to issuance of the Coastal Development Permit and Land Use Permit, AAPLP the permittee shall provide to the Planning and Development Resource Management Department and the Emergency Services Coordinator the current name and position, title, address, and 24-hour phone numbers of the field agent, person in charge of the facility, and other representatives who shall receive all orders and notices, as well as all communications regarding matters of condition and permit compliance at the site and who shall have authority to implement a facility shutdown pursuant to condition A-8 in this Ordinance.

There shall always be such a contact person(s) designated by the permittee. One contact person shall be available 24 hours a day during all phases of the project in order to respond to inquiries received from the County, or from anyone in case of an emergency.

If the address or phone number of AAPLP's the agent should change, or the responsibility be assigned to another person or position, AAPLP PCC shall provide to the Planning and Development Resource Management Department the new information within seven days.

C-3. AAPLP to Provide Copies of Permits to P&D

AAPLP PCC shall furnish to the <u>Planning and Development</u> Resource Management Department copies of all County permit applications relative to the project once submitted, and of permits within 30 days of receipt by AAPLP PCC.

D. AIR QUALITY

D-1. Statement of Scope

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to permit a violation of any applicable air pollution law, rule, or regulation.

D-2. Authority to Construct

Prior to initiation of construction, including grading, of any facilities approved pursuant to this Development Plan, AAPLP the permittee shall obtain an Authority to Construct permit from the County Air Pollution Control District.

D-3. Agreement to Implement All Air Pollution Control Procedures

AAPLP PCC agrees to implement all air pollution control procedures as required by APCD and identified in the Final Development Plan (such as water sprays to reduce construction-related fugitive dust).

D-4. Emissions Mitigation

Emissions from any project component that contribute to ozone standard violations must be mitigated to the extent feasible. Effectiveness of mitigation will be confirmed by APCD.

D-5. Deleted.

D-6. Validation Information

Prior to approval of the Final Development Plan, AAPLP the permittee shall submit to the Planning and Development Resource Management Department updated estimates of the type and size of helicopters, or other aircraft, to be used during pipeline operations for the aerial surveys of the pipeline route. The information shall also include the estimated operating schedules, frequency and duration of airport calls and other reasonable information as required by APCD. The County may require validation and updating of this information as needed. Should this information reveal significant differences between the estimated air emissions and those analyzed in the EIR/EIS, the APCD may modify air quality permit conditions as necessary to assure consistency with the Air Quality Attainment Plan and Reasonable Further Progress goals.

D-7. Discharge Limitations

All facilities shall be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained, such that the facilities approved under this Development Plan shall not discharge quantities of air contaminants or other materials in violation of Section 41700 of the Health and Safety Code.

D-8. Mitigation Plan for Construction Air Quality Impacts

Prior to the approval of the Final Development Plan, AAPLP the permittee shall submit to the Director of the Planning and Development Resource Management Department a plan, approved

by the APCD, which includes timing of construction, minimizing soil handling, and other measures to mitigate construction air quality impacts. The plan shall include APCD approved analysis which demonstrates that local, state and federal air quality standards will not be violated as a result of construction activities.

D-9

For the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Relocation project, during clearing, grading, earth moving, excavation or transportation of cut or fill materials, water trucks or sprinkler systems are to be used to minimize dust leaving the site and to create a crust after each day's activities cease. During construction, water trucks or sprinkler systems shall be used to keep all areas of vehicle movement damp enough to prevent dust from leaving the site. At a minimum, this would include wetting down such areas in the later morning and after work is completed for the day and whenever wind exceeds 15 miles per hour. Soil stockpiled for more than two days shall be covered, kept moist or treated with soil binders to prevent dust generation. **Plan Requirements:** All requirements shall be shown on construction drawings. **Timing:** Condition shall be adhered to throughout all grading and construction periods. **MONITORING:** Planning and Development shall ensure measures are on plans. Planning and Development's EQAP monitor shall spot check and ensure compliance on-site. APCD inspectors shall respond to any nuisance complaints. (*Mitigation Measure A-1*) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

D-10

During construction of the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Replacement project, use water trucks to keep all areas of vehicle movement damp enough to reduce dust from leaving the site. At a minimum, this should include wetting down such areas in the late morning and after work is completed for the day. Increased watering frequency should be required whenever the wind speed exceeds 15 mph. Reclaimed water should be used whenever possible. **Plan Requirements:** This condition shall be printed on all construction drawings. **MONITORING:** EQAP monitor to spot check in the field. (*Mitigation Measure A-2*) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

D-11

During the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Replacement project, AAPLP the permittee shall minimize the amount of disturbed area and ensure that on site vehicle speeds do not exceed 15 miles per hour. **Plan Requirements:** This condition shall be printed on all construction drawings. **MONITORING:** EQAP monitor to spot check in the field. (Mitigation Measure A-3) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

D-12

For the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Replacement project, soil stockpiled for more than two days shall be covered, kept moist or treated with soil binders to prevent dust generation. Trucks transporting fill material to and from the site shall be tarped from the point of origin. **Plan Requirements:** This condition shall be printed on all construction plans. **MONITORING**: EQAP monitor to spot check in the field. (*Mitigation Measure A-4*) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

D-13

For the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Replacement project, heavy-duty diesel-powered construction equipment manufactured after 1996 (with federally mandated "clean" diesel

engines) shall be utilized wherever feasible. (Mitigation Measure A-5) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

- a. The engine size of construction equipment shall be the minimum practical size.
- b. The number of construction equipment operating simultaneously shall be minimized through efficient management practices to ensure that the smallest practical number are operating at any one time.
- c. Construction equipment shall be maintained in tune per the manufacturer's specifications.
- d. Construction equipment operating onsite shall be equipped with two to four degree engine timing retard or precombustion chamber engines.
- e. Catalytic converters shall be installed on gasoline-powered equipment, if feasible.
- f. Diesel catalytic converters shall be installed, if available.
- g. Diesel powered equipment should be replaced by electric equipment whenever feasible.
- h. Construction worker trips should be minimized by requiring carpooling and by providing for lunch onsite.

MONITORING: EQAP monitor to spot check in field. (*Mitigation Measure A-5*) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

E. GEOLOGY

E-1. Geologic Investigation, Design and Mitigation Program

Prior to the issuance of the Coastal Development Permit and Land Use Permit, AAPLP the permittee will conduct a route-specific Geologic Investigation, Design, and Mitigation Program. This program shall contain three basic components: 1) a detailed geologic investigation component which defines specific hazards, 2) an engineering design component which details specific engineering plans for each identified hazard along the route, and 3) a geohazards mitigation component which demonstrates how and to what extent each hazard is reduced.

- a) Detailed geologic investigation component:
 - Where specific hazards have been identified or may occur along the pipeline route or at pump station locations, AAPLP the permittee will conduct appropriate detailed geologic, seismic, and geotechnical studies to further characterize the specific geologic hazard. These studies will be conducted under the direction of a State of California registered geologist or engineering geologist who will be mutually agreed to by the permittee AAPLP, the Planning and Development Resource Management Department, the Public Works Department, and the Flood Control District. These studies will include but not be limited to investigations of unstable slopes, erodable slopes, lurch/liquefaction susceptible substrate, surface rupture, and river scour characteristics (depth and lateral extent). Methods of investigation shall conform to appropriate geotechnical techniques applicable to each specific hazard. Draft results will be subject to review by County Public Works Department and Flood Control Agency as appropriate prior to finalization of the engineering design. The final report will be submitted with the final engineering design component.
- b) Engineering design component:
 - AAPLP The permittee will demonstrate that appropriate geotechnical information from component a) and other applicable recommendations are incorporated into final engineering design of pipeline construction and facilities. This includes but is not

restricted to: the development of appropriate ground motion parameters for use in seismic design of critical structures and equipment, unstable slope construction or avoidance techniques, burial depth at all major river crossings, modification of instrumentation, or use of the dual contingency level/operating level earthquake concept, or its equivalent. The designs will be subject to review by the Department of Public Works and third party technical review as specified in Condition P-1.

c) Geohazards mitigation component:
Prior to issuance of the Coastal Development Permit and Land Use Permit, AAPLP the permittee will submit to the Resource Management Planning and Development Department a detailed geologic hazard mitigation report. The report will outline the hazards identified in part a) of this program and will address how engineering designs as detailed in part b) of this program reduce each specific hazard. This component will also be submitted to the Department of Public Works and Flood Control Agency and will be subject to third party review as specified in Condition P-1.

E-2. Geologic Hazard Monitoring Program

AAPLP PPC will develop a Monitoring Program for the operations phase to be funded by AAPLP PCC and staffed as necessary with at least one State of California registered engineer, or engineering geologist, in order to evaluate any hazards identified by routine monitoring. The program will be designed to verify adequate performance or condition of the project components in hazard areas such as river and active fault crossings, and will be subject to approval of the Resource Management Planning and Development Department prior to issuance of the Coastal Development Permit and Land Use Permit. The monitoring program may in part be incorporated into routine aerial and ground reconnaissance. If the monitoring indicates a potential or actual hazard, appropriate action including, but not limited to, operations curtailment and repairs, will be taken by AAPLP PCC to mitigate the hazard. AAPLP PCC will report to the Emergency Services Coordinator any potentially hazardous situations discovered during monitoring. In the case of river crossings at the Santa Ynez, Sisquoc and Cuyama Rivers, a yearly inspection of pipeline burial depth, subject to review by the Resource Management Planning and Development Department and Flood Control Agency, shall be performed. At crossings of the Santa Ynez and Sisquoc Rivers where channel degradation has reduced the depth of cover to less than four feet below the 100-year scour depth, or other hazardous levels as determined by a professional engineer on the staff of or under supervision of the County Flood Control Agency, or US D.O.T. specifications, relocation or reburial of the pipeline to adequate depth will be required. At the crossing of the Cuyama River, if the inspections reveal that hazardous conditions exist, mitigations such as reconstruction or relocation of the crossing will be required as determined by a professional engineer on the staff of or under supervision of the County Flood Control Agency.

E-3. Inspection of Trench Prior to Pipeline Installation

Inspection of the pipeline trench or trench spoil to identify any potential geologic hazards shall be made by a professional geologist or soils engineer approved by the Resource Management Planning and Development Department prior to installation of the pipeline. If hazards not previously accounted for in the pipeline design are encountered, appropriate mitigation measures will be developed and must be instigated prior to installation of the pipeline. The results of the inspection will be reported to the engineering geologist of the Public Works Department who will approve prior to, and the supervising environmental coordinator who will insure, application of the necessary mitigation measures. The timing of such inspections shall not result in any unreasonable delays in installation of the pipeline.

E-4. Isolation Valves at Active Fault Crossings

At all places where the pipeline crosses an active fault, according to the Department of Geology and Mining definitions, AAPLP the permittee will place isolation valves on either side, or design and construct appropriate devices or measures which more effectively mitigate the hazard of the fault crossing. Location and nature of these designs must be approved prior to the issuance of the Coastal Development Permit and Land Use Permit.

E-5. Sisquoc Pump Station Grading and Erosion Control Plan

Prior to the issuance of the Coastal Development Permit and Land Use Permit, AAPLP the permittee shall submit final Grading and Erosion Control Plans for the Sisquoc pump station approved by the Department of Public Works. These plans shall be consistent with or based on information contained in the geologic investigation required in Condition E-1. Prior to issuance of the Coastal Development Permit and Land Use Permit, AAPLP the permittee shall either submit Grading and Erosion Control Plans for the Las Flores and Gaviota pump stations for approval by the Department of Public Works or show evidence that the plans are a part of the overall Grading and Erosion Control Plans for the consolidated processing facilities at those sites.

E-6. Cooperation with San Luis Obispo County for Cuyama River Crossing

AAPLP The permittee shall cooperate as necessary with San Luis Obispo County in the permitting, design and construction of the Cuyama River crossing. Any pipeline crossing the Cuyama River shall be laid to a depth consistent with studies performed under Condition E-1 and subject to approval of the County Flood Control District.

E-7. South Coast Pump Stations Location

Prior to approval of the Final Development Plan, <u>AAPLP</u> the <u>permittee</u> shall commit to the location of their south coast pump stations to the satisfaction of the Planning Commission. If these stations are not within the boundaries of the approved Exxon, Gaviota Terminal Company, or Chevron facilities, <u>AAPLP</u> the <u>permittee</u> shall submit grading and erosion control plans pursuant to Condition E-5.

E-8. Stockpiling of Earth Materials During Construction

Stockpiling of large volumes of earth materials in temporary (for construction only) work space areas in excess of those volumes needed locally for construction shall not occur except as approved by the Resource Management Planning and Development Department. AAPLP The permittee shall not stockpile materials on landslide prone slopes during the rainy season.

E-9. Storage of Pipe During Construction

Storage of pipe in temporary (for construction only) extra work spaces shall not occur except as approved by the <u>Planning and Development Resource Management</u> Department.

E-10

AAPLP The permittee shall implement a project specific Restoration, Erosion Control and Revegetation Plan for the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Replacement Project in order

to minimize erosion. In addition, grading shall be minimized within the creek and along the creek bank and grading on slopes greater than 5:1 shall be designed to minimize surface water runoff. **Plan Requirements:** This requirement shall be noted on construction drawings prior to approval of CDP. The applicant shall notify the Energy Division at least 48 hours prior to commencement of grading. **MONITORING:** EQAP monitor shall inspect the site during grading work to verify that erosion control measures are properly implemented. (*Mitigation Measure G-1*) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

E-11

AAPLP The permittee shall limit excavation and grading to the driest season of the year to avoid the breeding season for California red-legged frog, tidewater goby, and the Southern steelhead migration season (July 1 to November 1) for the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Replacement project, unless granted permission by the Energy Division. All exposed graded surfaces shall be reseeded with ground cover vegetation to minimize erosion. **Plan Requirements:** This requirement shall be noted on construction drawings. **MONITORING:** EQAP monitor shall inspect the site during grading to monitor dust generation and after grading to verify reseeding. (Mitigation Measure G-2) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

E-12

At Gaviota Creek, AAPLP the permittee shall perform an as-built profile survey of the pipeline and creek bed and develop a profile drawing showing the pipeline and creek bottom. For the first two years after installation of the new pipeline crossing, the creek bed shall be surveyed each year at the end of the rainy season. After the first two years, AAPLP PCC shall re-survey after every significant flood event (i.e., 100-year event or more serious), but not less than every three years. After each creek bed profile survey, the creek bed profile shall be shown on the original as-built profile survey. Plan Requirements: AAPLP PCC shall submit surveys to Planning and Development's geologist for review and approval. MONITORING: Planning and Development shall review creek elevation records and site inspect as necessary. (Mitigation Measure G-3) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

E-13

At Gaviota Creek, AAPLP the permittee shall visually inspect the status of restoration efforts and the erosion at the pipeline crossing at least quarterly, and as requested by State Parks or Planning and Development, after installation of the new pipeline crossing. (These surveys shall be conducted at ground level, not from the air.) **Plan Requirements:** Written inspection reports shall be submitted to the Energy Division within 30 days of the inspections and surveys. AAPLP PCC shall take any necessary corrective actions required to stabilize disturbed areas, as approved by the Energy Division. **MONITORING:** EQAP monitor to periodically inspect the restoration effort. (Mitigation Measure G-4) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

F. SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER

F-1. Downstream Flows During Construction

During construction of the pipeline across all perennial stream crossings, stream flows, if any, shall be diverted around construction areas to maintain downstream flows. Baseline water flows

shall be maintained in coastal streams in order to avoid adverse impacts to lagoon or other sensitive habitats.

F-2. Sediment Retention Devices During Construction

Sediment retention devices that allow continued streamflow shall be installed directly downstream of stream crossings during construction.

F-3. Stream and River Crossings During Construction

For pipeline crossings at the following stream or river crossings: Tajiguas; Refugio; Gaviota; Nojoqui; Zaca; San Antonio Creeks, all additional perennial streams which the pipeline crosses: Santa Ynez; Sisquoc; and Cuyama Rivers, AAPLP the permittee shall construct the buried pipelines during the months of low historical streamflow, in order to minimize erosion loss downstream and protect surface water quality. In the event of low winter rainfall, earlier construction may be approved by the Planning and Development Resource Management Department and County Flood Control Agency.

F-4. Riparian Habitat Corridors During Construction

No staging areas shall be permitted within riparian habitat corridors.

F-5. Construction Contractors at Stream Crossings During Construction

During pipeline construction at stream crossings, construction contractors will minimize time of disturbance, narrow the construction ROW to the extent feasible, stabilize the disturbed areas immediately following construction of the crossing, and divert runoff waters around construction areas to maintain downstream flows.

F-6. Deleted.

F-7. Isolation Valves at Perennial Stream and River Crossings

AAPLP The permittee shall install isolation valves on either side of all perennial stream and river crossings, including the Cuyama River, and/or as required by the Coastal Zoning Ordinance, unless the applicant can demonstrate that alternative methods will further reduce the potential leak impacts at the crossing site. These locations shall be identified prior to the Final Development Plan.

F-8. Freshwater Source During Construction

Prior to approval of the Final Development Plan, AAPLP the permittee shall identify the freshwater source considered for supplying pipeline and facility construction activities including hydrostatic test water, and shall estimate the total quantity required. Any water obtained from coastal or inland sources shall not significantly disrupt streamflows, groundwater resources, or habitat resources. Water conserving devices shall be used where feasible. Any water used during construction, (exclusive of hydrostatic test water), shall contain no more than 5,000 parts per million total dissolved solids. Disposal of hydrostatic test water within the County shall be according to a plan approved by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, or by the Flood

Control Agency. This information shall be provided to and approved by the <u>Planning and Development Resource Management</u> Department as part of the Final Development Plan.

F-9. Hydrogeologic Investigations for Sensitive Areas

Prior to approval of the Final Development Plan, <u>AAPLP the permittee</u> will perform detailed hydrogeologic investigations for the sensitive areas identified in the EIR/EIS, (Table 3-14). These investigations will be conducted by a State of California registered geologist or engineer and will include but not be limited to:

- a) definition of groundwater depth, recharge sources, properties of overlying soils, hydraulic gradient, background water quality, and existing water uses.
- b) inventory of existing wells from State or County Flood Control Agency records in an area extending down-gradient from the pipeline in the aquifer equal to the distance groundwater would move in one year at a velocity calculated from the maximum hydraulic conductivity of the specific aquifer, hydraulic gradient, and porosity. The down-gradient sensitive area will be determined by a registered geologist.

This information will be reviewed by the <u>Planning and Development Resource Management</u> Department and used by <u>AAPLP the permittee</u> to formulate the Groundwater Contamination portion of an Oil Spill Contingency Plan, Condition P-5. This portion of the Plan will include;

- a) plans for monitoring and early detection of groundwater contamination, including aerial and ground surveys, pipeline pressure monitoring, and water sampling of strategic wells;
- b) plans for notification of affected groundwater users, and the Emergency Services Coordinator;
- c) clean-up response, reparations, restorations, and methods to determine and correct the contamination source; and
- d) identification of emergency alternate water supplies.

F-10. Dam and Ditch Plugs in Pipeline Trenches by Aquifers

At the base of slopes where the ROW approaches sensitive aquifers as identified in the EIR/S that are at risk from oil spills and leaks, a dam or ditch plug will be used in the pipeline trench. The sensitive areas are those where the ROW follows 1) topographic slopes toward basins with shallow depth to water, 2) high vertical permeabilities, and 3) a high degree of groundwater use as indicated by the hydrogeologic investigations required as per condition F-9. These areas shall be identified in the Final Development Plan.

F-11. SSRRC Approval for All Creek and River Crossing Plans

Prior to the approval of the Final Development Plan, the System Safety and Reliability Review Committee shall review and approve submitted plans of all creek and river crossings in Santa Barbara County. Permitted development shall not cause or contribute to flood hazards or lead to the expenditure of public funds for flood control works.

G. AQUATIC BIOLOGY

G-1. Oil Spill Response Plan

Fueling and lubrication of construction equipment will not occur within 0.25 miles of any flowing streams. No more than 2 barrels of fuel shall be kept at construction sites, exclusive of pipeline construction equipment fuel tanks, within 0.25 miles of all perennial creeks. As part of the oil spill response plan, AAPLP the permittee will submit plans for clean-up and restoration of affected areas in the event of a construction fuel spill.

G-2

For the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Relocation project, all construction and grading plans shall show the precise location of the environmentally sensitive habitats within the project vicinity. **Timing:** The ESH areas should be designated on all plans prior to CDP approval. **MONITORING:** Planning and Development staff to check plans. (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

G-3

For the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Relocation project, during construction, washing of concrete, paint or equipment shall occur only in areas where polluted water and materials can be contained for subsequent removal from the site. Washing shall not be allowed near sensitive biological resources. An area designated for washing functions shall be identified. **Plan Requirements:** The applicant shall designate a wash off area, acceptable to Planning and Development, on the construction drawings. **Timing:** The wash off area shall be designated on all plans prior to CDP. The washoff area shall be in place throughout construction. **MONITORING:** Planning and Development staff shall check plans prior to approval of CDP and the EQAP monitor shall site inspect throughout the construction period to ensure proper use. (*Mitigation Measure B-2*) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

H. TERRESTRIAL BIOLOGY

H-1. Restoration, Erosion Control and Revegetation Plan

H-1(j) modified 12/16/92

Prior to issuance of the Coastal Development Permit and Land Use Permit, AAPLP-the permittee shall submit a Restoration, Erosion Control, and Revegetation plan for the final proposed pipeline route and the pump station sites. The plan shall be submitted to the <u>Planning and Development Resource Management</u> Department for approval. Once approved, the plan shall be implemented by the permittee AAPLP. Success of the restoration and revegetation plans shall be monitored by a qualified independent biologist who is in addition to the managing environmental coordinator (Condition C-1). The plan shall contain, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) Procedures for stockpiling and replacing topsoil, replacing and stabilizing backfill, such as at stream crossings, and steep or highly erodable slopes. Additionally, provisions shall be made for recontouring to approximate the original topography. Excess fill shall be disposed of off-site unless suitable arrangements are made with the property owner. Excess fill shall not be deposited in any drainage, or on any unstable slope.

- (b) Specific plans for control of erosion, gully formation, and sedimentation, including, but not limited to, sediment traps, check dams, diversion dikes, culverts and slope drains. Plan shall identify areas with high erosion potential and the specific control measures for these sites.
- (c) Procedures for containing sediment and allowing continued downstream flow at stream crossings, including scheduling construction activities during low-flow periods.
- (d) Procedures for re-establishment of vegetation that replicates or is functionally equivalent to indigenous and naturalized communities along the alignment. These shall include: measures preventing invasion and/or spread of undesired plant species; restoration of wildlife habitat value; and restoration of native plant species and communities. The permittee AAPLP shall consult with the County Farm Advisor and appropriate Ranch operators when developing procedures for revegetating areas used for cattle grazing and other agricultural uses;
- (e) Procedures for restoration of riparian corridor stream and river banks and stream bed substrates and elevation;
- (f) Procedures for minimizing all tree removal or tree root and branch damage, such as, flagging the corridor, keeping all disturbance to no more than the 100-foot pipeline right-of-way, feathering the right-of-way edges, providing for onsite monitoring of construction by a qualified independent biologist. In addition, special procedures are required for oak woodlands since County policy requires that these trees must not be cut down if feasible. Special procedures for oaks include reducing the right-of-way to the minimum width possible and minimizing the impact to the root zone of these trees;
- (g) Procedures for replacement of native trees and large shrubs removed from the 100-foot temporary easement during construction across riparian and woodland, in particular oak woodland, habitat, with saplings of the same species propagated from materials obtained from the same area, including provision for supplemental irrigation as necessary and feasible to ensure establishment, and provisions for protection of saplings from grazing animals;
- (h) A soil conservation program, to be applied in areas of 20 percent or greater slopes along the pipeline corridor.
- (i) Procedures for incorporating landowner concerns in the plan. Any changes to the plan instigated by such concerns shall be approved by the <u>Planning and Development Resource Management</u> Department.
- (j) The permittee-AAPLP shall provide an endowment in the amount of \$841,000 to fund implementation of the Alternative Oak Mitigation Program to reestablish oak savannahs and woodlands in Santa Barbara County. (Modified 12/16/92)
- (k) The segment of the plan pertaining to Gaviota State Park shall be prepared in cooperation with the State Department of Parks and Recreation.

H-2. Impact Survey One Year After Construction

One year after construction, a survey will be conducted, at the permittee's AAPLP's expense, to determine the actual impact caused by construction. This survey shall include aerial photography, and as appropriate color stereo and infrared photography and field studies. The report will identify areas with potential for further impact, e.g., high erosion areas, that will require immediate remedial measures. The survey shall also contain an examination of previous mitigation measures and present a list of additional feasible mitigations based on the impacts during construction and potential impacts caused by operation. The permittee AAPLP and the Planning and Development Resource Management Department shall agree to additional feasible mitigations. This process

shall be repeated as often as necessary by the <u>Planning and Development</u> Resource Management Department, but not more than annually.

H-3. Sensitive Habitat Areas

In those areas where trees and other habitats such as riparian areas and oak woodlands are to be avoided within the approved corridor and temporary (for construction only) extra work spaces, AAPLP the permittee shall assure contractor compliance with this condition by marking and/or fencing those resources. These areas include, but are not limited to, the sensitive resources identified by the permittee AAPLP and depicted on the 1" = 400' color aerial print photographs provided by the permittee AAPLP and the Environmentally Sensitive Habitat (ESH) areas identified by the Planning and Development County Resource Management Department. The permittee AAPLP shall avoid disturbance to the tarplant restoration site established by Texaco on State Park property.

H-4. Additional Mitigation

Additional reasonable and feasible conditions of mitigation, consistent with condition H-1 and to the extent necessary, shall be identified and observed as developed during the archaeological mitigation program (conditions L-1, L-2, L-3, L-6), and as identified by the managing environmental coordinator in consultation with AAPLP's the permittee's Onsite Construction Representative (condition C-1).

H-5. Deleted.

H-6. Herbicides During Construction

AAPLP The permittee shall not use herbicides in wetland and riparian areas, and along the rest of the pipeline corridor during construction.

H-7. Fish and Game Permit (1603)

Prior to issuance of the Coastal Development Permit and Land Use Permit, AAPLP the permittee shall receive a permit (1603) as required from the California Department of Fish and Game. This permit should include provisions to ensure that the proposed construction schedule will not interfere with reproductive activities of regionally rare or rare, threatened or endangered bird, amphibian, and fish species or other species of special concern, in those environmentally sensitive habitats identified in the EIR/EIS and shall submit this confirmation to the Planning and Development Resource Management Department. If the Department of Fish and Game determines that the construction schedule will have an impact then the permittee AAPLP will adhere to directives of the Department of Fish and Game with respect to their permit requirements.

H-8. Deleted.

H-9. Hoffman's Nightshade Plan

AAPLP The permittee shall minimize impacts to the population of Hoffmann's nightshade (Solanum xanti var. hoffmannii) found in the Gaviota Pass area. AAPLP The permittee shall

submit plans to enhance the recovery of this population to the <u>Planning and Development</u> Resource Management Department for approval prior to issuance of the Coastal Development Permit and Land Use Permit.

These plans shall include provisions for removing any individual plants that would be affected, place them in large tubs, and replant them as near as possible to the original location (exclusive of the operation Right-of-Way) after construction; and gathering seeds prior to issuance of the Coastal Development Permit and Land Use Permit from the population of Hoffmann's nightshade located in the Gaviota Pass area and planting them in and near the ROW after construction. This shall be done under the supervision of a biologist approved by the <u>Planning and Development Resource Management</u> Department and in cooperation with the California Parks Department; this biologist may approve modifications to these techniques based on season of the year and state of dormancy.

H-10. Catalina Mariposa Lily Plan

AAPLP The permittee shall minimize impacts to the population of Catalina Mariposa lily (<u>Calochortus catalinae</u>) found in the Gaviota Pass area. AAPLP The permittee shall submit plans to enhance the recovery of this population to the <u>Planning and Development Resource Management</u> Department for approval prior to issuance of the Coastal Development Permit and Land Use Permit. These plans shall include provisions for gathering of seeds from the population found in or near the ROW prior to construction, planting the seeds in or near the ROW after construction (exclusive of the operation ROW), conserving the upper 18-24 inches of heavy clay soil which contains the plant's bulb-like corms found in the vicinity of the plants prior to construction, and then, after construction, replacing this soil which holds the plant's bulb-like corms. This shall be done under the supervision of a biologist approved by the <u>Planning and Development Resource Management</u> Department and in cooperation with the California Parks Department; this biologist may approve modifications to these techniques based on season of the year and state of dormancy.

H-11. Refugio Manzanita Plan

AAPLP The permittee shall minimize impacts to the population of Refugio Manzanita (Arctostaphylos refugioensis) found in Gaviota Pass area and affected by the proposed construction activities. AAPLP The permittee shall submit plans to enhance the recovery of this population to the Planning and Development Resource Management Department for approval prior to issuance of the Coastal Development Permit and Land Use Permit. These plans shall include provisions for gathering seeds and taking cuttings from the population of Refugio Manzanita found in and adjacent to the ROW prior to construction, and provisions for the planting of the seeds and plants propagated from cuttings in the final construction alignment (exclusive of the operation ROW) after construction. This shall be done under the supervision of a biologist approved by the Planning and Development Resource Management Department and in cooperation with the California Parks Department; this biologist may approve modifications to these techniques based on season of the year and state of dormancy.

H-12. Restoration, Revegetation and Implementation Plan

AAPLP The permittee shall prepare a Restoration, Revegetation and Implementation section as part of the Oil Spill Contingency Plan (P-5). The section shall be reviewed and accepted prior to

start-up by the <u>Planning and Development</u> Resource Management Department and a biologist approved by the <u>Planning and Development</u> Resource Management Department. The section shall be submitted sufficiently prior to <u>AAPLP's the permittee's</u> projected start-up date so as to allow reasonable time for staff review. Reasonable costs of review shall be borne by the applicant. The section shall contain site-specific restoration information for all habitat types including stream crossings, wetlands/lagoons, oak woodlands, grasslands, riparian zones, and other environmentally sensitive habitats. The section shall be divided into three major areas: a) Coastal, b) Streams and Rivers and c) Terrestrial habitats. Each of these sub-sections shall discuss the various habitats in the categories listed above. Methods to achieve restoration of all affected areas to their prespill conditions shall be discussed.

H-13. Pump Station Landscaping

Prior to issuance of the Coastal Development Permit and Land Use Permit, AAPLP the permittee shall submit to the County Board of Architectural Review, and the <u>Planning and Development Resource Management</u> Department site-specific plans for landscaping of any pump station not within other required project vegetation screens. This plan shall, at the permittee's AAPLP's expense, be reviewed by a qualified landscape architect and a biologist approved by the <u>Planning and Development Resource Management Department to insure the proper plant materials and procedures identified in these conditions are implemented. These plans shall be developed in consultation with the property owner. The plan shall include:</u>

- (a) The specifications of any potential seed mixtures to be utilized, including the plant species in the mixture and the pounds of seed per acre to be applied; type of mulch (fiber, chemical tackifier or straw); the type and amount of fertilizer; and any provisions for irrigation;
- (b) Confirmation that all native or non-native plant materials proposed in the revegetation plan are compatible with indigenous vegetation and that none of the plants used is known to be weedy or invasive. The plan shall provide for plantings that will screen facilities from view. This vegetation screening shall also be designed to reduce nighttime lighting and noise. Near chaparral or other high fire hazard areas, the seeds or seedlings will consist of native or non-native species, shown to contain fire retardant properties (such as toyon) and shown to be fast growing;
- (c) The specifications for native seeds and seedlings that will have wildlife habitat and food value. All perennial plants, and all woody plants are to be propagated from material obtained from the same area. Native plant material is to be obtained from a revegetation contractor. All native materials will be ordered from the contractor in advance of construction activities.
- (d) Confirmation that non-native material is to be confined to disturbed areas immediately adjacent to structures needing visual screening. Such screening is to include fast growing plants adequate to screen the facility from direct view;
- (e) A detailed irrigation plan if feasible for all revegetated areas requiring irrigation for establishment of plant materials;
- (f) AAPLP's <u>The permittee's</u> commitment for continual monitoring of the revegetation so that weeds will be minimized.

H-14. Landscaping and Revegetation Bonds

Prior to issuance of the Coastal Development Permit and Land Use Permit, AAPLP the permittee shall post a bond or other security agreement approved by the County Counsel to ensure that all landscaping and revegetation programs are completed to the County's specifications.

H-15. Release of Landscaping and Revegetation Bonds

Prior to issuing a release from the bond or other security agreement, a biologist and landscape architect hired by the County, at the permittee's AAPLP's expense, shall conduct a field review of all revegetated and landscaped areas, to insure consistency with the intent and specifications of the revegetation and landscape plan. Necessary repairs or changes in landscaping or revegetation shall be made at the permittee's AAPLP's expense.

H-16. California Endangered Species Inventory

Prior to approval of the Final Development Plan, a qualified biologist approved by the <u>Planning and Development Resource Management-Department will conduct site-specific field inventories for California state-listed species, as mandated by the intent and general provisions of Assembly Bill No. 3309, the California Endangered Species Act. The biologist will perform the surveys of the 100-foot ROW in areas suspected of having any of the species of special concern as identified in Appendix B Table B-6, DEIR/S, except for the peregrine falcon, least Bell's vireo, and Parish's sidalcea. Surveys for these species will be conducted prior to construction. The California Department of Fish and Game will be consulted concerning appropriate methods for survey as well as appropriate mitigation measures if these species are found on the ROW. Additional mitigation shall be developed and executed by the permittee AAPLP based on these surveys if determined necessary by the <u>Planning and Development Resource Management-Department</u>.</u>

H-17. Raptor Nesting Habitat Survey

Prior to issuance of the Coastal Development Permit and Land Use Permit, a wildlife biologist approved by the <u>Planning and Development</u> Resource Management Department will survey all potential raptor nesting habitats within 0.5 miles of the pipeline, to identify active and inactive nests and potential perch sites cleared by ridge-top construction. No construction will occur within 0.5 miles of active eyries during nesting season as determined by the biologist. Construction may be permitted by the <u>Planning and Development Resource Management Department in consultation with the biologist near inactive nests provided nest sites are not disturbed.</u> Where deemed necessary by the California Department of Fish and <u>Wildlife Game biologists</u>, raptor perch or roost trees will be avoided and/or artificial roosts will be constructed on ridgelines to mitigate losses of such trees resulting from clearing the ROW on ridge tops.

H-18. Construction ROW Through Riparian Habitats

AAPLP The permittee shall limit the width of the construction ROW through all riparian habitats to the extent feasible. AAPLP the permittee shall submit a plan indicating the location and size of the construction ROW through all riparian habitats. These plans shall be approved by the Planning and Development Resource Management Department prior to the Final Development Plan.

H-19. Construction ROW Designed to Avoid Trees

The construction ROW shall be routed to avoid trees to the maximum extent feasible. When this is not possible, dying or diseased trees shall be removed preferentially over healthy trees.

H-20. Suev Canyon Oak Woodland

AAPLP The permittee shall minimize impacts to the oak woodland in the Suey Canyon area. This shall be done by using existing disturbed areas and by narrowing the construction corridor to the extent feasible by working on top of the spoils pile or selectively removing spoils, selectively removing trees (e.g. dying, or diseased trees) and revegetating to enhance re-establishment of oak saplings and/or similar mitigation.

H-21. Los Alisos Creek Crossing

AAPLP The permittee shall align the pipeline route in the vicinity of the Los Alisos Creek crossing in order to minimize the amount of riparian habitat disrupted.

H-22. Parish's Checkermallow Field Survey

Prior to the issuance of the Land Use Permit, a qualified biologist approved by the <u>Planning and Development Resource Management-Department shall conduct a site-specific field survey for the Parish's checkermallow along the approved right-of-way in potential habitat areas in the North County. Should any individuals be found along the right-of-way, <u>AAPLP the permittee</u> shall employ mitigation measures approved by the <u>Planning and Development Resource Management Department to enhance the reestablishment of the species along the ROW (e.g., transplanting individuals).</u></u>

H-23. Gaviota Tarplant Plan

AAPLP The permittee shall minimize impacts to the population of Gaviota tarplant (<u>Hemizonia increscens</u> ssp. <u>villosa</u>) found in the Gaviota area. AAPLP The permittee shall submit a plan to enhance the recovery of this population to the <u>Planning and Development Resource Management</u> Department for approval prior to issuance of the Coastal Development Permit. This plan shall include provisions for ensuring the preservation of the current seed crop and seed stored in topsoil (seed bank) onsite. This shall be done under the supervision of a biologist approved by the <u>Planning and Development Resource Management</u> Department.

H-24. Restoration of Construction Work Areas

Impacts to existing vegetation within the temporary (for construction only) extra work space areas shall be minimized to the extent feasible. All disturbed areas, including temporary extra work spaces, shall be restored and revegetated pursuant to the permittee's AAPLP's approved Restoration, Erosion Control, and Revegetation Plan (Condition H-1). Any grading of the temporary extra work space areas will require a separate Coastal Development Permit.

Use of the temporary (for construction only) extra work space areas on slopes greater than 30 percent shall be limited to spoil placement. Right-of-way restoration and revegetation on slopes greater than 30 percent shall be initiated immediately upon completion of pipeline installation.

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AAPLP The permittee shall implement a project specific revegetation and restoration plan for the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Replacement project. The plan shall include, but not be limited to the following measures:

- Landscaping in the riparian corridor shall consist of native riparian species including willow (*Salix lasiolepis*, *S. laevigata*), mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*), wild blackberry (*Rubus ursinius*), California wild rosa (*Rosa californica*) at a minimum density of 3 feet oncenter. Planting stock shall be obtained from the Gaviota Creek drainage.
- The new plantings shall be irrigated as necessary to promote establishment.
- Plantings shall be fenced or otherwise protected from browsers as deemed necessary by the EQAP monitor.
- Non-native species including tree tobacco (*Nicotiana glauca*), castor bean (*Ricinus comunis*), mustard (*Brassica sp.*), star thistle (*Centaurea sp.*) shall be removed from the creek within the project area.
- Upland areas disturbed by construction shall be recontoured to pre-existing conditions (to the extent feasible) and revegetated consistent with the Restoration, Erosion Control and Revegetation Plan approved for the original pipeline project.

The plan shall include pre-established performance criteria to be used in final evaluation for bond release. **Plan Requirements:** Prior to CDP approval, the applicant shall submit the revegetation and restoration plan, prepared by a Planning and Development approved biologist, to Planning and Development for review and approval. The \$350,000 performance bond already in place for the original project shall cover performance security for the project. **Timing:** The plan must be approved prior to CDP approval. Revegetation and removal of nonnatives shall be done so as to coincide with the onset of seasonal rainfall. **MONITORING:** Planning and Development staff shall site inspect for restoration. Maintenance shall be confirmed through site inspections. (*Mitigation Measure B- 1 and V-1*) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

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AAPLP The permittee shall comply with the mitigative provisions of the following documents:

- NMFS Biological Opinion, December 31, 1998
- USFWS Biological Opinion, January 15, 1999
- ACOE Nationwide Permit, February 22, 1999
- CDFWG Streambed Alteration Agreement, March 26, 1999
- NMFS Biological Opinion, May 31, 2000

These permits and mitigation measures are considered part of AAPLP's the project description. Plan Requirements: These conditions shall be printed on all construction plans. MONITORING: P&D staff to ensure compliance with other agency permits. EQAP monitor to spot check in the field. (Mitigation Measure B-3) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

I. SOCIOECONOMICS

I-1. Oil and Gas Industry-Wide Monitoring and Mitigation Program

The cumulative impacts of oil and gas industry projects are expected to be significant to Santa Barbara County. Therefore AAPLP the permittee shall participate in an oil and gas industry wide monitoring and mitigation program to address socioeconomic impacts identified as significant environmental impacts attributable to their project. For projects such as pipelines, only the construction phase is expected to cause significant impacts, and AAPLP's the permittee's participation in the program shall be limited to that phase. The criteria for allocating the costs of the monitoring and mitigation program and its mitigation requirements will be uniformly applied to all industry participants.

The intent of this program is to obtain realistic information regarding impacts identified in the EIR/EIS, and to allow impacted jurisdictions to require mitigation for project-related impacts. Mitigation of impacts through other planning programs, and/or through existing administrative infrastructure shall be taken into account. The scope of this program is detailed below. As subsequent details in the structure of the Program are developed by the County, such details shall supersede portions of this condition as appropriate.

The purpose of the Monitoring and Mitigation Program is to accurately assess the impacts of the AAPLP's the permittee's proposed development, including those in the following socioeconomic areas:

- a. Temporary housing needs, particularly demand for state and other park campsites, recreational vehicle parks, motel-hotel rooms and rental housing;
- b. Longer term (more than one year) housing needs, particularly low and moderate income housing needs, and associated water demands, south coast Santa Barbara County;
- c. Public finance;
- d. Transportation of workers and materials to and from the site.

At any point when the Board of Supervisors determines that the monitoring program demonstrates that previous mitigation funds paid by AAPLP the permittee exceed the valuation of the impacts at issue, AAPLP the permittee shall be granted a credit against any other current or future mitigation fees imposed on AAPLP the permittee for this permit by the County. AAPLP The permittee shall be entitled to accrued interest at the prevailing legal rate which shall continue to accrue until the credit is used.

The Monitoring and Mitigation Program will be administered and staffed by the County of Santa Barbara, Department of Regional Programs. A Technical Advisory Committee will provide assistance and input in the documentation of significant adverse impacts and proposals to mitigate these significant impacts.

The Technical Advisory Committee will be composed of: two representatives from Santa Barbara's cities appointed by the Mayor's Select Committee and representing north and south county interests; one representative (each) from San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties; and one representative from each affected oil and gas company (to the number of representatives

agreed upon). AAPLP The permittee will be included in the committee until the permittee AAPLP submits its resignation.

In the event of unresolved technical issues in the area of methodology and calculation of socioeconomic impacts, there shall be a Technical Arbitration Group. The Technical Arbitration Group shall be composed of three individuals without ties to either the County or the permittee AAPLP, one to be selected by the County Board of Supervisors, one selected by the oil and gas company representatives and the final member selected by the first two members. All Technical Arbitration Group decisions shall be appealable upon written request to the Board of Supervisors. Subsequent details on voting procedures and conflict resolution will be proposed by the Department of Regional Programs and reviewed by the Board of Supervisors in a noticed public hearing.

Prior to approval of the Final Development Plan for this project, the monitoring and mitigation program will be refined. Based on information in the EIR/EIS and on other data as appropriate, practical thresholds which trigger the necessity for mitigation will be developed and adopted by the Department of Regional Programs with input from the Technical Advisory Committee. These thresholds will recognize the normal growth incorporated in County plans, prior and existing industry activity, and the decline of the industry if no further permitting is allowed. Methodologies used to establish thresholds and impacts will be developed in consultation with the Technical Advisory Committee.

The need for mitigation will be determined when threshold levels are exceeded as shown by monitored activities and other data as appropriate. The Department of Regional Programs will recommend a mitigation action to the County Board of Supervisors. The Technical Advisory Committee will assist in making the assessment and recommendations. The monitoring and mitigation program will continue through all stages of construction.

The monitoring, impact and mitigation elements of the program would be equivalent to those described in the Chevron Gaviota Project conditions, but modified as appropriate for the nature of the pipeline project.

I-2. Housing for Temporary Construction Workers

Prior to approval of the Final Development Plan, AAPLP the permittee shall submit to the County Department of Regional Programs a plan which details how they plan to house temporary construction workers for every month of construction. This plan, to be implemented by the permittee AAPLP, shall demonstrate how AAPLP the permittee plans to reduce the housing impacts identified as part of the plan; e.g. exactly how much housing is needed, where it is needed and for how long; but not limited to, the following examples:

- (a) Use of existing under-utilized hotel/motel space during the months of September through May to provide for temporary living quarters for direct construction workers by month; identification of incentives to all the direct construction workers such as rent subsidies and/or shuttle service to the site.
- (b) Use of any available housing outside the South Coast area for all workers associated with the project during the summer months when visitor-serving facilities in the South Coast

- area are at capacity. Incentives for workers shall be identified such as rent subsidies and shuttle service for all workers commuting to the job site.
- (c) Methods to limit worker use of public campgrounds as living quarters. If it cannot be shown that the impact will be reduced from the estimate, the permittee AAPLP shall make a donation to the California State Parks or to Santa Barbara County Parks for the development of new campsites to offset their worker use of campsites. The donation shall be made prior to receipt of the building permit and determined by multiplying the estimated cost per developed campsite times 15. If it is shown by the Regional Programs Department and the Technical Advisory Committee that there is significant impact, the above-mentioned groups shall propose mitigation.

At any point when the Board of Supervisors determines that the monitoring program demonstrates that previous mitigation funds paid by AAPLP the permittee exceed the valuation of the impacts at issue, AAPLP the permittee shall be granted a credit against any other current or future mitigation fees imposed on AAPLP the permittee for this permit by the County. AAPLP The permittee shall be entitled to accrued interest at the prevailing legal rate which shall continue to accrue until the credit is used.

I-3. Construction During Peak Tourist Seasons

The pipeline construction period will be scheduled so as not to coincide with peak tourist seasons within each construction area in Santa Barbara County, provided that this scheduling does not interfere with any other conditions in this permit with respect to timing, in particular requirements regarding construction during stream and river low-flow. If such a conflict is found, than additional measures must be taken to provide the temporary housing needs for construction workers.

I-4. Deleted.

I-5. Utlization of Local Labor

AAPLP The permittee shall include provisions in its contractor agreements specifically to encourage and promote employment from local labor so as to reduce the impacts associated with the in-migration of workers.

I-6. Project-Related Utilities and Services

Except as otherwise provided herein, if the Socioeconomic Monitoring Program shows that project-related revenues will not compensate for needed capital or operating expenditures necessary to provide project-related utilities and services additional mitigation will be required.

I-7. Distributing Oil Related Revenues

In the event that state and/or federal revenue sharing legislation directed at distributing oil related revenues to state or local governments is approved or Santa Barbara County levies a tax (special or otherwise) on oil and/or gas processed or transported under this permit, then any condition herein requiring payments or other items of value by the permittee AAPLP to Santa Barbara County or any political subdivision thereof shall automatically be suspended pending a review by the County to determine the extent, if any, which the tax, revenue sharing, or any of the fees imposed are

duplicative or unwarranted either as to the level of government services provided or the level of burdens imposed on the public.

J. LAND USE AND RECREATION

J-1. Property Owner Notification of Construction

Prior to construction, the entire pipeline ROW corridor shall be prominently staked. All affected property owners along the pipeline route shall be notified in writing at least 30 days prior to the commencement of any pipeline construction on their property, and at least 15 days in advance of any deviation from the staked corridor which crosses their property.

J-2. Mainline Pipeline Construction Time Lines

All mainline pipeline construction activities except river, perennial coastal stream, and ESH area crossings as specified in condition H-7, once started, shall proceed in a diligent and expeditious manner and shall be completed within nine months after the starting date, subject to necessary and/or unanticipated time extensions approved by County, in consultation with affected property owners.

J-3. Pipeline Construction Work Hours

Pipeline construction activities shall be limited to the period between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Except for emergency services, construction activities shall not take place on Sundays, the dates generally recognized for Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, or any other similarly recognized holiday, unless previous arrangements have been made with the affected property owners.

J-4. Privacy and Security of Property Owners During Construction

Prior to approval of the Final Development Plan, AAPLP the permittee shall consult with affected property owners to develop reasonable and mutually satisfactory controls for maintaining the privacy and security of affected properties while construction is in progress.

J-5. Property Owner Notification of Construction Within 48 Hours

Unless easements have been obtained from affected property owners or unless otherwise agreed to by affected property owners, AAPLP the permittee shall provide affected property owners written notice at least 48 hours prior to the start of construction on their property, which shall include:

a) Description of vehicles using roads on the property, including type, size, identification, proposed times of entry and departure, destinations, and the intended route to the destination. (Fire, medical, or similar emergency vehicles can enter as necessary.) Significant changes in the schedule of construction-related vehicular traffic shall be allowed within the 48-hour advance noticing subject to direct communication (e.g. telephone, personal communication) by AAPLP the permittee with the affected property owners;

- b) Description of estimated construction schedule across the property. Any blasting necessary during construction shall be noticed to all property owners within a one mile radius of the blasting area;
- c) Description of times of limited access through and across the property, such as road closures on the property, indicating specific location, time and duration of the limited access or closure. Road closure is considered to include partial road blockage or disturbance. Suitable vehicular by-pass shall be provided during all closures;
- d) Description of any probable hazard or other unsafe condition during the pipeline construction period, indicating the nature of the hazard, the area in which the condition will occur, and the time and duration of the activity. AAPLP—The permittee and its contractors shall take prompt and adequate action to correct any hazard or damage that does occur during construction, and shall provide appropriate noticing as per other parts of this condition;
- e) Description of helicopter and/or vehicle reconnaissance schedules for pipeline maintenance, indicating times, stops, and duration. AAPLP The permittee shall establish and enforce appropriate rules for its personnel and its contractors to assure that they will not be in the area except when necessary to carry out construction, inspection, repair and maintenance activities, or emergency services;
- f) Description of schedule for cutting any fences or similar barriers during pipeline construction.

J-6. Deleted.

J-7. Property Owner's Fences/Barriers During Construction

Unless easements have been obtained from affected property owners or unless otherwise agreed to by affected property owners if and when fences or other similar barriers must be cut during pipeline construction, AAPLP the permittee shall provide advance notice to the affected property owner, and shall replace the function of the cut fence before the cut is made to the satisfaction of the property owner, and AAPLP the permittee and its contractors shall restore all fences that have been cut, moved, or damaged to at least their condition prior to pipeline construction, except that gates or similar structures may be added as approved to provide access.

J-8. Utility Lines and Services During Construction

Interruption of telephone, electrical power, water or other utility services shall be minimized to the extent feasible during the pipeline construction period. The permittee AAPLP, or its contractors, shall contact each property owner or the appropriate utility regarding the location of utility lines, and all such utility line locations shall be staked by the permittee AAPLP or its contractors prior to the start of construction on the affected property.

J-9. Compliance with All Applicable County Statutes, Etc.

During the pipeline construction period in the County, the permittee AAPLP and its contractors shall comply fully with all applicable statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, including traffic regulations, of the County.

J-10. Proof of ROW Prior to Construction

Prior to entering upon any parcel of property for purposes of commencing construction, <u>the permittee AAPLP</u> shall demonstrate to the <u>Planning and Development Resource Management</u> Department that it has obtained a right-of-way for such parcel or otherwise has obtained the right to enter the property for purposes of constructing the pipeline.

J-11. Restricted Use of ROW After Construction

Following installation of the pipeline, use of the right-of-way is restricted to operational maintenance of the pipeline except where expressly permitted by the easement or landowner and consistent with other regulations and conditions.

J-12

AAPLP The permittee shall implement the sign plan approved by State Parks, and dated August 11, 2000, prior to beginning work on the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Relocation project. **MONITORING:** EQAP monitor to check in field. (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

K. TRANSPORTATION

K-1. Worker Transportation Program

Prior to issuance of the Coastal Development Permit and Land Use Permit, AAPLP the permittee shall submit to the Planning and Development Resource Management Department and the Department of Public Works, Road Division a worker transportation program designed to minimize traffic-related impacts. The plan shall identify on- and off-site parking areas, access routes, shuttle program to reduce number of working vehicles on and along pipeline construction corridor, measures to avoid traffic conflicts with residents using all roads affected, number of vehicles accessing the facilities sites and incentives for ride-pooling/van-pooling to the sites. Construction worker traffic and parking shall not interfere with normal and reasonable uses of private property or recreational areas. This Construction Traffic Mitigation Plan shall be submitted by AAPLP the permittee and approved by County prior to initiation of construction. The program must consider both AAPLP's the permittee employees and contractors.

K-2. Permanent Parking Areas at the Pump Stations

Any new permanent parking areas at the pump stations shall be screened from public view pursuant to the landscape plan approved by the Board of Architectural Review.

K-3. Engineering Plans for All Pipeline Crossings of County Roads

The final engineering plans and procedures for all pipeline crossings of County roads must be approved prior to issuance of the Land Use Permit and Coastal Development Permit by the Department of Public Works. Notification of such approval must be submitted to the <u>Planning</u> and Development Resource Management Department prior to construction at the site.

K-4. Pipeline Construction Activity Limited to ROW

All pipeline construction activity, except ingress and egress along routes approved by the <u>Planning and Development</u> Resource Management Department and in consultation with affected property owners, shall be limited to the final staked right-of-way on the final approved pipeline route. Use of any private roads or other areas shall be allowed only after advance approval from the affected property owners.

K-5. Mitigation Plan for Impacted County Roads

Prior to the Final Development Plan, AAPLP the permittee must submit to the Public Works Department for approval a plan to mitigate impacts to all County roads which will be used during construction. This plan will include the type of vehicles and machinery which will traverse the roads, the frequency of road use for each piece of equipment and vehicle, and the gross vehicle weights loaded and unloaded. This includes the above information for trucks carrying pipe, fuel, construction supplies, or construction crews through the County to the construction spreads. This plan shall include an agreement with the County to repair any obvious damage to the satisfaction of the Public Works Director and any reasonable fees associated with eventual reconstruction caused by project-related damages of the public roads. Prior to drafting this agreement, County shall coordinate with AAPLP the permittee in compiling a list of County roads which will be used for construction of the pipeline. AAPLP The permittee shall demonstrate property owner (or Court) approval of private road maintenance plans or terms on privately owned parcels to the Planning and Development Resource Management and Public Works Department prior to entering upon said parcels for purposes of commencing construction.

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If repairs are necessary to roads used by construction equipment for the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Relocation project, AAPLP the permittee shall either complete the repairs or provide funding as determined by State Parks, County Public Works or Caltrans. **MONITORING:** EQAP monitor to visually inspect roads before and after the construction period. (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

K-7

AAPLP The permittee shall provide workers at the access road gate and the work site to manage traffic by radio for the duration of the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Relocation project. AAPLP The permittee shall coordinate with PAPCO/PANGL and any subcontractor normally requiring access to the site. MONITORING: EQAP monitor to check in field. (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

L. CULTURAL RESOURCES

L-1. Cultural Resources Surveys Plan

Prior to approval of the Final Development Plan, <u>AAPLP</u> the <u>permittee</u> shall submit a plan detailing the methods for the Phase I (walkover) and Phase II (site importance assessment) cultural resources surveys. In addition, <u>AAPLP</u> the <u>permittee</u> shall submit all Phase I cultural work completed to date. These reports shall be approved by the <u>Planning and Development Resource Management</u> Department as part of the Final Development Plan. Prior to issuance of the Land Use

Permit and Coastal Development Permit, <u>AAPLP</u> the permittee shall complete Phase I and Phase II cultural resource surveys for the entire route. The results of these surveys shall be approved by the <u>Planning and Development Resource Management</u> Department prior to issuance of said permits. <u>AAPLP The permittee</u> shall avoid to the maximum extent feasible all known cultural resource sites along the pipeline route unless safety (e.g. seismic or engineering practices) considerations or sensitive biological habitats preclude avoidance.

L-2. Cultural Resources Mitigation Plan

Prior to issuance of the Coastal Development Permit and Land Use Permit, the permittee AAPLP, in consultation with the Native American Community, shall commence the cultural resources mitigation plan, in accordance with CEQA Appendix K, County approved Prehistoric Archaeological Guidelines, and section 4.1.1.11, Cultural Resources, of the EIR/EIS. Implementation of the mitigation plan shall proceed on an expeditious and effective schedule in order to minimize or to avoid conflicts with other construction scheduling requirements delineated in other permit conditions. The main components of the mitigation plan shall include:

- a) Selection of a qualified archaeologist by the County Resource Management Department in consultation with Native American representatives. The archaeologist shall be available on an as-needed basis through the completion of pipeline construction. The archaeologist shall be funded by AAPLP the permittee and shall be responsible to the County Planning and Development Resource Management Department. Compensation shall cover all excavation, analysis, and report preparation for all areas investigated including those found during construction;
- b) Avoidance of known sites wherever feasible;
- c) Test excavations of known sites that cannot be avoided. These test excavations will assess the importance of each site according to CEQA Appendix K criteria or other requirements and will result in appropriate data recovery as a mitigation measure;
- d) Inclusion of Native American representatives in all field activities;
- e) Additional sub-surface sampling (use of shovel test pits) in defined sensitive areas which will be affected by project construction to confirm the presence/absence of previously unknown (undiscovered) sites. This will include surveying of proposed construction access road areas, once identified by the permittee AAPLP. Any new sites found shall be treated as per condition L-2(b, c);
- f) Following the determination of site importance, AAPLP the permittee shall inform the County of any additional plans for site avoidance. For those sites not avoided, the consulting archaeologist shall, in consultation with the Native American community, prepare site-specific mitigation (excavation/data recovery) plans; and
- g) Implementation and completion of the field work aspects of the site-specific mitigation plans prior to construction in the vicinity of the resource.

L-3. Pre-Construction Workshop with Native Americans

Prior to pipeline installation activities, AAPLP the permittee shall sponsor a workshop for its pipeline contractors and Native American consultants to review and explain the mutual concerns and activities of the parties during pipeline installation work.

L-4. Archaeologist and Native American On-Site During Construction

During pipeline installation, a <u>Planning and Development</u> Resource Management Department approved archaeologist and Native American consultant(s) will work with the contractor during trenching to insure continued avoidance. Adequate monitors shall be provided pursuant to an agreement between the Native American representatives and <u>the permittee AAPLP</u>, and the archaeologist retained.

L-5. Ownership of Non-Burial Associated Cultural Resource Artifacts

If non-burial associated cultural resource artifacts are recovered during pipeline installation (the location of such artifacts being unknown prior to installation), ownership of such artifacts shall be the option of either the permittee AAPLP, the Native American Community, or the archaeological community. In recognizing the origin of the materials, the Native American Community shall have the first option for ownership. The disposition of the artifacts shall be carried out as per the approved County guidelines.

L-6. Burial Associated Artifacts Found During Construction

If burials or burial associated artifacts are found during installation (that were unknown prior to excavation), and cannot be avoided because of safety considerations, there shall be no further excavation or disturbance of the site. The permittee AAPLP, in conjunction with the Native American representatives and the Planning and Development Resource Management Department, shall adhere to the guidelines in CEQA Appendix K and the County Archaeological guidelines prior to continued construction activity in the site area.

L-7. Phase II Cultural Resource Guidelines

If the County cultural resource guidelines for Phase II are modified and approved prior to November 19, 1985, AAPLP the permittee shall abide by the requirements set forth in the guidelines in place at the time of Final Development Plan approval.

L-8

For the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Relocation project, construction envelopes shall be restricted to those areas shown on the site plans dated 8/4/99, in order to avoid impacts to the cultural resources. No construction, earth disturbance or construction equipment shall occur or operate outside of these areas. Subsurface structures including septic systems and utilities and accessways including roads, driveways and utilities shall not be placed outside the envelopes. Envelope boundaries shall be staked in the field. Prior to vegetation removal, the proposed easternmost staging area must be delineated and an archaeologist must verify that the staging area is not located over either of CA-SBA-2067/H's recorded historic adobe foundations or that adequate matting (as determined by the Gaviota State Park's archaeologist) is placed over the foundations. Plan Requirements: Construction envelopes shall be shown on all grading and building plans. This condition shall be noted on all final plans to describe the activities disallowed outside the approved envelopes. **Timing:** Construction drawings shall be submitted to Planning and Development prior to CDP. Envelopes shall be staked prior to start of grading or structural development. **MONITORING:** During plan check, the planner shall ensure that all construction is to occur within approved envelopes. Staking shall be checked during pre-construction meeting. Planning and Development's EQAP monitor and planners shall inspect and photo document during all construction phases to ensure development is confined to construction envelopes and that staking remains in place during site grading and

construction. (Mitigation Measure AR-1) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

L-9

At the commencement of project construction for the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Replacement Project, the archaeological monitor shall give all workers associated with earth-disturbing procedures an orientation regarding the possibility of exposing unexpected cultural remains and directions as to what steps are to be taken if such a find_is encountered. **MONITORING:** EQAP monitor to verify orientation is conducted at meeting. (Mitigation Measure AR-2) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

L-10

For the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Replacement project, all earth disturbances including scarification and placement of fill within the archaeological site area shall be monitored by a Planning and Development-qualified archaeologist and a Native American Consultant pursuant to County Archaeological Guidelines. **Plan Requirements and Timing:** Prior to commencing work, a contract or Letter of Commitment between the applicant and the archaeologist, consisting of a project description and scope of work, shall be prepared. The scope of work must be submitted to Planning and Development for review and comment. **MONITORING:** Planning and Development planners shall confirm monitoring by archaeologist and Planning and Development's EQAP monitor shall spot check field work. (*Mitigation Measure AR-3*) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

L-11

In the event archaeological remains are encountered during grading for the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Replacement project, work shall be stopped immediately or redirected until a Planning and Development qualified archaeologist and Native American representative are retained by the applicant to evaluate the significance of the find pursuant to Phase 2 investigations of the County Archaeological Guidelines. If remains are found to be significant, they shall be subject to a Phase 3 mitigation program consistent with County Archaeological Guidelines and funded by the applicant. **Plan Requirements/Timing:** This condition shall be printed on construction drawings and submitted to Planning and Development prior to CDP. **MONITORING:** EQAP monitor shall spot check in the field. (*Mitigation Measure AR-4*) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

L-12

If human remains are unearthed during the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Replacement project, State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 requires that no further disturbance shall occur until the County Coroner has made the necessary findings as to origin and disposition pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. If the remains are determined to be of Native American descent, the coroner has 24 hours to notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC). The NAHC will then contact the most likely descendent of the deceased Native American. **Plan Requirements/Timing:** This condition shall be printed on construction drawings. **MONITORING:** EQAP monitor shall spot check in the field. (*Mitigation Measure AR-5*) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

M. VISUAL RESOURCES

M-1. Board of Architectural Review Approval

All facility design (e.g. pump stations, landscaping and signs), shall be in accordance with a plan approved by the County Board of Architectural Review (BAR) including the criteria outlined in the Coastal Zoning Ordinance Section 35-87.9 and Section 35-184. Prior to the issuance of the Land Use Permit and Coastal Development Permit, AAPLP the permittee shall submit to the BAR and the Planning and Development Resource Management Department and obtain their approval of a plan demonstrating that Conditions M-2 through M-5 are met. For visual screening of surface equipment along the pipeline route, AAPLP the permittee shall consult with each affected property owner during development of the associated landscaping plan.

M-2. Exterior Lighting

No unobstructed or unshielded beam of exterior lighting shall be directed towards any area outside the exterior boundaries of AAPLP's PPC's property or easement. Any lighting along roadways within the project shall utilize low intensity, ground level, shielded fixtures. The plan shall demonstrate that all feasible measures have been taken to reduce obtrusive night lighting and glow from the pump stations.

M-3. Pump Station Facilities Lighting

To the extent feasible no glare or other radiation resulting from pump station facilities, other than lighting fixtures constructed pursuant to this Development Plan, shall be detectable at any point along or outside the required screening along exterior boundaries of the pump stations.

M-4. Painting of Pump Stations Prior to Pipeline Operation

Prior to the pipeline operation, the Gaviota pump station, visible from Highway 101 and the Gaviota Village, the Sisquoc pump station visible from public viewshed, and all above ground portions of the pipeline shall be painted to harmonize with the surrounding area.

M-5. Visibility of Above-Surface Structures

No above-surface structures except necessary pipeline markers, pump stations, cathodic test stations, necessary fencing, and block valves shall be visible along this route after the completion of pipeline construction. Signs shall not detract from scenic areas or views from public roads to the extent feasible.

M-6. Determination of ROW in Gaviota State Park

Prior to construction, AAPLP the permittee will review the feasibility of implementing mitigation measures and/or realignments in the Gaviota State Park area to avoid blasting of ridgetops and alteration of topography in a scenic area. AAPLP The permittee shall submit a plan to the Planning and Development Resource Management Department, for review and approval, which identifies the feasibility of shifting the ROW alignment to the west, leaving the ridge profile undisturbed. The plan shall include an investigation of utilizing prefabricated pipeline bends to allow for alignment around ridgetops, the use of stepped benches in steep terrain, and the future use of such a corridor for additional pipelines.

M-7

Any exterior night lighting installed on the project site for the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Replacement project shall be of low intensity, low glare design, and shall be hooded to direct light downward onto the project site and prevent spill-over onto adjacent areas, especially U.S. Highway 101. In addition, AAPLP the permittee shall consult with Caltrans on the location and type of lighting to be used to ensure it does not present a traffic hazard. Plan Requirements and Timing: This requirement shall be printed on all construction drawings prior to issuance of Coastal Development Permit (CDP). AAPLP The permittee shall provide Planning and Development with a letter documenting their coordination efforts with Caltrans prior to CDP. MONITORING: EQAP monitor to confirm no impacts from night lighting. (Mitigation Measure V-2) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

N. NOISE

N-1. Noise Monitoring and Control Plan

Prior to issuance of the Coastal Development Permit and Land Use Permit, AAPLP-the permittee shall file with the Planning and Development Resource Management Department a Noise Monitoring and Control Plan which has been approved previously by the Department of Health Care Services and the Planning and Development Resource Management Department. The plan shall describe the best efforts AAPLP the permittee shall take to reduce the noise impacts of the project both during construction and operation of the project. The approved plan shall be implemented by AAPLP the permittee and shall be followed until temporarily suspended or deemed no longer necessary by the Planning and Development Resource Management Department. The plan shall include provisions to ensure that items N-2 through N-6 below are included.

N-2. Sound Levels During Operation

Except for motor vehicles and motorized construction equipment, all facilities shall be designed, constructed, operated and maintained such that sound levels during operation do not exceed 70 dbA at or beyond the property line or pipeline easement, as measured on the "A" weighted scale at slow response on approved sound level measuring instruments. Affected property owners along the pipeline route shall be notified by AAPLP PPC at least 48 hours in advance of any planned testing or maintenance of the line which may exceed noise standards. The facility shall comply with all standards established in the Noise Element of the Comprehensive Plan and the Coastal Zoning Ordinance. No residents, teachers, students and staff at the Vista del Mar School shall be subjected to greater than a 9 dbA increment above the baseline ambient noise level, nor greater than a 3 dbA increase in day-night sound levels. The best available technology, including but not limited to muffling equipment, sound barriers, and landscaping measures shall be used to minimize operational noise impacts.

N-3. Project-Related Noise During Construction

During the construction and operation phases, project-related noise at the Gaviota State Park, Vista del Mar School, Buellton area, or other points which may be impacted (as determined by the Health Care Services Director), shall be minimized between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Prior to construction in the impacted areas, AAPLP the permittee will notify all residents within 1200 feet of the pipeline that noise impacts may occur during specific construction periods. Noise

shall be limited to 50 dbA between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., consistent with the County Noise Element and the Coastal Zoning Ordinance. Blasting shall be limited to the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and directional charges shall be used to minimize noise.

N-4. Noise Generating Activities During Construction

As determined by the Resource Management Planning and Development Department, noise generating project activities (including delivery of construction equipment through residential areas) shall be restricted between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. If complaints arise concerning activities occurring during these hours, AAPLP the permittee shall take additional feasible steps to reduce the noise levels or further restrict the offending activity.

N-5. Helicopter and Aircraft Noise

Prior to approval of the Final Development Plan, AAPLP the permittee shall submit to the Director of the Planning and Development Resource Management Department procedures that AAPLP the permittee will take to minimize noise impacts from helicopters, or other aircraft during the aerial surveys of pipeline. The procedures, to be approved by the Planning and Development Resource Management Department, shall specify overflight routes to be taken to minimize noise impacts to the community and other feasible measures. AAPLP The permittee shall direct its contractors to abide by the helicopter procedures and shall take reasonable corrective action if complaints arise concerning the use of helicopters. Subject to flight safety considerations, AAPLP the permittee shall avoid helicopter flights over residential areas.

N-6. Operation-Related Equipment Noise

All construction and operation-related equipment shall be operated and maintained to minimize noise generation, ground vibration, and to avoid interference with radio or video communications.

N-7

For the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Replacement project, construction activity for site preparation and for future development shall be limited to the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. No construction shall occur on State holidays (e.g. Thanksgiving, Labor Day). Construction equipment maintenance shall be limited to the same hours. Non-noise generating construction activities are not subject to these restrictions. For the final pipeline segment tie in activities, work may continue beyond these hours as authorized by State Parks. Plan Requirements: This condition shall be printed on construction drawings. MONITORING: EQAP monitor shall spot check and respond to complaints. (Mitigation Measure N-1) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

O. ABANDONMENT

O-1. Removal of Pipeline and Pump Stations Upon Permanent Shut Down

Immediately following permanent shut down of the pipeline, <u>AAPLP PPC</u> shall remove abandoned pump stations and unburied portions of the pipeline within Santa Barbara County constructed under this permit, recontour the site and revegetate the site in accordance with a County approved revegetation plan within one year of permanent shut down. <u>AAPLP PPC</u> shall

post a performance bond to insure compliance, or continue to pay property taxes as assessed during project operation until site restoration is complete, as determined by the County.

P. SYSTEMS SAFETY AND RELIABILITY

P-1. SSRRC Review of Diagrams

AAPLP The permittee shall submit all appropriate pump station, valve, and pipeline construction and process diagrams to a System Safety and Reliability Review Committee (SSRRC) who may employ a third-party technical review in order to evaluate pipeline design and help identify possible design hazards prior to construction. The System Safety and Reliability Review Committee shall consist of a representative from the County Public Works Department, the APCD, the County Fire Department, County Flood Control District and the Planning and Development Resource Management—Department. All reasonable costs associated with any County review shall be borne by AAPLP the permittee. AAPLP The permittee shall be entitled to participate fully in the review process. If the review reveals a concern, the SSRRC shall share its findings with AAPLP the permittee. If AAPLP the permittee does not agree with the findings, the County's recourse is with the Department of Transportation, Office of Pipeline Safety for areas of pipeline construction under the jurisdiction of 49 CFR Part 195 (Transportation of Hazardous Liquids by Pipeline), with the exception of areas/issues agreed to by AAPLP the permittee and the County.

P-2. Safety Inspection, Maintenance and Quality Assurance Program

AAPLP The permittee shall submit a detailed Safety Inspection, Maintenance and Quality Assurance Program for the pump stations, valves, and the pipeline which shall be implemented during construction and operations. The Program shall include, but not be limited to, inspection of construction techniques, regular maintenance and safety inspections, periodic safety audits, corrosion monitoring and leak detection, inspections of all trucks carrying hazardous and/or flammable material.

The construction section of the Program shall be reviewed by the System Safety and Reliability Review Committee and/or its consultants prior to issuance of the Coastal Development Permit and Land Use Permit. AAPLP The permittee shall fund a full-time U.S. Department of Transportation (or designated representative) pipeline inspector during pipeline construction phase activities. The operations section of the Program shall be reviewed by the System Safety and Reliability Review Committee and/or its consultants prior to start-up. The Program shall be submitted sufficiently prior to AAPLP's the permittee' s projected start-up date so as to allow reasonable time for staff review. All costs associated with this review process shall be borne by AAPLP the permittee. Should the Committee find fault with these submissions, it will indicate its concerns to AAPLP the permittee. If AAPLP the permittee_decides not to modify its plans to meet these concerns, the County's recourse is with the Department of Transportation, Office of Pipeline Safety for all areas under the jurisdiction of 49 CFR Part 195 (Transportation of Hazardous Liquids by Pipeline). In such a case, County shall timely notify DOT of review findings. Permits may not be withheld or suspended due to County concerns which are under the jurisdiction of 49 CFR Part 195 (Transportation of Hazardous Liquids by Pipeline), with the exception of areas/issues agreed to by AAPLP the permittee and the County.

P-3. Emergency Response Plan

AAPLP The permittee shall submit an Emergency Response Plan detailing response procedures to be implemented by AAPLP the permittee for accidental events affecting public safety and the environment. This plan shall be based on a comprehensive risk analysis reviewed by the System Safety and Reliability Committee (condition P-1). The plan shall be reviewed and approved by the County Emergency Services Coordinator, the Fire Department, and the Planning and Development Resource Management Department prior to start-up. Approval of the Plan shall be based on its consistency with the County's Area-Wide Oil and Gas Emergency Response Plan. The Program shall be submitted sufficiently prior to AAPLP's the permittee projected start-up date so as to allow reasonable time for staff review. AAPLP The permittee shall demonstrate the effectiveness of the Emergency Response Plan by responding to one emergency response drill prior to or immediately after start-up.

P-4. Funding the County Emergency Response Plan

In order to assure that County emergency response procedures adequately interface with the AAPLP the permittee's emergency response procedures, AAPLP the permittee shall provide its reasonable pro-rata share of funds to the County, to develop and implement a feasible County Emergency Response Plan for oil and gas industry related emergencies. As appropriate, the County shall request funds from other oil industry operators to aid in funding of the County Emergency Response Plan. When available, the Planning and Development Resource Management Department shall provide the permittee AAPLP with an estimate of the pro rata share of funds to be provided by AAPLP the permittee and the method for allocating such costs among other operators.

P-5. Oil Spill Contingency Plan

AAPLP The permittee shall submit an Oil Spill Contingency Plan detailing cleanup procedures and restoration procedures to be employed in the event of a spill. This plan shall be reviewed and approved by the Planning and Development Resource Management Department and the County Emergency Services Coordinator prior to start-up. The Program shall be submitted sufficiently prior to the permittee AAPLP's projected start-up date so as to allow reasonable time for staff review. Procedures and techniques shall be selected to augment the Emergency Response Plan. The intent of the Oil Spill Contingency Plan is to detail spill site restoration subsequent to emergency response. The plan shall be approved based on its consistency with the intent of the condition "to detail site restoration subsequent to emergency response."

P-6. Site Security Plan

Prior to approval of the Final Development Plan, AAPLP the permittee shall submit to the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department for review and approval a site security plan. The plan shall describe procedures to be implemented by AAPLP the permittee which will prevent intentional damage to facilities which may result in environmental damage or public safety hazards.

P-7. Temporary County Fire Company

AAPLP The permittee shall cooperate with Chevron as necessary to facilitate the establishment of a temporary County fire company until the completion of the fire station (as specified in Chevron

condition P-9). Prior to issuance of the Coastal Development Permit and Land Use Permit, the County Emergency Response Coordinator and Fire Department must be satisfied that provisions have been made to establish an operational fire company in the project area.

P-8. Cooperation with Chevron for Gaviota Area Fire Station

Prior to approval of the Final Development Plan, AAPLP the permittee shall agree to participate in a plan to be submitted to the County Fire Department by Chevron USA Inc., for the construction, manning and equipping of a fire station in the Gaviota area. The permittee AAPLP shall contribute their pro rata share of the cost of implementing this plan. When available, the Planning and Development Resource Management Department shall provide AAPLP the permittee with an estimate of the pro rata share of funds to be provided by AAPLP the permittee and the method for allocating such costs among other operators.

P-9. Fire Protection Plan for the Pump Stations

Prior to Final Development Plan, AAPLP the permittee shall submit to and obtain conceptual approval from the Fire Department, a Fire Protection Plan for the pump station locations. Final approval shall be obtained prior to start-up. Criteria to be addressed shall be obtained from the County Fire Department.

P-10 Transporting LPGs and NGLs Through Pipelines

Prior to approval of the Final Development Plan, AAPLP the permittee shall assess the feasibility of transporting liquefied petroleum gases and natural gas liquids, (LPGs and NGLs) through the proposed pipeline by blending and/or batching, considering industry-wide projected volumes and market destinations of the gas liquids. AAPLP the permittee shall report to the Planning and Development Resource Management Department the results of this assessment, and this information shall include all technological and safety constraints involved, amount and type of additional storage facilities needed, and the degree to which LPGs and NGLs produced in the area can be transported through the AAPLP's pipeline. AAPLP PPC shall transport the NGLs through this pipeline, to the extent feasible within safety and legal constraints as identified by the report and as requested by the users. In addition, under the reporting provisions of Condition C-1, AAPLP PPC shall inform the County of the types and amounts of gas liquids shipped in the pipeline during operations.

P-11. Vista del Mar School Accommodation

If the Vista del Mar School has not been relocated or is located at a site where it could be impacted by construction activities, prior to approval of the Final Development Plan, AAPLP the permittee and the Board Trustees of the Vista Del Mar School District shall develop a reasonable and mutually agreeable construction plan for the pump station site and pipelines adjacent to the site that will minimize construction-related noise, air pollution, and visual disturbance to the School during school hours. Said construction plan shall include the following: Pipeline construction noise near the School shall be held to ambient noise levels or construction shall occur only when school is not in session; to prevent exceedance of the California one-hour NO₂ standard, construction schedules must be modified to minimize overlapping of equipment emissions; and, during construction of the pipeline, activities nearest the school shall be scheduled when school is not in session in accordance with Condition B-5 and temporary barriers shall be erected around

noisiest activities. No grading for the Gaviota pump station shall occur during School session hours.

In the event that any agreements contained herein cannot be reached on the construction plan, the Board of Supervisors shall arbitrate any dispute.

P-12. Deleted.

P-13. Communication at the Operations Control Center and Activated Valves

AAPLP The permittee will design the pipeline such that the entire pipeline will have effective control communication between the operations control center and all remotely activated valves. Any break, rupture, and/or damage to the pipeline shall result in the orderly shutdown of the pumping operations, and will activate the shut off valves, if appropriate, in a manner which will minimize environmental damage.

P-14. Compliance with the Watershed Fire Protection Plan

During construction of the pipeline in fire sensitive areas, <u>AAPLP the permittee</u> shall meet or exceed applicable guidelines and requirements set forth in a Watershed Fire Protection Plan provided by the combined local fire protection agencies, Santa Barbara County Fire, U.S. Forest Service, and the California Department of Forestry. This shall include, but not be limited to: modifications of welding operations, required fire patrolman position(s), firefighting equipment, and construction restrictions due to extreme fire weather.

P-15. Compliance with the National Fire Protection Association Standards

All facilities, construction activities and equipment shall comply with National Fire Protection Association standards.

P-16. Map of Finished Pipeline Route

Upon completion of pipeline construction, AAPLP the permittee shall provide all jurisdictional agencies (S.B. County Fire, USFS, CDF) with at least two copies of maps showing the finished pipeline route and shall include locations accessible by fire department emergency response vehicles. Said maps shall be 7 1/2 minute quadrangle scale, (one inch equals 24,000 inches), and shall represent topographical features.

P-17. Compliance with the 1982 Uniform Fire Code

AAPLP The permittee shall be subject to required fire department inspections during and after construction as set forth by the 1982 Uniform Fire Code and these conditions.

P-18. Alternative Pipeline Corridor Alignments

Prior to approval of the Final Development Plan, AAPLP the permittee shall designate alternative pipeline corridor alignments which avoid the two potentially impacted, proposed alternative permanent relocation school sites now under study by the Vista del Mar Union School District. These proposed alternative locations are the State Park at Las Cruces, and the Tajiguas Ranch

property. County shall review and approve said alternative alignments as part of the Final Development Plan and AAPLP the permittee shall implement the appropriate alternative alignment depending on the permanent school relocation site chosen by the Vista del Mar School District.

P-19. PCB Contamination at Canada de la Huerta

Prior to initiation of any pipeline construction at Canada de la Huerta, AAPLP the permittee shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of Environmental Health Services that either: (1) no PCB contamination exists in the road and fill area across which the pipeline alignment is proposed; or, (2) that any PCB contamination detected has been adequately remediated. AAPLP the permittee shall submit verification of Environmental Health Services' approval for construction to the Planning and Development Resource Management Department prior to issuance of the Coastal Development Permit for pipeline construction in the Canada de la Huerta area.

P-20. Soil Tests at the Booster Pump Site

To determine the potential for hazardous materials contamination, AAPLP <u>the permittee</u> shall conduct soil tests at the booster pump site prior to construction, in coordination with the County Environmental Health Services Division.

P-21. Texaco's Emergency Access Road

AAPLP the permittee shall not operate construction equipment on Texaco's emergency access road except to gain access to and from the construction site.

P-22

AAPLP the permittee shall coordinate with PAPCO/PANGL to stake their pipelines prior to any excavation work for the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Relocation project. Also, AAPLP the permittee shall stake their existing 30" crude oil line prior to any excavation work. Plan Requirements: This condition shall be printed on construction drawings. MONITORING: The EQAP monitor shall verify that the pipelines have been staked prior to construction. (Mitigation Measure R-2) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

P-23

For the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Relocation project, if necessary, equipment needed within the creekbed should access the site from the west side so as not to cross the existing oil and gas lines. **Plan Requirements:** This condition shall be printed on construction drawings. **MONITORING:** EQAP monitor to verify compliance in the field. (*Mitigation Measure R-3*)(adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

P-24

If any discolored or contaminated soil is encountered during construction of the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Relocation project, AAPLP the permittee shall suspend work activities in the immediate area and report to Protection Services Division (PSD) and the Energy Division immediately. PSD shall inspect the site with AAPLP the permittee and shall determine the extent of the contamination. AAPLP the permittee shall proceed as directed by PSD and the Energy Division should contamination be found. Such direction may include preparation of a Site

Assessment and Work Plan, and site remediation if deemed necessary. **Plan Requirements:** This condition shall be printed on construction drawings. **MONITORING:** EQAP monitor to verify compliance in the field. (*Mitigation Measure R-4*) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

P-25

Portable catch basins shall be placed beneath cut points prior to and for the duration of cutting activities for the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Relocation project. A vacuum truck shall be onsite until all pipeline drainage and repair operations are completed. **Plan Requirements:** These requirements shall be printed on construction drawings. **MONITORING:** EQAP monitor to verify compliance in the field. (*Mitigation Measure R-5*) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

P-26

Following installation of the new pipeline segment at Gaviota Creek, use of the right-of –way shall be restricted to the pipeline easement. **MONITORING:** EQAP monitor to spot check in the field. (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

P-27

AAPLP The permittee shall, at all times during construction of the new pipeline segment at Gaviota Creek, provide onsite fire protection (water tanker, shovels and fire extinguishers). **Plan Requirements:** This condition shall be printed on construction drawings. **MONITORING:** EQAP monitor to spot check in the field. (*Mitigation Measure F-1*) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

P-28

For the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Replacement project, a fire watch shall be maintained for at least one half hour after completion of cutting or welding operations to detect and extinguish smoldering fires if operations occur within 10 feet of combustibles. Hot work permits and fire watch operations shall be coordinated through County Fire. **Plan Requirements:** This condition shall be printed on construction drawings. **MONITORING:** EQAP monitor to monitor in the field. (*Mitigation Measure F-2*) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

P-29

If welding trucks are used for the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Replacement project, the vehicles shall be inspected and a permit issued at Fire Station 18. This would ensure that all hoses are adequate, a fire extinguisher is available, and a spark arrester is installed on any motor. **Plan Requirements:** AAPLP The permittee to acquire a permit from Station 18. **MONITORING:** EQAP monitor to verify permit received prior to construction. (Mitigation Measure F-3) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

P-30

AAPLP The permittee shall notify the Fire Department at least 48 hours before construction may begin for the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Replacement project. **Plan Requirements:** This condition shall be printed on construction drawings. **MONITORING:** EQAP monitor to verify prior to construction. (*Mitigation Measure F-4*) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

P-31

AAPLP The permittee shall clear vegetation 10 feet on each side of the PAPCO/PANGL vault access road, staging areas, and along access portions of the AAPLP-pipeline right-of-way to 6 inches prior to construction of the Gaviota Creek Pipeline Lowering and Replacement Project. Vegetation near the cultural site at the Road 28 gate shall be hand cut to avoid adverse impacts to the site. Plan Requirements: This condition shall be printed on construction drawings. MONITORING: EQAP monitor to field check prior to construction. (Mitigation Measure F-5) (adopted by the Planning Commission on September 6, 2000)

Q. FACILITY DESIGN

Q-1. Demonstration of Compliance

The Final Development Plan shall demonstrate compliance with Santa Barbara County Coastal Zoning Ordinance, and other applicable County Ordinances to the extent required by this permit.

Q-2. Energy Conservation Techniques

Cost effective energy conservation techniques shall be incorporated into project design.

Q-3. Common Carrier Pipeline

AAPLP's PPC's facilities will be operated as a common carrier pipeline with access for use available on a nondiscriminatory basis. County retains the right to verify that the use of the facilities is conforming with County policies on consolidation and to impose additional reasonable permit conditions where necessary to assure these policies are being fulfilled to the extent feasible. The intent of this condition is to ensure the multi-company access of oil transportation facilities.

Q-4. Compliance with County Petroleum Ordinance No. 2795

AAPLP PPC shall comply with all applicable policies in Section 25 of the Santa Barbara County Petroleum Ordinance No. 2795.

Q-5. Power Transmission Lines

AAPLP The permittee shall fund a pro-rata share of the costs to bury power transmission lines or of using environmentally and aesthetically preferred poles between the Goleta Substation and Gaviota in areas where the County and SCE determine it is not feasible to bury the lines. AAPLP's The permittee's pro-rata share shall be based upon an equitable cost-sharing formula applied to all users of the grid power consistent with PUC rate setting and applicable regulations.

CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jacquelynn Ybarra, Planner, Energy Minerals & Compliance Division

The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN: Various **Case No.**: Not Applicable

Location: 122 linear miles beginning at the Las Flores Pump Station to the Pentland Delivery Point

Project Title: Change of Owner, Change of Guarantor, and Change of Operator for the Los Flores Pipeline System (Lines 901/903): 88-DPF-033 (RV01)z, 88-CP-60 (RV01) (88-DPF-25cz; 85-DP-66cz; 83-DP-25cz) (as amended)

Project Applicant: Pacific Pipeline Company and ExxonMobil Pipeline Company

Project Description: Applicant requesting approval of the following:

- 1. A Change of Ownership of All American Pipeline L.P. (AAPL) 901 and 903 Pipeline System (Las Flores Canyon to Pentland) from Plains Pipeline L.P. (Plains) to Pacific Pipeline Company (PPC);
- 2. A Change of Operator of AAPL Lines 901 and 903 from Plains to ExxonMobil Pipeline Company (EMPCo); and
- 3. Change of Guarantor of AAPL Lines 901 and 903 from Plains to ExxonMobil Corporation.

PPC purchased Lines 901 and 903 from Plains on October 13, 2022. The pipelines are now registered with the CAL FIRE Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) as the Las Flores Pipeline System under trunk line identifiers CA-324 (formerly 901), CA-325A (formerly 903 Gaviota to Sisquoc), and CA-325B (formerly 903 Sisquoc to Pentland). EMPCo would operate the pipeline system on behalf of PPC. PPC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Mobil Pacific Pipeline Company. EMPCo is a wholly owned subsidiary of Exxon Pipeline Holdings LLC. All are ExxonMobil Corporation companies. ExxonMobil Corporation is the Guarantor, using self-insurance/guarantee to support financial demonstration.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara, Planning and Development Department

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Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project: Pacific Pipeline Company, ExxonMobil Pipeline Company, and ExxonMobil Corporation

Exempt Status:		
		Ministerial
		Statutory Exemption
		Categorical Exemption
		Emergency Project
		Declared Emergency
_	Χ	Not a Project

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guidelines Section: 15378(b)(5); the proposed action does not constitute a project as defined in CEQA.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The request is exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378(a), as the proposed action does not constitute a "project" as defined in CEQA. Section 15378(a) states, in part:

"Project" means the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonable foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment..."

Section 15378(b)(5) specifically exempts "organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment" from this definition. The approval of a permit change to reflect a change in ownership, guarantor, and operator is an administrative action that does not involve any physical modifications to the existing project. Under the request, the acting Owner, Guarantor, and Operator would change from Plains to PPC, ExxonMobil Corporation, and EMPCo respectively. No physical changes to the pipeline system, modifications to the pipeline operations, or restart activities are proposed. Therefore, no further environmental review is required.

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Date: June 6, 2023

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Acceptance Date: June 6, 2023

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APPLICATION MATERIALS

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TRANSITIONAL PLAN

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