

**Deborah Lopez**

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**Subject:** FW: Removal of EOF

**From:** Sybil Rosen [<mailto:sybilrosen4@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2016 6:56 PM  
**To:** Dawn Christensen <[dchristensen@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:dchristensen@cityofgoleta.org)>  
**Subject:** Removal of EOF

Dear Mayor Perotte and Goleta City Council Members,  
Please support removal the EOF by the Bacara & Sandpiper and start the process to return this beach to a destination for all those that will appreciate the pristine coastline once again. The City of Goleta and all of Santa Barbara County can look with pride to renewing the beauty of our coastline.  
Sybil Rosen  
Santa Barbara County resident for 27 years

## Deborah Lopez

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**From:** Paula Perotte  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2016 12:08 PM  
**To:** Deborah Lopez  
**Subject:** Fwd: Item D-1, Update on Status of Venoco's Ellwood Onshore Facility Legal Non-conforming Use

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Paula ~

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**Subject:** **Item D-1, Update on Status of Venoco's Ellwood Onshore Facility Legal Non-conforming Use**

September 20, 2016

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Re: Item D-1, Update on Status of Venoco's Ellwood Onshore Facility Legal Non-conforming Use

Dear Mayor Farr and Councilmembers:

I am writing to urge the Goleta City Council to schedule the long awaited public hearing on the Ellwood Onshore Oil and Gas Processing Facility Amortization study which was commissioned by the City.

In the Spring, the Council decided to postpone the hearing due to Venoco's bankruptcy filing.

The bankruptcy process is reportedly culminating, and it is time to hold this long-overdue hearing and allow the public the opportunity to address the amortization study and establish the procedures to decommission the non-conforming use.

Venoco has recently submitted new materials to the City and has a new application before the State Lands Commission to adjust its existing lease. If approved this project will have a direct

impact on Goleta residents and residents of the 3<sup>rd</sup> District, as the production is to be processed in Goleta.

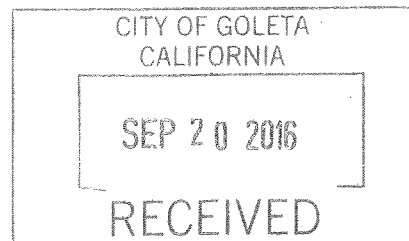
The EOF poses many risks and impacts to our community. The facility is surrounded by housing, a City park, an elementary school, a resort and golf course, and environmentally sensitive habitats.

The City should complete the process that was initiated by the County in 1990, and resumed by the City in 2014. Please hold a hearing as soon as possible to ensure timely consideration of this important issue. The process established by the Council in 2014, which includes the amortization study was designed to ensure a transparent, fair public process that protects the City and its residents while respecting the property rights of oil and gas-related facility operators.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Joan Hartmann  
Former County Planning Commissioner  
Candidate for 3<sup>rd</sup> District Supervisor

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September 20, 2016

Goleta City Council  
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Re: Update on Status of Venoco's Ellwood Onshore Facility Legal Non-conforming Use

I was born in Santa Barbara, and have been a resident of the Ellwood neighborhood of Goleta since January 2002.

I urge the City Council to set a date for a formal hearing at which to set an end date for the operation of Venoco's Ellwood Onshore Facility as soon as legally possible. Venoco has recouped its investment in the property, and has earned years of profits above and beyond its investments in the facility.

I support the city's litigation against the State Lands Commission and Venoco regarding resumed production of fossil fuels from Lease 421, and urge the city to continue to vigorously prosecute that legal action. I urge the City to take an active role in opposing Venoco's application with the State Lands Commission to open new slant drilling digs from Platform Holly.

Thank you for your environmental stewardship and leadership in protecting current and future residents of Goleta and the entire Central Coast from the high-risk dangers of fossil fuel extraction and production.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John E. Douglas".

John E. Douglas

## Deborah Lopez

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**From:** Paula Perotte  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2016 7:39 PM  
**To:** Deborah Lopez; Michelle Greene  
**Subject:** Fwd: Gavotte Coast Oil & Gas Facility Removal

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**From:** Lopp Julie <[loppjulie@gmail.com](mailto:loppjulie@gmail.com)>  
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**To:** Lopp Julie <[loppJulie@gmail.com](mailto:loppJulie@gmail.com)>  
**Subject: Gavotte Coast Oil & Gas Facility Removal**

I wish I could be at the meeting, but my work prevents it.

I totally support the total removal of the Venice's Gaviota Coast Oil & Gas Facility as soon as possible.

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**From:** Paula Perotte  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2016 11:14 AM  
**To:** Michelle Greene; Deborah Lopez  
**Subject:** Fwd: Ellwood Offshore Facility

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**Subject:** Ellwood Offshore Facility  
**Reply-To:** Stephen Murray <[stevemurray1966@yahoo.com](mailto:stevemurray1966@yahoo.com)>

We strongly urge the Council to close this nonconforming facility and expand the opportunities for recreational use of land that this will allow.

Stephen C. Murray, PhD  
Fermina B. Murray

**Statement by Robert K. Miller**  
**Termination of Venoco's Ellwood Onshore Facility**  
**September 20, 2016**

My name is Robert Miller. I appreciate the Council placing this important matter on tonight's agenda. I live in Goleta, very close to Venoco's EOF. It is long past time to shut it down. It presents a critical safety risk and denies important recreational use to Goleta residents.

Venoco purchased its Ellwood Facilities in 1997, knowing the County had zoned the EOF recreational in 1990. They purchased it knowing it was an aging 30 year old facility. They purchased it knowing it could be shut down at some future date as a nonconforming use. In other words, they started their business with a risky bet, namely, that the County would never shut it down, as long as they were producing oil and gas.

Venoco's bet became even riskier in 2001 when a county study determined that Venoco's investment in its Ellwood Facilities would be recouped by 2016. A year later their risk grew when the City was formed, and the City kept the recreational zoning classification for the EOF intact.

The updated study released by the City this year tells us that Venoco recouped its investment in the Ellwood Facilities, including the cost of the EOF abandonment, in 2009. So the City now has the clear legal authority to set a termination date.

In the past month Venoco released its own study. But their study is fatally flawed. It applied an inappropriate model in order to conclude that its investment won't amortize until at least 2054. It reached that conclusion because it didn't limit its evaluation to Venoco's initial Ellwood Facilities investment. Instead, it improperly also considered Venoco's EOF relocation costs and the remaining useful life of the oil and gas reserves in Venoco's South Ellwood field leases. These considerations are not relevant.

The City study used a proper model when it limited its analysis to Venoco's investment in the Ellwood Facilities and the cost of abandonment. As the City's updated report stated, "...[C]apital investments and income after 2009 have no impact on the amortization period. Venoco plans to develop its Lease Line Adjustment project and has considered the relocation of the EOF outside of the City limits, but neither initiative is material to the amortization period."

Finally, I note there is no reason to wait for the end of Venoco's bankruptcy action to hold a hearing. As far as I know, the bankruptcy court has not issued any stay orders applicable to the City's Issuance of a Termination Order. But regardless, I don't see why they city can't hold its hearing on the subject as soon as possible. It will then be in a position to act quickly once the bankruptcy action is concluded.