



TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

SUBMITTED BY: Robert Nisbet, City Manager

SUBJECT: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Opposing Oil Transport by Pipeline

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 25-__ entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Opposing Oil Transport by Pipeline," and
- B. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the Resolution to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors.

BACKGROUND:

The County of Santa Barbara has received applications requesting a "Change of Owner, Operator, and Guarantor," from Sable Offshore Corp. for the SYU, POPCO Gas Plan, and Las Flores Pipelines. The County Planning and Development Director and Planning Commission must approve the Ownership, Guarantor, and Operator changes pursuant to Santa Barbara County Code. The Planning Commission approved such transfers on October 30, 2024. Two appeals were filed regarding that approval of the transfers, and are scheduled to be heard by the County Board of Supervisors on February 25, 2025.

On January 23, 2025, Councilmember Reyes-Martín requested the Council consider adopting a resolution opposing the of re-commissioning the oil transport pipeline in Santa Barbara County. Councilmember Kyriaco concurred with this request.

DISCUSSION:

In response to the request by Councilmembers Reyes-Martín and Kyriaco, staff has prepared a resolution opposing oil transport by pipeline (Attachment 1).

If adopted by the City Council, staff will transmit a copy of the Resolution to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

There is no fiscal impact associated with acting to support or oppose this resolution.

ALTERNATIVES:

Council may wish to take no action at this time.

LEGAL REVIEW BY: Isaac Rosen, Acting City Attorney

APPROVED BY: Robert Nisbet, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Resolution No. 25-__ entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Opposing Oil Transport by Pipeline"

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING OIL TRANSPORT BY PIPELINE

WHEREAS the City of Goleta values our state's ocean, coastal waters and treasured shoreline, which represent the spirit of our city and contribute to its social vibrancy, environmental resources and economic success; and

WHEREAS, the oil transport pipeline running along the Gaviota Coast from Las Flores Canyon to Kern County and serving offshore drilling platforms, was in operation for decades up until 2015, much longer than its originally planned operational life, and is no longer safe to use, as evidenced by the 2015 Refugio Beach oil spill; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the pipeline burst near Refugio State Beach, causing the release of over 100,000 gallons of crude oil, which fouled beaches and coastal waters for miles, causing irreparable damage to the environment and economy; and

WHEREAS Sable Offshore Corporation is taking steps to obtain approval to restart the same pipeline to transport oil produced by three offshore platforms and to allow processing at the Las Flores Canyon Oil and Gas Processing Facility, all of which are located along the Gaviota Coast;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. City Council Action

The City of Goleta opposes re-commissioning the oil transport pipeline by Sable Offshore Corporation to allow transport of oil by pipeline along Santa Barbara County coast and inland areas and calls upon the County Board of Supervisors to uphold its long-standing template of opposition to the transport of oil product by truck or the Gaviota Coast pipeline.

SECTION 2. Certification

The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

SECTION 3. Effective Date

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of February 2025.

PAULA PEROTTE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK

ISAAC ROSEN
ACTING CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) ss.
CITY OF GOLETA)

I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO
HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 25-__ was duly adopted by
the City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the ____ day of
_____, 2025 by the following vote of the Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

(SEAL)

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK