

**California Coastal Commission Meeting**  
**Public Comment Toolkit**

**WHERE:**

Hilton Santa Barbara Beachside Resort  
633 E Cabrillo Blvd  
Santa Barbara, CA 93103

**WHEN:**

Thursday, April 10th  
**8am:** Gather outside building

**STEP 1: Sign up to speak at Coastal Commission meeting:**  
**(Virtual or in person)**

**DO THIS BY WEDNESDAY, April 9th at 5pm PT:**

Instructions for signing up to speak:

- 1) Click [HERE](#) for the Coastal Commission meeting page
- 2) Click on the green button that says “Submit Speaker Request Here”

The screenshot shows a blue background with white text. At the top, it says "Meeting Agenda" and "April 2025". Below that, it lists the location: "Hilton Santa Barbara Beachfront Hotel, 633 E. Cabrillo Blvd., Santa Barbara CA 93103". There is a phone number "904-5202, 562-477-9089" and an email "ExecutiveStaff@coastal.ca.gov". A link to "Translate this website" is provided. At the bottom, there are buttons for "English", "Español", and "Live Stream". Below these are links for "Public Participation Procedures", "Procedimientos de Audiencia", and "Meeting Procedures & Definitions". A large green button at the bottom says "Submit Speaker Request Here".

Meeting Agenda  
April 2025

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- 3) In the pop-up, click on “Thursday”

4) Fill out the speaker request form (should take about 1-2 minutes).

Here are some answers to questions they will ask

- a) On the first page, for the last question, select “A specific agendized item.” You will also need to indicate on the first page if you will comment in person or virtually.
- b) On the second page, click on the drop down menu for item number and select “Th8.” At the bottom of the second page, click the box next to “I support the staff recommendation...”
- c) Answer the rest of the questions to the best of your ability and submit. That should be all!
- d) Do not be confused/discouraged that a window pops up that says “Remote Testimony instructions”. You have registered to speak in person if you checked that box. If in doubt, register again.

### [Preparing your testimony for Coastal Commission](#)

- Thank you for continuing to protect the coast.
- I support items 8.1, 8.2, and 8.3 and ask the Commission to vote to approve the staff recommendation.
- For the sake of our beautiful coast, please stay strong and vigilant. We cannot afford to have another devastating oil spill or allow the coast to be damaged further.
- We are counting on you and the California Attorney General to stop the unlawful construction work.
- We also urge you to require **ALL** activities in the coastal zone to be subject to a Coastal Development Permit **including restart of the pipeline.**
- Thank you.

## **Issue Briefing**

In 2015 a highly corroded oil pipeline ruptured near Santa Barbara, spilling hundreds of thousands of gallons of oil that caused horrific damage to Refugio State Beach and killed hundreds of marine mammals and birds.

The same pipeline that caused the spill is on the brink of restarting after being idle for nearly 10 years. The California Coastal Commission has now issued Sable Offshore Corp. two Cease and Desist Orders for conducting work on the pipeline in the coastal zone without required authorizations and in violation of the Coastal Act. The company almost immediately sued the commission after the most recent order, vowed to continue work in defiance of the order, and is telling investors that restart of the pipeline is anticipated in the second quarter of 2025

There's been no environmental review of the restart and little public information.

**The California Coastal Commission** oversees activities in the “coastal zone.” Work crews have carried out various activities in the coastal zone to prepare the pipeline for restart, without approvals from the Commission. Sable Offshore Corp. installed valves and has done extensive work with heavy machinery in sensitive coastal areas without the permits required by the Coastal Act. The Commission has an important oversight role in protecting our coast from the restart of the aging pipeline and the risk of more oil spills.

On April 10th, the Coastal Commission will vote on a set of staff-recommended penalties for unlawful activities in the Coastal Zone, and we need to show our support. Talking points below will help you advocate effectively for the best outcomes to fight this dirty and dangerous offshore drilling and pipeline project.

**Additional resources (for reading on Coastal Commission):**

- <https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2025-04-06/texas-oil-firm-revi-ve-drilling-santa-barbara>
- <https://www.independent.com/2024/11/19/coastal-commission-gives-sable-offshore-harsh-slap-on-wrist/>
- <https://www.noozhawk.com/coastal-commission-blasts-sable-for-unpermitted-oil-pipeline-work-on-gaviota-coast/>

### **Other agency context:**

- <https://www.independent.com/2024/09/04/santa-barbara-county-folds-to-sable/>
- <https://www.independent.com/2024/08/21/judge-denies-sable-offshores-attempt-to-hide-oil-spill-contingency-plans-for-pipeline-in-santa-barbara-county/>
- <https://www.independent.com/2024/05/17/nine-years-since-the-refugio-oil-spill/>
- <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/pipeline-safety-and-cupa/pathways-for-restarting-pipelines>
- <https://www.independent.com/2024/11/26/state-fire-marshal-claims-it-does-not-have-unilateral-authority-over-whether-to-restart-sable-oil-pipeline/>