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**STATEMENT RELATED TO THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION’S MARCH 13th
EXECUTIVE ORDER TO RESTART OIL DRILLING IN
THE SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL**

“Santa Barbara Channelkeeper strenuously opposes the Trump Administration’s reckless decision to force the restart of offshore oil drilling off the sensitive Gaviota Coast. The risk of an oil spill, and its destructive impact to wildlife, fisheries, and tourism is too great. This is why the Santa Barbara community has overwhelmingly and consistently voiced strong opposition to plans of a Texas-based oil company to restart a defective pipeline system responsible for one of California’s worst oil spills ten years ago.”

- Ted Morton, Executive Director, Santa Barbara Channelkeeper