



**Fw: Phillips 66 rail spur not needed**  
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Planning Commissioners:

In the presentation by Phillips 66 representative Jocelyn Thompson on February 4, we learned that the proposed rail spur project is unnecessary, that the refinery will get along just fine without trains delivering oil via a proposed rail spur. To quote the article in the Tribune on Feb. 5: "Thompson said if the project is denied, crude oil will still come into California by rail and eventually reach the refinery, albeit by a different route: Oil would arrive in the Central Valley by train and then be trucked about 110 miles through San Luis Obispo County to Santa Maria, where it would be pumped into a pipeline and sent to the refinery."

What appears to be a threat of dire consequences, meaning truck transport to a pipeline terminus in Santa Maria, is actually the solution! The oil will get to the refinery without the trains coming through SLO county--problem solved! You are now free to deny the rail spur project without the fear of any loss of jobs at the refinery, saving the hazards of trains, and the noise, light, and environmental pollution that the trains would bring to SLO County residents.

By this admission that the refinery will function without the oil trains, Phillips has removed any compelling reason to approve the project. You may now deny the project, thereby protecting SLO County residents, your most important job, while at the same time doing no harm to Phillips or the people who work at the refinery. This is the winning scenario for all concerned.

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