



**Lynn Compton** to: Ryan Hostetter  
Sent by: **Jocelyn Brennan**

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From: Mary Eister <meister@fix.net>  
To: lcompton@co.slo.ca.us  
Date: 11/19/2015 05:10 PM  
Subject: Phillips 66 Rail Spur

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Dear Supervisor Lynn Compton,

I want to thank you for seeking input from your constituents regarding the Phillips 66 Rail Spur. I am a 29 year resident of Arroyo Grande and have taught school in this community for 22 years. I am deeply vested in the children and their families in this community and I strongly oppose the rail spur. I have multiple concerns but feel it is important to clarify one misconception which I have witnessed repeatedly at multiple meetings. Some employees of Phillips 66 have stood and said, "Our jobs are threatened. Save our jobs." Yet no official representative of Phillips has ever stated nor published that the current employees' jobs are at risk. I respect the need to preserve the stable jobs in our county, but this continual threat is not based on truth.

I am sure that you have done your research and are keenly aware of the Blast Zone, a U.S. Department of Transportation designation. The percentage of population living in this zone for our major cities are Paso Robles (45%), Atascadero (52%), Templeton (63%), Santa Margarita (100%), San Luis Obispo (71%), Pismo Beach (37%), Grover Beach (76%), Oceano (88%), overall county (35%). More than 56 public and private schools are in the blast zone as well as major hospitals and public safety facilities. In addition to my concern for our community, I have a personal interest. I have a brother and his family and a brother in law and his family living within the blast zone.

I have a particular concern about the new and improved rail cars. At one meeting a Union Pacific representative stated that the maximum speed through our communities would be 45 MPH. At the same meeting a professor from Cal Poly stated that the head-on puncture resistance of these cars is 18 MPH and the side puncture resistance is 12 MPH. I think we can agree that if there were a derailment, the chance of an explosion would be quite high.

Another concern I have about the new cars are the exhaust valves placed at the top of the tankers. In order to dilute the viscous oil from the tar sands and pump it into tankers, a highly toxic and flammable effluent is used. As the tanker cars travel their route, they heat up, creating pressure which must be released into the atmosphere through these valves. This contributes constant air pollution. When added to the pollution contributed by the diesel engines which pull the trains, it would significantly compromise the clean air we enjoy here.

I am concerned about the 1) loss of local control once we approve the construction of the rail spur; 2) noise pollution; 3) access to first responders should there be an accident; 4) the predictable and great economic loss to our community as we no longer serve as a tourist magnet; 5) the great loss of quality of life for our residents. I could

write paragraphs about all of these issues.

I urge you to put before the Board of Supervisors a motion to deny construction of any rail spurs in our county.

Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts.

Mary Eister  
815 Willow Lane  
Arroyo Grande

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From: Ron Hovden <hovdenr@gmail.com>  
To: lcompton@co.slo.ca.us  
Cc: Violet H <alaska7272@gmail.com>, Ron Hovden <hovdenr@gmail.com>  
Date: 11/19/2015 05:49 PM  
Subject: Fwd: Please Help Stop Proposed Oil Train Project

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To all:

I apologize for any confusion/difficulty regarding opening and reading the attachment. I have attached a pdf file of the letter that can hopefully be opened with greater ease.

Sincerely,  
Ron Hovden  
Nipomo, CA

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From: **Ron Hovden** <[hovdenr@gmail.com](mailto:hovdenr@gmail.com)>  
Date: Thursday, November 19, 2015  
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Cc: Violet H <[alaska7272@gmail.com](mailto:alaska7272@gmail.com)>, Ron Hovden <[hovdenr@gmail.com](mailto:hovdenr@gmail.com)>

Dear Supervisor Lynn Compton,

We wish to express our concerns about the proposed oil train project, as described in the attached letter to you. In speaking with many other residents of South San Luis Obispo County, and through reading various print and web publications, we know that our concerns are held by many, many others, and wanted to add our personal input as well.

We would greatly appreciate your reading of our attached letter to you, followed by your thoughtful consideration of our concerns, and the concerns of the many other people affected,

and would look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Sincerely,  
Violet & Ron Hovden  
Nipomo, CA  
San Luis Obispo County



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From: Nina Reinacher <rhythmryne@gmail.com>  
To: lcompton@co.slo.ca.us  
Date: 11/19/2015 07:00 PM  
Subject: No oil trains!

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Dear Supervisor Lynn Compton,

My name is Nina Reinacher and I am a resident of Arroyo Grande. I appreciate your request to hear from your constituents on the proposed Phillips 66 oil train project. As a resident living in south San Luis Obispo County, I strongly oppose the approval of this facility.

My concerns are many: the environmental impact of this project is enormous. If there were an accident or a spill, our community would be devastated. Our economy would suffer and tourism, a huge industry on the beautiful Central Coast, would halt.

Please protect the residents and our natural resources. We love in a beautiful, ecologically precious area and it is our responsibility to keep it that way for generations to come.

Due to the reasons above, I firmly believe that the proposed Phillips 66 rail spur is not in our communities best interest.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Nina Reinacher  
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Arroyo Grande, CA. 93420

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From: Mark Nelson <mlnelson777@gmail.com>  
To: Lynn Compton <lcompton@co.slo.ca.us>  
Date: 11/19/2015 07:33 PM  
Subject: Rail Spur Proposal.... bad idea for SLO county

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Dear Ms Compton

When the price of oil went over \$150 per barrel, new methods of extracting oil (fracking, Bakken shale, tar sands) became economically viable. The problem was, how to get the crude to refineries. Pipelines take forever to get approved, trucks are not efficient enough... Rail was the only option, but this boom caused a 4000 % increase in the volume of oil shipped. (that is not a typo... yes I said 4000 percent increase; 2008 there were 9500 cars, in 2014 there were 500,000 ! Our railroad infrastructure was not designed for the weight and volume of this level. This explains the huge increase in oil train derailments.

I'm writing to urge you to oppose the Phillips 66 crude-by-rail expansion project at the Santa Maria refinery.

Our greatest asset on the central coast is our beauty and the tourists that it attracts. This project will significantly degrade our air quality, visual appearance, noise levels and traffic flow (10 minute long waits) and heaven forbid... what would a derailment do ???

I have been talking to my Grover Beach neighbors and the overwhelming opinion has been, the risks outweigh the benefit. Please do your job and represent the values of the people in your community. Will you let the SLO Planning Commission hear from you and urge them to vote NO. thank you

Sincerely,

Mr. mark nelson  
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Grover Beach, CA 93433-2611