



**Comment From A Disabled Resident Unable To Attend The 2/4/2016
Planning Meeting**

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Since 1958, I have owned my home in Grover Beach, a block away from the Pismo Beach State Park and Monarch Grove. I am 82 years old, so I can recall some very important incidents that happened on those railroad tracks before most people at the hearing moved here.

About 30 or 40 years ago we heard the horrible fatal accident that occurred at the rail crossing between the State Beach entrance and HWY 1. A man was killed because the crossing guard failed to block the road due to the salt air and fog damaging its electrical box. That poor soul drove right into the path of a train he couldn't see, because of the fog we so frequently get.

I also recall decades earlier, when the rail road company sent investigators out because there had been so much vandalism to the switching box located directly across the street from the Pismo Beach St. Park's Monarch Grove. Both of these incidents can be verified by the commission. The track is very, very vulnerable to sabotage and if a disaster occurs there our homeowners insurance may not cover anything. All it takes is for someone to claim that they're a domestic terrorist and our home insurance covers nothing.

That Monarch Grove has had by far the largest number of Monarch Butterflies in the state for many years. The Monarch Grove and Pismo State Beach Park are irreplaceable destinations that belong to future generations. Nearby, down the track, lies a wildlife preserve that is fenced off and so protected that the public hasn't been allowed in it for years. The train tracks run right through that preserve.

Please consider that our small community is already at risk with Diablo Nuclear Power Plant providing power for many other large cities, far away from here. Don't make this another risk that our small towns will have dumped on them, for the benefit of large cities, out of the area. Santa Clara County, Sacramento County and other large Counties had the resources to fight the oil trains. It would be ridiculous to approve mile long trains, carrying 2,190,000 gallons through our small towns FOR 20 YEARS. The fact that Phillips 66 is asking for 20 years of access for 85 car length trains, 5 days a week, shows that Big Oil is taking advantage of our small towns. Do the right thing.

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