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For your review.
Thank you.

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From: Laura Edwards [<mailto:lauraharvest@gmail.com>]
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Subject: Oil Trains, Water and Lives

Dear SLO County Representatives - both elected and in paid public service;
We urge you to keep us safe from oil trains. As Atascadero residents and railway neighbors, we expect that you will vote down any opportunity this oil train proposal has of entering SLO County in the name of public safety and water quality protection. This train is an extreme danger to our

diminishing water supply and to the myriad of community centers (i.e. lives) this railway travels near and through.

I attended the last few rounds of county planning commissioner hearings regarding this project and I am astounded that with the thousands of people in protest - our elected representatives on the planning commission still voted NOT to exclude the proposal. My opportunity to speak at this hearing had to wait until round 2, day 2, and I was 900th in line. I cannot imagine who the planning commission think they are representing in doing so, but I know it is not County residents. Clearly, their actions must be checked by the next highest rank. Thankfully, we have one.

Supervisors - I implore you to do your research and most importantly, listen to your residential constituents. Else wise - this project will become the largest monster encountered since the drought. Both seem impossible to recover from and solutions evaporate as quickly as new problems are encountered. JUST SAY NO. PLEASE.

A large June 3 explosion in Mosier, Oregon, concludes the argument that explosions are going to happen. This is not a question of "if" but "when". Deep down, you all know this to be true. So perhaps some economic gain is had by a "YES" vote. This gain will not even come close to covering the lost water, property, infrastructure and lives destroyed by a "YES" vote explosion. There are better ways to build our economy and with the brains we have at our helm, we are sure to continue doing it more wisely than this.

Not convinced? Please read the following statements related to the recent west coast explosion:

“Federal emergency response guidance and fire chiefs have long recognized that there is no effective emergency response to a crude oil derailment fire event. If even one tank car of crude oil is involved in a fire, federal guidelines are clear that firefighters should pull back half a mile and let it burn. And that is another good reason that oil trains are too dangerous for the rails.” (Researcher Matt Krogh concludes, as related to the Mosier, Oregon, oil train explosion incident)

(Jim Appleton, the fire chief in Mosier, Ore.) “I hope that this becomes death knell for this mode of shipping this cargo. I think it’s insane,” he said. “I’ve been very hesitant to take a side up to now, but with this incident, and with all due respect to the wonderful people that I’ve met at Union Pacific, shareholder value doesn’t outweigh the lives and happiness of our community.”

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Sincerely,

William and Laura Edwards
Happy Residents of Atascadero
Huge Opponents of the Oil Train Project