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Subject: Opposition to Proposed Railspur in Nipomo

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GIG-01

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GIG-02

I believe it might be possible to move the location of the rail spur to a remote location, but long trains will still be winding through densely populated areas. And once in a while one of these trains is going to become a bomb; there is no amount of fire engines that will be able to stop the conflagration.

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