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Mr. Murry,

Please don't turn Nipomo and the Mesa into another disaster like Avila was. All turned out "well" in Avila only after hundreds of millions of dollars were spent in cleanup and the city was demolished. Were the oil companies heroes because they spent the money in cleanup which was only a small fraction of the money they made? No reasonable persons could think that.

The project will produce environmental pollution, air pollution, noise pollution, light pollution and a danger to the Central Coast and all cities through which the freight trains pass. I lived in Santa Monica in the 60's and the beaches in Santa Monica and Malibu were covered in tar and oil. Do you want to be responsible when that happens again? It wouldn't be the oil companies fault. Everyone who allows this project to go through would be at fault. Here is why. There is the old proverb about the scorpion and the frog. The scorpion asks the frog to swim across the pond and let the scorpion stand on its back so the scorpion could get to the other side. The frog refuses saying that if he did that, the scorpion would sting him. The scorpion countered by saying he wouldn't do that because if he stung the frog, he would drown too. The frog put him on his back and halfway across the pond the scorpion stung him. When the frog was dying he asked the scorpion why he stung him and the scorpion responded because it is my nature.

Oil companies pollute and damage everything around them because it is their nature. You have the responsibility to know that and to protect your constituents and our beautiful, pristine Central Coast from these oil companies. Thank you for your efforts to protect us.

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