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Subject: P66 Rail Terminal Project

Dear Mr. Murry,

We wish to express our opposition to the proposed Phillips 66 Rail Terminal Project.

You will have undoubtedly received significant detail relating to the potential dangers related to rail shipment of crude oils, a danger to all of SLO County, not just the local residents, to the economic downside to the County by diminishing the value of the surrounding communities compared to the creation of a miniscule number of new jobs, and to a number of other negative impacts.

RUD-01

From our standpoint as immediate neighbors of Phillips, the downside is obvious:

- Diesel locomotives idle at ALL TIMES when not in use, they are noisy, they create odors and they pollute the atmosphere.
- Shunting tank cars creates noise

RUD-02

The Mesa already has illegal levels of air pollution at times so that the inescapable conclusion is that the rail terminal will only add to those illegal levels of air pollution while at the same time adding noise pollution. The impact of this project can only be negative on the surrounding communities and such an impact can only negatively influence real estate prices. It goes without saying that a negative effect on real estate prices will also have a negative effect on property tax revenue to the County.

RUD-03

Looking at the proposal in a broader sense, two things are apparent;

- There are numerous negatives related to the proposed project with virtually no positives other than the possible addition of a few jobs. Those few jobs could easily be offset by the loss of employment in the development of projects on the Mesa that are negatively impacted.
- If the Phillips refinery did not exist and Phillips or another company were to bring a proposal to build the refinery along with the proposed rail terminal what would result? It is inconceivable that they could ever obtain approval, so how could an expansion of the existing facility be approved?

RUD-04

RUD-05

WE TRUST THAT YOU AND THE COMMITTEE WILL REJECT THIS PROPOSAL AS IT SHOULD BE REJECTED

RUD-06

Thank you

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