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RE: PHILLIPS 66 RAIL SPUR DEIR

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am taking this opportunity to provide comment on the DEIR that has recently been circulated regarding the Phillips 66 Rail Spur Project. Thank you for providing that opportunity to members of the public!

Since I had retired as Fire Chief and Building Official in the South County 8 years ago I have deliberately kept a distance from the world of environmental review and CEQA, mostly as a result of over-exposure during my career. The Phillips 66 project, however, raised my interest due to the significant importance that the Refinery plays in terms of economics, head of household jobs, and the nature of the good neighbor relationship that has existed for many years in the South County.

The DEIR seemed to cover many aspects. However, I was very disappointed to discover that economic benefits, creation and maintenance of jobs, as well as the desire of our state and national goals focused on independent energy sustainability were not given any significance or recognition. **Should this not be significant?**

As I reviewed the extensive DEIR, with the exception of my above-stated comment, I was generally very impressed with the analysis therein. The thoroughness and complete nature of the review was very impressive. The extent to which the mitigation measures offered alternatives was very impressive and certainly seemed to exceed what would have normally been presented or required. It seems that this degree of review addresses the analysis that would qualify the DEIR to progress to final EIR and the subsequent public hearing.

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(Phillips 66 Rail Spur DEIR-continued)

Coastal access is a required component of this project and the impacts of this requirement are recognized in the DEIR. Mitigation measures show that these impacts can be reduced, but certainly not eliminated. Protection of ecology, Native American resources, and personal safety are all at risk with this requirement. **Would it not serve better for the DEIR to call out more emphatically the importance of eliminating/prohibiting this requirement?**

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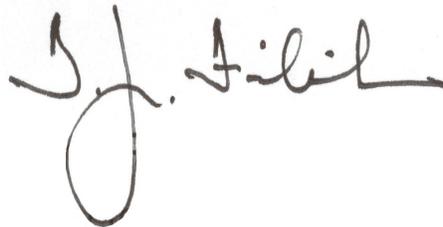
It seems that since the last circulation of the DEIR, not only has the study area been extended, but areas of concern called out from the previous version have been more completely answered. **Does not this document represent an analysis that allows a greater depth of review than is normally expected in relation to CEQA?**

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In conclusion, allow me to restate the importance the Santa Maria Refinery has to our County. The Refinery provides most important jobs in an area that does not create many head of household positions. The Refinery has traditionally maintained and pursued ever greater relationships with local, county, and state public safety agencies, with an explicit focus on fire service agencies. As can be seen in this DEIR, the Refinery will further that relationship even more with the approval of this project. As well, the approval of this project will certainly allow us to continue ahead in our local, state and national quest toward greater energy independence.

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Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to offer my comments.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Fibich". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Terry Fibich