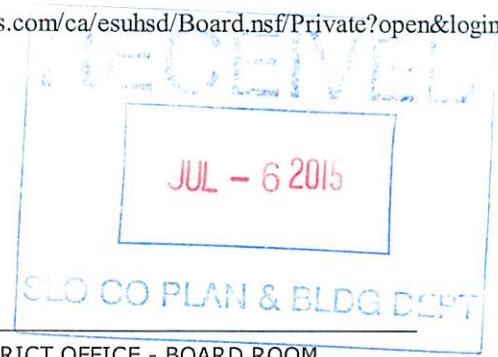




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**Agenda Item Details**

Meeting Jun 09, 2015 - ESUHSD REGULAR BOARD MEETING - 4:30 P.M., DISTRICT OFFICE - BOARD ROOM, 830 N. CAPITOL AVENUE, SAN JOSE, CA 95133

Category 11. BOARD OF TRUSTEES/SUPERINTENDENT - OPERATIONAL ITEMS/BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Subject 11.01 Adopt Resolution #2014/2015-28 regarding Santa Maria Phillips 66 Rial Refinery Oil Trains - J. Manuel Herrera, Board Member

Access Public

Type Action, Discussion

Recommended Action It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution #2015/2016-28 regarding the Santa Maria Phillips 66 Rail Refinery Oil Trans and a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the San Luis Obispo Planning Commission and San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors.

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**EAST SIDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Item: 11.01**

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** J. Manuel Herrera, Board Member

**SUBJECT:** Adopt Resolution #2014/2015-28 regarding Santa Maria Phillips 66 Rail Refinery Oils Trains

Presented for action and adoption by the Board of Trustees is Resolution #2015/2016-28 regarding the Santa Maria Phillips 66 Rail Refinery Oil Trains. The East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees is urged to strongly oppose this oil project and to ask the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission and San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors to soundly reject the Santa Maria Phillips 66 Rail Refinery Project.

The East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees would be taking this action as the representative of schools that are located along the proposed rail route and would be directly impacted by the oil trains for this project. The District would hereby urge advocacy on behalf of the many community leaders expressing grave concerns about the impacts this oil train project would have on our local communities.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Not Applicable

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

Not Applicable

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution #2015/2016-28 regarding the Santa Maria Phillips 66 Rail Refinery Oil Trans and a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the San Luis Obispo Planning Commission and San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors.

**EAST SIDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**APPROVED**

**JUNE 9, 2015**



**East Side Union High School District  
Board of Trustees  
Meeting of June 9, 2015**

**Resolution # 2015/2016-28  
Regarding Santa Maria Phillips 66 Rail Refinery Oil Trains**

**WHEREAS**, school district governing boards have an obligation to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for all students;

**WHEREAS**, the Phillips 66 oil train project would bring mile-long trains directly through many California communities and dangerously close to hundreds of schools;

**WHEREAS** seven schools in the East Side Union High School District with over 9,000 students are located within the one-mile potential impact zone of an oil train fire or explosion;

**WHEREAS** the Phillips 66 oil train project creates unacceptable risks for our students, teachers, and staff;

**WHEREAS** school employees are state-mandated disaster workers while on the job and are not equipped to respond to dangers that could result from these heavy, dangerous trains containing hazardous oil;

**WHEREAS**, the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) does not adequately assess the risks of an oil train disaster and furthermore uses outdated and incomplete data that drastically underestimates the danger of a derailment or spill;

**WHEREAS**, the EIR's worst-case scenario estimates a spill of 180,000 gallons, or roughly six tank cars of crude, but the EIR fails to take into account dramatically increased quantities of crude now being transported and also being moved in old and unsafe tank cars; and the EIR omits crucial data about accident frequency and magnitude in the most recent years of 2013 and 2014; and, in fact, crude-oil trains for this project would have 100 or more tank cars and would be carrying almost 3 million gallons of hazardous oil; a spill could devastate our schools, scarce water resources, sensitive ecosystems, homes and local economies;

**WHEREAS**, the toxic air emissions that would accompany this project pose an unacceptable risk to public health, corroborated by the latest environmental review wherein Phillips 66 confirms its proposed oil train facility will create "significant and unavoidable" levels of air pollution along the rail route, with sulfur dioxide and other toxic chemicals leaked that increase risk of cancer, heart disease, respiratory disease and premature death; this is an unacceptable risk to the health and safety of our school communities along the rail route.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the East Side Union High School District strongly opposes this oil train project and urges the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission and San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors to soundly reject the Santa Maria Phillips 66 Rail Refinery Project. The East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees takes this action as the representative of schools that are located along the proposed rail route and would be directly impacted by the oil trains for this project, and hereby urges advocacy on behalf of the many community leaders expressing grave concerns about the impacts this oil train project would have on our local communities.

**APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Trustees of the East Side Union High School District of San Jose, California on June 9, 2015. Upon approval, the Board of Trustees of the East Side Union High School District will forward this resolution to the San Luis Obispo Planning Commission and San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors.

AYES:     5      
NOES:     0      
ABSTAIN:     0      
ABSENT:     0    



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Van T. Le, President  
Governing Board  
East Side Union High School District



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Chris D. Funk, Superintendent  
East Side Union High School District

