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Phillips 66 Proposed Rail Spur Project

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & AVAILABILITY OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

- WHO:** San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission Hearing
- WHEN:** Thursday and Friday, **February 4th and 5th** 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Speaker Sign Up begins at 8:00AM (see below).
- WHAT:** Hearing to consider a request by, **Phillips 66**, for a Development Plan / Coastal Development Permit to allow for the modification of the existing rail spur currently on the southwest side of the Santa Maria Refinery (SMR) and installation of rail unloading facilities in order to bring in unrefined heavy crude via train. The rail spur extension is proposed entirely on the refinery property, and would be located east of the Union Pacific Railroad, in between the coast main rail line and Highway 1.

The project includes modification of the existing rail spur by constructing five parallel tracks and an unloading rack area. The Project would involve unloading of up to five unit trains per week (or a combined total of five unit and manifest trains), with an annual maximum number of trains not to exceed 250. Trains could arrive from different oilfields and/or crude oil loading points within North America depending on market availability. In a unit train configuration, each train would consist of three locomotives, two buffer cars, and 80 railcars carrying approximately 27,300 gallons each, for a total of approximately 2,190,000 gallons (52,000 bbls) of crude oil. The Project would not affect the permitted capacity of the refinery. Throughput levels at the refinery are capped by the County Department of Planning and Building and by the San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District based on the approval of an existing Development Plan and Permit to Operate. In addition, no crude oil or refined product would be transported out of the refinery by rail, and no crude oil would be transported from the refinery by pipeline.

County Project Number: DRC2012-00095 Assessor Parcel Number(s): 092-401-011 – 013 & -005 and 092-411-005

- WHERE:** The hearing will be held in the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1055 Monterey St., Room #D170, County Government Center, San Luis Obispo, CA. The Board of Supervisors Chambers are located on the corner of Santa Rosa and Monterey Streets. At the hearing all interested persons may express their views for or against, or to change the proposal.

IF YOU WISH TO COMMENT DURING THE HEARING:

Due to the large amount of public interest with this project, the County will be instituting a sign up system in order to speak during the public hearings. Interested members of the public will be allowed to speak upon sign up. Sign ups will be available on site beginning at 8 AM at the Board of Supervisors Chambers listed

above. **Please go to one of the sign up tables just outside of the Board chambers to receive a speaker number.** In order to accommodate the public, we have arranged for overflow rooms with the hearing streaming for you to view and listen. Streaming locations are the San Luis Obispo City/County Library Community Room located at 995 Palm Street and the conference rooms just adjacent to the Board Hearing Chambers (Room 161/162). You can also view the event live from the County Planning Commission website.

<http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/meetings.htm?>

More information on the specifics of the hearing will be available on our website approximately a week in advance of the hearing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: A copy of the staff report will be available on the Planning Department website approximately one to two weeks before the hearing date, www.sloplanning.org. You may contact **Ryan Hostetter**, Project Manager, in the San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning and Building, County Government Center, San Luis Obispo, California 93408 (805) 781-5600 or via email at rhostetter@co.slo.ca.us.

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION: Also to be considered at the hearing will be the Final Environmental Impact Report for the item. The Environmental Coordinator, after completion of the initial study, finds that there is evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment, and therefore a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) was prepared (pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq., and CA Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.) for this project. The FEIR addresses all the information required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) including potential impacts on: Aesthetics, Agricultural Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards, Land Use, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Transportation and Water Resources.

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AVAILABILITY: Copies for review can be found at the following locations: City/County Library of San Luis Obispo, the Arroyo Grande branch library, Cal Poly library, Cuesta College library and the City of Paso Robles library. The document can also be viewed at the County Planning Department at 976 Osos Street Room 200 (Permit Center) in San Luis Obispo. The Document can be downloaded from the County Planning Department website www.sloplanning.org and click on the link for Phillips 66 under Environmental Impact Reports.

****If you challenge this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this public notice or in written correspondence delivered to the appropriate authority at or before the public hearing****

If the county approves this project, that action may be eligible for appeal to the California Coastal Commission. Appeals must be filed in writing as provided by Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance Section 23.01.043.

DATED: December 21, 2015

RAMONA HEDGES, SECRETARY
COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION