

John Cunningham

Subject: FW: August TWIC
Attachments: AIA Pipeline Safety TWIC Letter.pdf; AIA Pipelines Exposed in Alamo at Hemme and Wayne Ave..pdf

From: Roger Smith
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2016 5:12 PM
To: John Cunningham <John.Cunningham@dcd.cccounty.us>; Carrie Ricci <carrie.ricci@pw.cccounty.us>
Cc: Roger Smith
Subject: RE: August TWIC

Hello John:

Attached is my letter for distribution to TWIC members with the meeting agenda.

Also, a photo file of the exposed Kinder Morgan pipelines within the Iron Horse Trail Corridor at Hemme and Wayne Ave. in Alamo. The one at Hemme is located within 100 yards of our Rancho Romero Elementary School. The product (Diesel, High Octane Jet Fuel) in this pipeline is pressurized at 1100 PSI. There is a 10 mile stretch of pipeline bookended with only a manual valve at the north side of Alamo and one at the south side of Danville. The potential leak could be more than 200,000 gallons.

If this occurred during an earthquake with downed power lines (igniter) we would have a disaster multiplied many times over the Walnut Creek 2004 explosion and fire.

Please enjoy your day.

Roger

Thank you,

Roger Smith

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July 28, 2016

Supervisor Mary N. Piepho, Chair
Supervisor Candace Andersen, Vice Chair
TRANSPORTATION, WATER AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
651 Pine Street, Room 101
Martinez, CA.

SUBJ: PIPELINE SAFETY TRUST's
Pipeline Safety Report

Dear Supervisor Piepho and Supervisor Andersen:

As the TWIC committee completes its discussion of the recommendations shown within the Pipeline Safety Trust (PST) report, I want to encourage all parties to keep focused on the bigger picture, that Pipeline Safety is important to everyone, all residents of Contra Costa County and also Statewide.

In response to the 2015 Santa Barbara Petroleum Spill, the PG&E San Bruno explosion and numerous other incidents, the State of California, during the last nine (9) months, has passed four very important State Assembly and Senate Bills:

Petroleum Pipelines

AB 295 - State Fire Marshal Annual Inspections of all Intrastate Petroleum Pipelines

SB 864 - State Fire Marshal Testing of all California Coastal Petroleum Pipelines, Contra Costa County is included in this for the areas close to the Bay/Straits. (October, 2015)

Gas Pipelines

AB 1420 - Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources - Testing every Two Years requirement for all active gas lines located in sensitive areas (October, 2015)

AB 2856 - PUC to require Automatic Shutoff Valves/Remote Controlled Sectionalized Block valves in all high consequence areas and where lines traverse an active seismic earthquake fault. (February, 2016)

The Pipeline Safety Trust's report provides not just recommendations to Contra Costa County but also to our California State Regulatory bodies

I am asking that the TWIC committee and our Board of Supervisors unite in support of the PST report Executive Summary recommendations for Pipeline Safety. I will attend the upcoming TWIC meeting in August to speak to this issue.

In support of Pipeline Safety, I am providing information on the above legislation for review by our CCCounty Legislative Committee to be included in CCCounty's State Legislative Platform.

In the aftermath of pipeline accidents in both Walnut Creek and San Bruno, it is no longer "if" but rather "when" our next pipeline accident will occur. We, collectively, need to do everything within our power to make sure that our Pipelines are safe.

Alamo and other Contra Costa communities with pipelines close to resident's homes support automatic shut-off valves for all existing pipelines and protection of all exposed pipelines spanning seasonal creek beds. The PST report shows this information clearly.

Let's work together to make this happen.

I want to thank you and each of the TWIC committee members for their review of this important report and its findings.

We appreciate all of the hard work that you do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Roger F. Smith', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Roger F. Smith
President









