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County

To: Board of Supervisors

From: TRANSPORTATION, WATER & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Date: February 4, 2020

Subject: Pipeline Safety Recommendations from the Hazardous Materials Commission

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE recommendations from the Hazardous Materials Commission and the Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee on pipeline safety, and DIRECT staff to implement the recommendations through the appropriate processes.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**BACKGROUND:**

On October 7th, the Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee (TWIC) received a report from the Hazardous Materials Commission (HMC). The TWIC contributed additional recommendations and directed staff to bring those recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and back to the HMC.

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☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **02/04/2020** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor

Candace Andersen, District II  
Supervisor

Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor

Karen Mitchoff, District IV  
Supervisor

Federal D. Glover, District V  
Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: February 4, 2020

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Stephanie Mello, Deputy

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## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

A letter from George Smith, HMC Chair, transmitting the Commission's recommendations is attached and the additional recommendations from the TWIC include the following:

- Support federal legislation that requires pipeline operators to conduct technical seismic vulnerability studies.
- Direction to staff to continue to track federal regulations related to pipeline safety.
- Directed staff to communicate the County's priorities relative to school siting and safety (inclusive of pipeline/hazardous materials issues) to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond.

Due to the varying character of the recommendations, staff will pursue each through the appropriate mechanisms and seek Board approval as necessary through the TWIC, the Legislation Committee, directly to the Board of Supervisors.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If unapproved, the County's policy development relative to pipeline safety will not reflect the recent recommendations of the Hazardous Materials Commission and the Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee.

## CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

The following Outcomes from the Children's Report Card are furthered by this item:

***Outcome 2: Youth Are Healthy and Preparing for Adulthood***

***Outcome 4: Families and Communities Are Safe***

## ATTACHMENTS

Ltr\_HMC\_to\_BOSreHMCres.pdf

Brochure-PipelineSafety-EmergencyPlanning.pdf