Democrats! Stop the Coal Rush!

Last year at the Vatican, Governor Jerry Brown said that to avoid global climate disruption, 90% of coal must stay in the ground. We call on the governor to stop the building of one of the largest coal export terminals on the West Coast, right on the Oakland waterfront, to ship up to 9 million tons of coal annually overseas.

If we don’t stop the developers, mile-long trains carrying Utah coal and spewing coal dust will travel every day from the Donner Pass through densely populated counties including Sacramento, Yolo, Solano, Contra Costa and Alameda to West Oakland, site of the new terminal. Coal dust will contaminate the air, water and soil as well as homes and schools along the train route. Coal dust can cause asthma, cancer and heart disease.

West Oakland is a frontline community, primarily people of color already overburdened with air pollution. Their health and safety should not be sacrificed for Big Coal’s profits.

Coal also is exported from Long Beach, Richmond and Stockton, all three terminals in frontline communities. To stop the poisoning of our communities and keep coal, the largest single contributor to climate change, in the ground, there must not be any expansion of these terminals or the building of new coal export terminals, including in Oakland.

Call Governor Brown at 916-445-2841

Tell him to prohibit the building of new coal export terminals in California, including on the Oakland waterfront and the expansion of existing terminals.

Support Senator Loni Hancock’s Four Coal Shipment & Export Bills

Senator Hancock’s bills will restrict the exporting of coal from publicly funded port facilities.

- **Senate Bill 1277**: This bill declares that the transportation of coal through West Oakland would present a clear and present danger to the health and safety of Oakland residents as well as the workers that would handle the coal. This bill also prohibits the shipment of coal through an Oakland facility that has been paid for, in part, with state funds.
- **SB 1278**: This would require an environmental impact review from any public agency that has authority in approving any portion of a project relating to the shipment of coal through Oakland.
- **SB 1279**: This bill would prohibit the use of public funds to build or operate any port that exports coal from California. It also applies to any port near disadvantaged communities.
- **SB 1280**: This requires port facilities that ship bulk commodities and receive state funds to prohibit coal shipments or fully mitigate the green-house gas emissions due to the combustion of the coal, including coal burnt in Asia, and requires participation in California’s Cap-and-Trade Program.

For more information on the bills or to support them when they come up before committees, call Senator Hancock’s office at 916-651-4009.

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