



**Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce
2300 Crenshaw Blvd. Building B
Torrance, CA 90501
Dan Hoffman, Chairman**

1. Welcome Dan Hoffman, Chair
 - a. Flag Salute
2. Self-Introductions and Sign-In All Participants
3. Approval of Minutes Janice Webb, Secretary
4. Special Presentation
 - a. Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach- Clean Air Action Plan
5. Government Affairs Report PEAR Strategies
 - a. AB 12 (Cooley) State Government: Administrative Regulations Review
 - b. AB 199 (Chu) Prevailing Wage on Private Residential Construction
 - c. AB 245 (Gomez) Hazardous Waste Facilities
 - d. AB 427 (Muratsuchi) California Aerospace Commission
 - e. Torrance Refinery Safety Plan
 - f. Assembly Committee Assignments
6. Office Holders, Administrative Agencies and Community Partners- *Please limit your reports to no more than 3 minutes.*
 - a. U.S. Chamber of Commerce- Jennings Imel
 - b. League of Cities- Jeff Kiernan
 - c. Los Angeles Air Force Base- Carla L. Rosepryor
 - d. Base Retention Advisory Council- Michael Jackson
 - i. Military Discount Program

- e. South Bay WIB- Chris Cagle
 - f. South Bay Council of Governments- Hon. Britt Huff
 - g. Office of Congresswoman Waters- Blanca Jimenez
 - h. Office of Congresswoman Barragan
 - i. Office of Congressman Lieu- Melissa Ramoso
 - j. Office of Senator Allen- Sam Liu
 - k. Office of Senator Bradford
 - l. Office of Senator Lara
 - m. Office of Assemblymember Burke- Robert Pullen-Miles
 - n. Office of Assemblymember Gipson- Chris Wilson
 - o. Office of Assemblymember Muratsuchi- Andrew DeBlock
 - p. Office of Assemblymember O'Donnell- Allison Gallaher
 - q. Office of Supervisor Hahn- Hon. Mark Waronek
7. [Officeholder representatives, non-chamber members, and guests are respectfully asked to leave the meeting at this point]
8. Chair's Report Dan Hoffman
9. Financial Report George Kivett, Treasurer
10. Committee Reports
11. Announcements All
- a. Special thanks to the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce for hosting us
 - b. Special thanks to the Palos Verdes Chamber of Commerce for refreshments

AB 12- (Cooley) State Government: Administrative Regulations Review

Recommended Action

SUPPORT

Background

Existing law authorizes various state entities to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations for various specified purposes. The Administrative Procedure Act requires the Office of Administrative Law and a state agency proposing to adopt, amend, or repeal a regulation to review the proposed changes for, among other things, consistency with existing state regulations.

Summary

This bill would require each state agency to, on or before January 1, 2020, review that agency's regulations, identify any regulations that are duplicative, overlapping, inconsistent, or out of date, to revise those identified regulations, as provided, and report to the Legislature and Governor, as specified. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2021.

On or before January 1, 2020, each state agency shall do all of the following:

- a) Review all provisions of the California Code of Regulations adopted by that state agency.
- b) Identify any regulations that are duplicative, overlapping, inconsistent, or out of date.
- c) Adopt, amend, or repeal regulations to reconcile or eliminate any duplication, overlap, inconsistencies, or out-of-date provisions.
- d) Hold at least one noticed public hearing, which shall be noticed on the Internet Web site of the state agency, for the purposes of accepting public comment on proposed revisions to its regulations.
- e) Notify the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of each house of the Legislature of the revisions to regulations that the state agency proposes to make at least 30 days prior to initiating the process under Article 5 (commencing with Section 11346) of Chapter 3.5 or Section 100 of Title 1 of the California Code of Regulations.
- f) Report to the Governor and the Legislature on the state agency's compliance with this chapter, including the number and content of regulations the state agency identifies as duplicative, overlapping, inconsistent, or out of date, and the state agency's actions to address those regulations.

Status

Date	Action
01/19/17	Referred to Com. on A. & A.R.
12/06/16	From printer. May be heard in committee January 5.
12/05/16	Read first time. To print.

AB 199 (Chu) Prevailing Wage on Private Residential Construction

Recommended Action

Oppose

Background

Existing law requires private residential projects built on private property that are built pursuant to an agreement with a state agency, redevelopment agency, or local public housing authority to meet the requirements for projects that are defined as “public works,” including, among other requirements, the payment of prevailing wages. Existing law defines the term “political subdivision” for the purposes of these requirements to include any county, city, district, public housing authority, public agency of the state, and assessment or improvement districts. Existing law makes a willful violation of specific laws relating to the payment of prevailing wages and the hours worked on public works projects a misdemeanor.

Housing Costs in CA

The Legislative Analyst Office found that

- (1) California’s average housing costs are two and a half times the national average;
- (2) faced with high housing costs, commute distances and the resulting adverse environmental consequences are significantly increased as they search for more affordable housing;
- (3) higher housing costs shift spending away from paying health insurance resulting in adverse health consequences, increased likelihood of becoming homeless, increased dependence on government subsidized services and shortened lifespan.

Summary

This bill would require private residential projects built on private property that are built pursuant to an agreement with the state or a political subdivision to meet the requirements for projects that are defined as “public works,” thus expanding the types of projects that must meet these requirements. By expanding the definition of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

AB 199 would eliminate the long-standing residential exemption from prevailing wage rates and thereby make private, market-rate residential development a public work project for which a prevailing wage would be paid. This measure would have dramatic negative cost implications for newly constructed and privately financed housing in California.

Status

Date	Action
02/06/17	Referred to Com. on L. & E.

Date	Action
01/24/17	From printer. May be heard in committee February 23.
01/23/17	Read first time. To print.

AB 245 (Gomez) Hazardous Waste Facilities

Recommended Action

Oppose

Background

As part of the hazardous waste control law, requires a facility handling hazardous waste to obtain a hazardous waste facilities permit from the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). DTSC is required to impose certain conditions on each hazardous waste facilities permit and authorizes the department to impose other conditions on a hazardous waste facilities permit, as specified. A violation of the hazardous waste control law is a crime.

Summary

Increased Costs to Hazardous Waste Permit Operators. Imposes unnecessary and substantial new costs on hazardous waste permit applicants by requiring hazardous waste permit applicants to pay for a public hearing within 90 days of the submittal of a hazardous waste renewal application, notwithstanding the fact that current regulations and the California Environmental Quality Act already provide for multiple opportunities for public hearings.

Early public participation is important to ensure that the public may raise issues at the outset of the permitting process rather than at the end, when many significant decisions have already been made. However, prior to reaching the permitting process at DTSC, there are significant opportunities for public participation due to local and regional permitting requirements applicable to these facilities. For example, CEQA already provides a procedural mechanism for DTSC or any local lead agency to consult with the public at a very early stage of the permitting process regarding the scope and contents of the environmental document being prepared for the project. that the public meeting required under **AB 245** is unnecessary.

Further, the costs associated with additional and duplicate permitting requirements. As “fee for services” for permitting relates to **AB 245**, hazardous waste permit applicants would then be required to pay for the hourly costs of the additional public hearing and any DTSC staff preparation, which could be significant depending on the amount of resources DTSC devotes to the process.

Status

Date	Action
02/06/17	Referred to Com. on E.S. & T.M.

Date	Action
01/31/17	From printer. May be heard in committee March 2.
01/30/17	Read first time. To print.

Fiscal Effect

Unknown

Arguments in Support

California Environmental Justice Alliance and Center on Race, Poverty, & the Environment support AB 245 in concept, stating it is part of a package of bills that is "an important first step in better protecting human health and safety, as well as the environmental from exposure to toxic substances."

Arguments in Opposition

An industry coalition lead by the California Chamber of Commerce argues that the public hearing component of AB 245 is redundant with current law because public processes are included in the California Environmental Quality Act, and the cost of the added public hearing would be shouldered by the permit applicant.

The coalition also argues that AB 245's requirements for financial assurance review every five years are vague. Concerns are expressed over the subjective term "adequate" and complying with what DTSC considers "adequate" within 90-days.

Organizations in Support

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| American Veterans | Del Amo Action Committee |
| Apostolic Faith Center | EMERGE |
| Breast Cancer Prevention Partners | Mothers for East Los Angeles |
| California Environmental Justice Alliance (in concept) | NAACP #1069 |
| California Communities Against Toxics | Natural Resources Defense Council |
| California Kids IAQ | Resurrection Church |
| California Safe Schools | San Pedro Peninsula Homeowners Coalition |
| Center on Race, Poverty, & the Environment (in concept) | Sierra Club California |
| Coalition for a Safe Environment | St. Philomena Social Justice Ministry |
| Community Dreams | Wilmington Improvement Center |

Organization in Opposition

Alhambra Chamber of Commerce
California Business Properties
Association
California Cement Manufacturers
Environmental Coalition
California Chamber of Commerce
California Metals Coalition
California Small Business Alliance
Camarillo Chamber of Commerce
Chemical Industry Council of California
Clean Harbors Environmental Services,
Inc.
Fontana Chamber of Commerce
El Dorado County Chamber of
Commerce
Greater Fresno Area Chamber of
Commerce
Industrial Environmental Association
Metal Finishing Association of Northern
California
Metal Finishing Association of Southern
California

National Federation of
Independent Business
Norco Area Chamber of Commerce
North Orange County Chamber
Oxnard Chamber of Commerce
Palm Desert Area Chamber of
Commerce
Rancho Cordova Chamber of
Commerce
Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce
& Visitors Bureau
Safety-Kleen, Inc.
San Diego Regional Chamber of
Commerce
Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce
Southwest California Legislative Council
Torrance Chamber of Commerce
West Coast Lumber & Building Material
Association
Western Plant Health
Association
Western States Petroleum
Association

AB 427 (Muratsuchi) California Aerospace Commission

Recommended Action

Support

Background

Existing law establishes the Spaceport Office in the Department of Transportation to seek and obtain federal funding for the commercialization of private space activities in the state. The aircraft industry grew more rapidly over the first half of the twentieth century than any other segment of the California economy. Prior to 1988, California had, by far, the largest military presence of any state, and was home 15 percent of the Department of Defense's (DoD's) total 275,264 personnel and 18 percent of the major military bases around the country. Correspondingly, the base closures over those four rounds hit the State disproportionately hard.

Prior to the mid 1990's, California's response to BRAC was primarily focused on assisting local communities in the reuse of shuttered military bases. In 1994, Governor Wilson issued an Executive Order (W-87-94) which directed the Office of Planning and Research to coordinate the state's effort to assist local communities in developing strategies to protect California bases from further closings, as a means of focusing on the importance military bases have on the state's economy.

Summary

This bill would establish the California Aerospace Commission to foster the development of activities in California related to aerospace, including, but not limited to, aviation, commercial and governmental space travel, unmanned aerial vehicles, aerospace education and job training, infrastructure and research launches, manufacturing, academic research, applied research, economic diversification, business development, tourism, and education. The bill would specify various related duties of the commission. The bill would require the bill to report and provide recommendation to the Governor and the Legislature as specified.

Status

Date	Action
02/21/17	Referred to Coms. on A.,E.,S.,T., & I.M. and TRANS.
02/10/17	From printer. May be heard in committee March 12.
02/09/17	Read first time. To print.

Previous Legislation

SB 1215 (Allen)

Staff Concerns- The bill as currently drafted gives little guidance concerning

- (1) the number of Commission members,
- (2) how they would be staffed, and
- (3) whether members would receive per diem or have their travel expenses reimbursed.

AB 1646 (Muratsuchi)- Risk Management Plans: Petroleum Refineries

Recommended Action

Background

Existing law requires the Secretary for Environmental Protection to implement a unified hazardous waste and hazardous materials management regulatory program and requires every county to apply to the secretary to be certified to implement the unified program and allows a city or local agency to implement the unified program as a unified program agency, or UPA.

Summary

This bill would require the risk management plan of a petroleum refinery to be posted on the Internet Web site of the Office of Emergency Services or on the Internet Web site of the UPA that has jurisdiction over the petroleum refinery. In addition to existing requirements for the contents of a risk management plan, the bill would require the plan to provide for a system of automatic notification for residents who live within a 5-mile radius of the petroleum refinery, an audible alarm system that can be heard within a 10-mile radius of the petroleum refinery, and an emergency alert system for schools, public facilities, hospitals, and residential care homes located within a 10-mile radius of the petroleum refinery. Because the bill would add to duties of a UPA, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would require a petroleum refinery to implement those systems on or before January 1, 2019.

Status

Date	Action
02/19/17	From printer. May be heard in committee March 21.
02/17/17	Read first time. To print.

AB 1647 (Muratsuchi) Petroleum Refineries: Air Monitoring Systems

Recommended Action

Background

Existing law generally designates air pollution control and air quality management districts with the primary responsibility for the control of air pollution from all sources other than vehicular sources. the State Air Resources Board or the air district to require the owner or the operator of an air pollution emission source to take any action that the state board or the air district determines to be reasonable for the determination of the amount of air pollution emissions from that source.

Summary

This bill would require an air district to require the owner or operator of a petroleum refinery to install a community air monitoring system, as defined, on or before January 1, 2020, and to install a fence-line monitoring system, as defined, on or before January 1, 2019. By adding to the duties of air districts, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would require the owner or operator of a refinery to collect real-time data from these monitoring systems, to make that data available to the public at the time of collection in a publicly accessible format, and to maintain records of that data.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

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02/19/17	From printer. May be heard in committee March 21.
02/17/17	Read first time. To print.

AB 1648 (Muratsuchi) Refineries Inspectors

Recommended Action

Background

Existing law, the California Refinery and Chemical Plant Worker Safety Act of 1990, states that its purpose is to prevent or minimize the consequences of catastrophic releases of toxic, flammable, or explosive chemicals. The act provides for the adoption by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board of specified process safety management standards for, among others, refineries that handle acutely hazardous material. The act declares the intent of the Legislature for the standards board and the Division of Occupational Safety and Health to promote worker safety through implementation of training and process safety management, as defined, in refineries and other facilities as deemed appropriate.

Summary

This bill would require the division to increase the number of inspectors for the department's refinery inspector program by an unspecified percentage.

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Date	Action
02/19/17	From printer. May be heard in committee March 21.
02/17/17	Read first time. To print.

AB 1649 (Muratsuchi) Interagency Task Force on Refinery Safety

Recommended Action

Background

Existing law establishes the California Environmental Protection Agency under the supervision of the Secretary for Environmental Protection, consisting of various boards, offices, and departments, and vests the agency with authority over various environmental matters.

Summary

This bill would create the Interagency Task Force on Refinery Safety, with a specified membership, to be managed by the California Environmental Protection Agency as the lead agency. The bill would provide that the purpose of the task force shall be to examine ways to improve public and worker safety through enhanced oversight of refineries, and to strengthen emergency preparedness in anticipation of any future refinery incident. The bill would require the task force to seek to better coordinate each participating agency's individual functions and to facilitate information sharing among participating agencies, with the goal of ensuring that refineries comply with all regulatory requirements, move toward inherently safer systems, and continue to improve and enhance protection for workers, communities, and the environment.

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02/19/17	From printer. May be heard in committee March 21.
02/17/17	Read first time. To print.



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1. Welcome Dan Hoffman, Chair
 - a. Flag Salute
2. Self-Introductions and Sign-In All Participants
 - a. Local City Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes Janice Webb, Secretary
 - a. Motion- Patricia Donaldson
 - b. 2nd. Kim McMullan
 - c. Motion Carries
4. Special Presentation
 - a. Charles H. Pannuzio, Los Angeles World Airports (attached presentation)
Provided an update about the \$14 Billion LAX Landside Access Modernization Program (LAMP) which is designed mitigate traffic at the airport. Partial completion estimated by 2023. Program includes goals for employment of local and small businesses. C. Pannuzio would you like to obtain a letter of support from the SBACC. He will continue outreach to individual Chambers of Commerce. Questions from the Board Members:
 - i. Janice Webb asked how is the Program financed?- C. Pannuzio, reported that the program is financed by a public private partnership and airport fees.
 - ii. G. Kivett, asked what will be the economic impact of the program; specifically how many jobs will be created?- C. Pannuzio stated they currently employ 50,000 for construction. He stated did have that answer as to how many additional jobs will be created, but will get the answer and provide an update to the SBACC.
 - iii. D. Hoffman- Charles it appears that you want a letter of support. May we issue this letter next month? C. Pannuzio responded by saying that is fine.

- b. ~~Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach Clean Air Action Plan~~ Will present at March 2017 meeting.
- c. Paul Apodaca, SCORE Los Angeles (attached presentation): SCORE is opening a South Bay Chapter and is starting outreach to local Chambers. Score currently has 14 Mentors providing Free Mentoring services and Free Workshops. Mentors currently work with the Manhattan Beach & Redondo Beach Chambers. Score Mentor available by appointment at the Palos Verdes Chamber. Score is creating a new website for the South Bay Chapter. Apodaca is inviting all Chambers to advertise on the South Bay Chapter's website by providing him with a link to their Chamber's website. Apodaca would like to place a link to Score's South Bay Chapter's website on each Chamber's website. Paul is reaching out to businesses to see if there is some synergy in the work SCORE is doing that could be mutually beneficial.

5. Government Affairs Report

PEAR Strategies

- a. 2017 DRAFT Policy Platform- Provides the foundation for the development of SBACC's positions on legislation and other public policy issues.
 - i. Motion- Donna Duperron
 - ii. 2nd – Olivia Valentine
- b. PEAR Strategies provided an update and recommendation to oppose AB 5 (Gonzalez) Employers: Opportunity to Work Act- This bill would create an unfair scheduling mandate titled the Opportunity to Work Act. It would burden small and large employers with a scheduling mandate that requires employers to offer additional hours of work to employees before hiring a new employee or contractor. It exposes employers to multiple threats of costly litigation for technical violations that do not cause an employee any harm
 - i. Motion to Oppose- Lou Baglietto
 - ii. 2 Donna Duperron
- c. SB 33 (Dodd) Contracts for Goods or Services- SB 33 unfairly discriminates against arbitration agreements made as a condition of entering into a contract for

goods or services. It interferes with the fundamental attributes of arbitration, which is likely preempted by the Federal Arbitration Act (FAA). This will lead to confusion, uncertainty and costly litigation for such contracts.

i. Motion to Oppose Lou Baglietto

ii. 2nd Donna Duperron

- d. SB 62 (Jackson) Unlawful Employment: Family Care and Medical Leave- SB 62 will significantly expand the type of employees can take leave under the California Family Rights Act (CFRA). The CFRA allows California employees to take up to 24 weeks/6 months of protected leave in a 12-month period. A significant expansion of California Family Rights Act increases costs, risk of litigation and creates less conformity with federal law. SB 62 expands the family members for whom leave may be taken and provides a potential 24-week protected leave of absence for employers to administer.

i. Motion to Oppose –Olivia Valentine

ii. 2nd Marna Smeltzer

- e. SB 63 (Jackson) Unlawful Employment Practice: Parental Leave- Imposes New Maternity and Paternity Leave Mandates. Unduly burdens and increases costs of small employers with as few as 20 employees by requiring 12 weeks of protected employee leave for child bonding. SB 63 exposes small employers to the threat of costly litigation. SB 63 will significantly harm small employers adding to the existing burden under which they already struggle. Governor Brown vetoed a similar but narrower proposal just last year.

i. Motion to Oppose Olivia Valentine

ii. 2nd Erik Holley

- f. Measure H- Los Angeles County Plan to Prevent and Combat Homelessness. Approval of Measure H would authorize the County of Los Angeles to impose a one-quarter percent (0.25%) sales tax which would be used for funding homeless services and housing. The sales tax would apply to special transactions and use tax on the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all personal property in the incorporated and unincorporated territory of the County.
 - i. Hon Brit Huff- Provided a 1 page PATH Statement
 - ii. Lou Baglietto stated that last month BizFed discussed Measure H and voted to support it. Two issues impacting LA County are Transportation and Homelessness. Homelessness is an issue that impacts an overall quality of life.
 - iii. Motion to support- Lou Baglietto
 - iv. 2nd – Wanda Love
 - v. Abstain- J.Webb, D. Duperron, and E. Hupp
- 6. Office Holders, Administrative Agencies and Community Partners- *Please limit your reports to no more than 3 minutes.*
 - a. U.S. Chamber of Commerce- Jennings Imel- Introduced the new Western Regional Representative Vartan. There are several cabinet votes coming down the pipe line today. TPP is dead and there is a hope for bilateral agreements with US-Japan and US-UK
 - b. League of Cities- Jeff Kiernan- AB 1 & AB2 joint Bills are moving through the Legislature. There were 5 elected officials and over 100 attendees at the Legislative Meet and Greet in January. The League is working on transportation funding.
 - c. Los Angeles Air Force Base- Carla L. Rosepryor - NA

- d. Base Retention Advisory Council- Michael Jackson- The committee is meeting with the Gov. Office today. The Award Ceremony is Feb 15th however, the AF Base is limiting attendees to 15. Michael Jackson will work to increase the number of invites and plans to invite elected officials.
- e. South Bay WIB- Chris Cagle- Discussed how the SBWIB helps the region with Homelessness. In 2016, SBWIB assisted 500 Homeless people find jobs. Cagle offered all Chambers the opportunity to do cross marketing with the SBWIB. The SBWIB is planning a Resource Fair for Contractors wanting to work with the LAX Modernization Program.
- f. South Bay Council of Governments- Hon. Britt Huff- There is a general assembly meeting on Feb 24th and will be discussing the South Bay's Digital Future. Please RSVP by Feb 13.
- g. Office of Congresswoman Waters- Blanca Jimenez NA
- h. Office of Congresswoman Barragan NA
- i. Office of Congressman Lieu- NA
- j. Office of Senator Allen- Sam Liu NA
- k. Office of Senator Bradford NA
- l. Office of Senator Lara NA
- m. Office of Assemblymember Burke- Robert Pullen-Miles NA
- n. Office of Assemblymember Gipson- Chris Wilson NA
- o. Office of Assemblymember Muratsuchi- Andrew DeBlock announced that Melissa Ramoso is now the new District Director for Asm. Muratsuchi. Committee Assignments – Chairs the Joint Legislative Audit Committee/ Appropriations/ Natural Resources/ Utilities & Energy and Veterans Affairs. Bill deadline is on February 17, 2017.
- p. Office of Assemblymember O'Donnell- Allison Gallaher NA
- q. Office of Supervisor Hahn- Hon. Mark Waronek- Introduced Matt Johnson who is the Assistant Field Deputy for the Supervisor.

7. [Officeholder representatives, non-chamber members, and guests are respectfully asked to leave the meeting at this point]

8. Chair's Report

Dan Hoffman

Encouraged everyone to attend the trip to Sacramento in May 2017. Hoffman provided an overview of the AQMD Meeting. Supervisor Sheila Kuehl added amendments which delayed the vote until March 2017.

9. Financial Report

George Kivett, Treasurer

- a. Chamber invoices have been sent out. Sponsor invoices were not sent. Plans to send the Sponsor invoices out by the end of the week. Scholarship Raffle Sales total \$875.00. Need \$125.00 to achieve goal. Account balance was \$38,965. Kivett will present the 2017 Budget to the Executive Committee in February and the Full Board in March.

10. Committee Reports

11. Announcements

All

- a. Oliva Valentine there is a 2017 State of the City on Wed, March 29th.
- b. Torrance Chamber @ Torrance Chamber. Lunch with our leader with Sup. Hahn on March 22.
- c. Hermosa Beach State of the City on March 2. Starts at 6:00 PM.
- d. Special thanks to the
- e. Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce for hosting us

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS JANICE HAHN AND
SHEILA KUEHL

March 8, 2017

For over two decades, the residents of Torrance have lived in constant fear for their health and safety. This is because the Torrance Refinery located within the city has experienced fires, explosions, leaks, and releases of chemicals due to the use of hydrofluoric acid.

Hydrofluoric acid is used to produce gasoline in the oil refining process. According to the U.S. Chemical Safety Board, the independent federal agency responsible for investigating chemical accidents, "Hydrofluoric acid can pose a severe hazard to the population and environment if a release occurs. After hydrofluoric acid vaporizes it condenses into small droplets that form a dense low-lying cloud that will travel along the ground for several miles and can cause severe damage to the respiratory system, skin, and bones of those who are exposed, potentially resulting in death."

Despite the risks the use of hydrofluoric acid pose to surrounding communities, two refineries in California, PBF Energy's refinery in Torrance, and Valero's refinery in Wilmington, continue to use it.

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MOTION

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KUEHL _____

HAHN _____

BARGER _____

RIDLEY-THOMAS _____

The use of hydrofluoric acid is regulated by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). The SCAQMD is undertaking a rulemaking process that could result in the outright ban of hydrofluoric acid. We should support the SCAQMD's efforts to ban this toxic substance and encourage the SCAQMD to expedite its rulemaking process.

Additionally, Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi has introduced a series of bills (AB 1646-49) he is referring to as his "Torrance Refinery Safety Plan" to help address some of these issues.

AB 1646 would require petroleum refineries to post their risk management plans on their websites and provide an alarm system and automatic notifications to residents within a five-mile radius in case of emergencies.

AB 1647 would require the owner or operator of a petroleum refinery to install fence-line and community air monitoring systems.

AB 1648 would require the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) to increase the number of inspectors for its refinery inspector program.

AB 1649 would create an Interagency Task Force on Refinery Safety to examine ways to improve public and worker safety through enhanced oversight of refineries, and to strengthen emergency preparedness in anticipation of any future refinery incident.

The time to better enforce safety at our refineries is now.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office to:

1. Send a five-signature letter in support of the Torrance Refinery Safety Plan (AB 1646, AB 1647, AB 1648, and AB 1649) to the Los Angeles County State Legislative Delegation and to Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. and;

2. Send a five-signature letter to the SCAQMD expressing Los Angeles County's support of the proposed rule banning the use of modified hydrofluoric acid and encouraging the SCAQMD to expedite this rulemaking process.

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