



# City of Benicia

Community Development Department  
Planning Division

## Public Notice Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report and Notice of Public Hearing

### Valero Crude by Rail Project

The City of Benicia announces the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Valero Crude by Rail Project is available for review.

The proposed project would allow the Benicia Valero Refinery located at 3400 East Second Street to receive a portion of its crude by rail. These crudes are currently inaccessible to the Benicia Refinery. The Project involves the installation of a new railcar unloading rack, rail track spurs, pumps, pipeline, and associated infrastructure at the Refinery. The crudes would originate at sites in North America. Union Pacific Railroad would transport the crudes in railcars using existing rail lines to Roseville, California, where the cars would be assembled into a train for shipment to the Refinery. The Project would allow Valero to receive up to 70,000 barrels per day of the crude oil by rail and reduce its shipments of crude by marine vessel by the same amount. The project site is listed as an inactive tiered permit by the Department of Toxic Substances Control under Government Code §65962.5, including, but not limited to, hazardous waste facilities, hazardous waste property, or hazardous waste disposal sites.

The analysis and information provided in the DEIR is based upon Valero's Project application, along with supplemental materials submitted to the City of Benicia and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD). The DEIR reflects all of the public comments received since the release of the Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration on May 30, 2013 through the end of the EIR scoping period on September 13, 2013.

#### **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT:**

The DEIR discusses the Project's potential for significant impacts on the environment in the following subject areas: air quality and greenhouse gases, traffic and transportation, hazards and hazardous materials, biological resources, energy conservation, geology and soils and hydrology and water quality. The DEIR concluded that there would be a significant and unavoidable impact associated with air quality. The impacts associated with all other environmental issues would be reduced to below a level of significance with the incorporation of mitigation measures.

#### **AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:**

The DEIR has been released for a 45-day review period beginning on June 17, 2014 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 1, 2014. The DEIR is available for review at the locations listed below during normal business hours. The DEIR may also be reviewed and downloaded at the City of Benicia website: [www.ci.benicia.ca.us](http://www.ci.benicia.ca.us).

Benicia City Hall  
Community Development Department  
250 East L Street  
Benicia, CA 94510

Benicia Public Library  
Reference Desk  
150 East L Street  
Benicia, CA 94510

#### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

The **City of Benicia Planning Commission** will hold a formal public hearing to receive comments on the DEIR on **July 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers, Benicia City Hall, located at 250 East L Street, Benicia, CA 94510. Comments on the DEIR may be provided at the public hearing, or may be submitted in writing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 1, 2014.

The final EIR will include official responses to all comments, made orally during the public hearing or in writing, that are submitted during the DEIR comment period and comments on the scope of the EIR submitted after September 13, 2013, the end of the EIR scoping period. Any comments submitted after the close of the public comment period until the City's final action on the project (approval or denial of the Use Permit and the Environmental Documents) will become part of the administrative record.

All written comments should be provided to:

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