



**Public Notice
Notice of Availability of
Final Environmental Impact Report
and Notice of Public Hearing**

Valero Crude by Rail Project

The City of Benicia announces the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) 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 (Refinery) to receive a portion of its crude by rail. The Refinery currently receives crudes by ship and pipeline. 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, and from there 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.

A Draft EIR (DEIR) was issued for the project on June 17, 2014. In response to requests made in comments on the DEIR, the City issued a Revised DEIR on August 31, 2015, to consider potential impacts that could occur uprail of Roseville, California (i.e., between a crude oil train's point of origin and the California State border, and from the border to Roseville) and to supplement the DEIR's evaluation of the potential consequences of upsets or accidents involving crude oil trains based on new information that became available after the DEIR was published.

The FEIR includes the DEIR, the Revised DEIR, and the "Response to Comments" document. The Response to Comments document includes all timely comments received on the DEIR and Revised DEIR together with the City's responses to the comments.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT:

Together, the DEIR and Revised DEIR discuss the Project's potential to result in significant impacts to 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, hydrology and water quality, cultural resources, land use and planning, and noise. The environmental analysis indicates that there would be a significant and unavoidable impact associated with air quality and greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, and biological resources. The impacts associated with all other environmental issues either would be less than significant or would be reduced to a less-than-significant level with the incorporation of mitigation measures.

AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:

The FEIR was released for public review on Tuesday, January 5, 2016. The FEIR and reference materials cited in the FEIR are available for review at the locations listed below during normal business hours. The FEIR may also be reviewed and downloaded at the City of Benicia website: 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 **Monday, February 8, 2016** at 6:30 p.m. to consider the Final EIR and a Use Permit for the Crude by Rail project. **In anticipation of the number of speakers, additional Planning Commission meetings to receive comments are scheduled for February 9, February 10 and February 11, 2016. These additional meetings will only be held as necessary to hear public comment - if all members of the public who wish to speak on the FEIR and the Use Permit have been heard, for example, during the meeting on February 9th, then no further public comments would be heard during subsequent meetings. All meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers, Benicia City Hall, located at 250 East L Street, Benicia, CA 94510. The City encourages interested persons to attend and provide oral comments to the Commission.

Questions about the process may be directed to:

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