

Rodriguez, Melanie

From: Mary Elizabeth <mebeth@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 12:21 PM
To: Rodriguez, Melanie
Subject: non-agenda comments 9.16.2024

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Greetings Port Commissioners and Staff,

I am sure you all have been briefed about recent Stocktonia articles about the GSNR wood pellet export project. Additionally, the Sacramento Bee published an op ed by Gloria Alonso Cruz and the Chico Enterprise-Record published a letter to the editor that I submitted also regarding the GSNR wood pellet export project. I have included links to these informational articles for your reference and review.

- Stocktonia Opinion [A Giant Eyes the Stockton Port](#) 9.11.2024
- Stocktonia [Proposed wood pellet facility at Port of Stockton faces opposition over potential environmental impact](#) 9.11.2024
- [An environmental tragedy is unfolding 50 miles south of Sacramento. There's time to act](#) special opinion Sacramento Bee August 31, 2024
 - ["Seeking solutions other than biomass"](#) letter to the editor Chico Enterprise-Record August 30, 2024

As the time for the DEIR release is nearing, I ask that the Port of Stockton host a meeting to discuss responsible agency comments and the concerns of residents. Additionally, as before I ask that the Port Commission consider including speakers that are knowledgeable about the project come and provide a presentation for you all and community residents.

Sincerely,

Mary Elizabeth, M.S., R.E.H.S.

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From: Julie Dunning <jdsunshine3@att.net>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 1:57 PM
To: Rodriguez, Melanie
Subject: Fwd: Non-agenda Comments for 9.16.2024 Port of Stockton Commissioner Meeting

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Hi,

I am sorry to trouble you, and I know that I didn't originally ask for confirmation, but may I please get confirmation that my comments below were received.

Thank you in advance for your time.

Warm regards,
Julie

Begin forwarded message:

From: Julie Dunning <jdsunshine3@att.net>
Date: September 16, 2024 at 9:25:53 AM PDT
To: mrodriguez@stocktonport.com
Subject: Non-agenda Comments for 9.16.2024 Port of Stockton Commissioner Meeting

Honorable Port Commissioners:

My name is Julie Dunning, and I am a resident of Stockton who lives in close proximity to the port. I strongly oppose the Golden State Natural Resources (GSNR) wood pellet project because it will increase ocean-going, rail, and truck activity in Stockton, store fire-and-explosion-prone pellets in silos at the port of Stockton and ship them overseas to be burned in converted coal-fired power plants. This project threatens our local public health and safety, the global climate, our California forests, and environmental justice for Stockton's historically marginalized communities.

The storage and loading operations of massive amounts of wood pellets – one million tons per year – will result in harmful greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution at the port, where stored pellets will release methane, volatile organic compounds, and dust. Storing wood pellets in silos at the port poses substantial fire and explosion hazards to workers and neighboring communities. These silos hold several thousand tons of pellets and fires in storage facilities are difficult to detect early, are difficult to fight (water is ineffective), emit health-harming smoke, and can burn for days, weeks, or even months.

Stockton is already facing some of the highest pollution levels in California: designated as a disadvantaged community under SB 535 and AB 1550, and promised additional protection under AB 617, Stockton deserves sustainable economic development that will preserve the quality of

the environment for future generations and not further burden Stockton's air quality. Development at the Port of Stockton should not conflict with the Community Emission Reduction Plans established by the office of community air protection at the CA Air Resources Board but instead acknowledge the history of non-attainment with the Clean Air Act in this region.

With GSNR already attempting to secure a reimbursement agreement with the Port of Stockton, they are moving ahead as if approvals are in place at the Tuolumne and Lassen County levels before they have even finalized the CEQA process. The Port of Stockton has the power to promote transparency and has made some improvements over the last few years, but more is needed to enhance Environmental Justice values during every project and through various engagement opportunities. Promoting Environmental Justice values is beneficial to the Port and enables the community to understand risk management and even discuss resiliency and innovation. Golden State Natural Resources has overlooked this option and continues to negotiate behind closed doors. This is putting the health and safety concerns of near-port communities last, which is unacceptable.

At a minimum, I request that the port hold a public meeting to discuss responsible agency comments when the DEIR is under review, and disclose the details of any lease or other agreement that may be developed with GSNR. The Stockton advocacy community would like to know how they, and the public, will be able to participate and have their concerns addressed by enforceable measures within the agreement(s).

Warm regards,
Julie Dunning
Community EJ Advocate