

## RESOLUTION NO.

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE IN OPPOSITION TO THE SHIPMENT OF COAL THROUGH THE MARINE TERMINAL UNDER DEVELOPMENT AT THE FORMER OAKLAND ARMY BASE

**WHEREAS**, coal-producing counties in Utah and the developers of the large marine terminal under development at the former Oakland Army Base have proposed to ship large volumes of coal – estimated at up to 5 million tons per year – through the terminal, which is called the Oakland Bulk and Oversized Terminal and also the Oakland Break Bulk Terminal; and

**WHEREAS**, the site of the new marine terminal is owned by the City of Oakland, whose City Council went on record in 2014 opposing the transport of coal and other hazardous fossil fuels through Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, the plan to ship coal from the terminal was not disclosed when the City of Oakland granted approvals for the marine terminal and when the California Transportation Commission allocated \$242 million of State Proposition 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Funds (TCIF) for the marine terminal and associated infrastructure at the former Oakland Army Base; and

**WHEREAS**, the coal terminal directly conflicts with the requirements and main goals of Proposition 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Funds (TCIF), and the Sierra Club, Earthjustice, West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project, San Francisco Baykeeper and Communities for a Better Environment have requested in a letter to the California Transportation Commission that the Commission block disbursement of State Proposition 1B Trade Corridor Improvement funds (TCIF) allocations that would support the export of coal or other fossil fuels at the marine terminal; and

**WHEREAS**, the coal would be transported to the terminal along one or both of the two Class I rail lines serving the Port, including one that runs through Emeryville; and

**WHEREAS**, any coal trains traveling through Emeryville to the terminal could increase the risk of health-damaging coal dust and diesel emissions as well as collisions and train derailments in Emeryville, and coal trains on any rail line to the Oakland Terminal would pose the same dangers to other populated areas along the routes, especially neighborhoods of West Oakland, which are already burdened by pollution and other adverse impacts from Port of Oakland operations; and

**WHEREAS**, coal burning stands in direct conflict with the City of Emeryville's Climate Action Plan, and the State of California's climate action goals and policies, and with President Obama's policy to curb reliance on coal; and

**WHEREAS**, a joint study by the University of California Berkeley's CoolClimate Network and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District released in December 2015, found that Emeryville has the lowest per-household carbon footprint in the Bay Area; and

**WHEREAS**, coal burning is the largest source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions among all the fossil fuels, and substantial increases in GHG emissions are responsible for a significant increase in global warming.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Emeryville that it opposes the shipment of coal through the Oakland Bulk and Oversized Terminal under development at the former Oakland Army Base, and resolves to transmit copies of this resolution to the following:

- Governor Edmund G. Brown
- Oakland City Council
- Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf
- State Senator Loni Hancock
- Assemblymember Tony Thurmond
- Alameda County Transportation Commission
- Bay Area Air Quality Management District
- California Transportation Commission

**ADOPTED**, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a regular meeting held Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

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Dianne Martinez, MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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CITY CLERK

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CITY ATTORNEY