

## Request for Site Visit

I would like to request that the EIR consultants and the Planning Commissioners make a site visit to the project site and drive the entire oil haul route from the shipping facility to Highway 166. The only way to really grasp what we have discussed here today is to see the Huasna Valley first hand. Look at the scenic beauty. Listen to the incredible absence of industrial noise and traffic and the sounds of wildlife and nature. Think about how the introduction of an industrial facility will change the character of this rural, agricultural valley.

Most importantly, go soon, during the rainy season so that you can fully appreciate the current condition of the seven miles of dirt roads during the winter. Of course you won't get to experience how dusty they can be during the summer. Take a good look at the Huasna River Bridge and the high water line on the Porter Ranch barn so that you can fully understand what needs to be done to make this route a safe and viable path to transport heavy oil tanker trucks.

On your return trip to Highway 101 in Arroyo Grande, the path of all employees, service vehicles, propane trucks, and other ancillary traffic, be aware of the hazards of Huasna Road. Watch out for cyclists and wildlife on the road. Examine the point of slope failure on Huasna Road grade and observe that large vehicles cannot legally navigate eight of the curves. Look at the numerous aging, narrow road bridges you will cross, especially the problematic bridge at Alisos Road.

And finally, think about how project traffic might affect the character and safety of the Arroyo Grande village. Think about the community's request for analysis of a pipeline as a project alternative in the EIR and our concern that the haul route to Highway 166 be properly engineered and maintained.

Sure we need to develop domestic energy sources, but at what cost to our community and to whose financial benefit? Please do it right!