

April 15, 2024

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Re: Pacific Refinery Remediation Presentation

The Sustainability Commission is currently discussing and implementing the Climate Action Plan (CAP). As we become more successful in attaining the objectives of the CAP, those objectives may impact the fossil fuel industry in Contra Costa County. As we reduce greenhouse gases and decarbonize the transportation sector, there will be less demand for petroleum products. Contra Costa County has four petroleum refineries on its Northern Waterfront, two of which are converting to biofuels. By the time 2035 rolls around and no new gasoline automobiles are being sold in California, the demand for petroleum will be significantly decreased. Therefore, the four refineries may be forced to close, and the property remediated for uses other than producing petroleum products.

We have an example of refinery remediation right here in Contra Costa County that occurred 25 years ago in the City of Hercules. A historical analysis of what occurred during that remediation process may provide useful guidance of what to expect if one of our current refineries closes.

Attached you'll find my presentation to review and discuss with the entire Commission and the public during our meeting on April 29th.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Moore".

Mike Moore

Sustainability Commission Member