

**5) Response to Follow-up to Questions from East Bay
Regional Parks District**

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Subject: Coal's Public Health Comment Letter - EBRPD Director Sutter
Date: Monday, October 05, 2015 4:49:36 PM
Attachments: [Coal Public Health Comment - EBRPD Sutter 10-5-2015.doc](#)

Good Afternoon,

Please find attached a letter from Director John Sutter, EBRPD Board. It is a comment on Coal's Public Health and/or Safety Impacts received from Winnie Woo on October 2, 2015. Per that email, the deadline for submission was extended to 4pm on Tuesday, October 6, 2015.

Thank you.



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October 5, 2015

Mayor Libby Schaaf
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Dear Mayor Schaaf and City Councilmembers,

I am the elected Director to the East Bay Regional Park District (District) Board representing most of Oakland. As you know, the District along with eight other public agencies, is planning the future Gateway Park on former Oakland Army Base land which the federal government is committed to convey to the District by a public benefit conveyance.

Major entry to the bike/ped trail of the new Bay Bridge will be from Gateway Park. Of course, part of our mission as a park district is to encourage the public to engage in vigorous outdoor exercise; biking and hiking on trails is part of that task. Our next door neighbor will be the bulk terminal now proposed for off-loading coal onto ships which will undoubtedly release plenty of coal dust. The risk to our park users is obvious. The grade from the park to the bridge will be uphill thereby exerting bikers, joggers and walkers who will probably inhale coal dust in the process.

The mile long trains transporting the coal are likely to block Burma Road and other arteries leading to the park, thereby isolating the park from the rest of the city. This is not only inconvenient, but could be dangerous in the event of an emergency, trapping sick or injured people in the park for long periods of time.

For these and other reasons, please prohibit coal transportation through the city.

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Yours truly,
/s/ Director John Sutter
Director, EBRPD

- cc. Robert Doyle
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From: [John Sutter](#)
To: [Cole, Doug](#)
Subject: Coal
Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 2:09:10 PM

Dear Mr. Cole--I was unable to speak at the hearing, although signed in, because of the large number of speakers. There are some additional questions that need answers. Hopefully, you can add them to the list of questions. They are:

--How will the coal shipments effect the users and workers at the proposed Gateway Park, which will be next door to the terminal?

--What is the expected level of coal dust at the park in general, and the area where cyclists and pedestrians are going up to or coming down from the Bay Bridge trail?

--Will the trains carrying the coal cross Burma Road? What is projected average and maximum wait time at train crossing(s) for those entering of leaving the park?

Thank you

John Sutter, Director, East Bay Regional Park District

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Subject: East Bay Regional Park District Opposes Coal at Oakland Global Development
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 3:40:03 PM
Attachments: [Oppose Coal Export Reso.pdf](#)

To Whom It May Concern,

Please see attached resolution passed by the East Bay Regional Parks Board on Nov 3rd.

Thanks,

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p.s. My last day at the Sierra Club Bay Chapter is Tuesday, Nov 24th. Please add my personal email, jdervina@gmail.com to your contacts!

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO.: 2015 -11 - 316

November 3, 2015

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE EXPORT OF COAL THROUGH
THE NEW OAKLAND GLOBAL TRADE AND LOGISTICS CENTER

WHEREAS, the mission of the East Bay Regional Park District includes a commitment to incorporate an environmental ethic to guide all that we do; and

WHEREAS, the District is an active, committed leader in the international Healthy Parks Healthy People movement; and

WHEREAS, the new eastern span of the Oakland-San Francisco Bay Bridge features the very popular Alexander Zuckermann bicycle / pedestrian path along its southern edge which is now a destination of regional significance; and

WHEREAS, the pathway will connect to a segment of the Bay Trail on a spit of U.S. Army property located at the east end of the bridge, which is planned to be transferred to the East Bay Regional Park District for the development of Gateway Park; and

WHEREAS, the possibility of daily release of coal dust directly adjacent to a park is counter to the District's mission to provide healthful recreation and include an environmental ethic in the District's activity; and

WHEREAS, coal dust presents clear health risks to communities, as tests show that coal dust contains substances known to impact human health including arsenic, lead, chromium, nickel, selenium and other toxic heavy metals; and

WHEREAS, coal burning leads to as many as 13,000 premature deaths every year and more than \$100 billion in annual health costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby express opposition to the export of coal through Oakland and specifically the Oakland Global Trade and Logistics Center at the former Oakland Army Base; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the District and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents, and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

Moved by Director Sutter, and seconded by Director Wieskamp, and adopted this 3rd day of November, 2015, by the following vote:

FOR: Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, John Sutter, Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.
AGAINST: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Diane Burgis, Whitney Dotson



Board President

CERTIFICATION

I, Yolande Barial Knight, Clerk of the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 20511-316 adopted by the Board of Directors at a regular meeting held on November 3, 2015

