

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

REGARDING THE PIPELINE SAFETY HAZARD ASSESSMENT FOR THE NEW AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) CENTER SCHOOL SITE

The *Education Code* states that prior to commencing the acquisition of real property for a new school, the governing board of a school district shall evaluate the property at a public hearing using site selection standards established by the California State Department of Education, pursuant to *Education Code* Section 17251 (b.) Per these standards, the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District has conducted a safety review that included a survey of any high-pressure pipelines within 1,500 feet of the proposed 25.32-acre school site, which is located at 1280 Founders Avenue, in the City of Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County, California.

The safety review indicated that there is an active 6-inch natural gas pipeline located 1,400 feet north of the proposed school site, and two inactive 4-inch pipelines that transect the southeast corner of the site, one of which is designed to carry crude oil and the other is designed to carry natural gas. Therefore the District authorized the June 2015 Pipeline Safety Hazard Assessment prepared by Placeworks for the proposed school site to further study said pipelines and any future oil production development at the site for potential risks to students and staff who will attend or be employed at the proposed school site.

As required by the *Education Code*, the District will conduct a public hearing to review the June 2015 Pipeline Safety Hazard Assessment at the meeting of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Board of Education on July 15, 2015, and the Board will consider all public comments received in regard to the report. A copy of the June 2015 Pipeline Safety Hazard Assessment is available for public review at : SMJUHS Support Services Center, 2560 Skyway Drive, Santa Maria, CA 93455 and online at <http://www.smjuhsd.k12.ca.us/> under District, Facilities & Construction, 11-102.1 New Agricultural Education CTE Center.