



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

September 7, 2016

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Michele Gardner, Town Clerk 

SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution urging the Bay Area Air Quality Management District ("BAAQMD") to adopt the Community-Worker Alternative in Rule 12-16 to add a numeric cap on each refinery's cumulative greenhouse gas, particulate, and toxic emissions

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Resolution urging the Bay Area Air Quality Management District ("BAAQMD") to adopt the Community-Worker Alternative in Rule 12-16.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Goddard asked that the attached resolution be added to the agenda for the Council's consideration tonight.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/a

ATTACHMENT

Resolution

AGENDA ITEM # 8

RESOLUTION 16-__

**A RESOLUTION OF TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX
URGING THE BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT (“BAAQMD”) TO ADOPT THE
COMMUNITY-WORKER ALTERNATIVE IN RULE 12-16**

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) is charged by the federal and state governments to enforce federal and state air quality laws governing industrial sources, with 24 locally elected representatives from nine Bay Area counties making up its Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, it is BAAQMD’s mission “to create a healthy breathing environment for every Bay Area resident while protecting and improving public health, air quality, and the global climate;” and

WHEREAS, the American Lung Association, in its 2016 “State of the Air” report, has assigned the Bay Area a grade “D” for air quality, and residents in the Bay Area refinery corridor and other Bay Area communities suffer disproportionately from emissions-related diseases including cancer, asthma, stroke, and autoimmune disorders; and

WHEREAS, the five Bay Area oil refineries are seeking to adapt their facilities in order to process dirtier, higher-sulfur crude, including Canadian tar sands, one of the dirtiest crudes on the planet, with the potential to greatly increase dangerous refinery emissions; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Community–Worker proposal for Rule 12-16 of an enforceable numeric cap on each refinery’s cumulative greenhouse gas, particulate and toxic emissions will prohibit Bay Area refineries from processing significantly increased amounts of these extremely dirty crudes and will require controls to prevent increased emissions, thereby reducing the harm to Bay Area residents from dangerous emissions and limiting the amount of greenhouse gases that trigger catastrophic climate disruption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax, that as a prudent public health measure and effective climate policy, the Council strongly urges the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to adopt the Community–Worker Alternative in Rule 12-16, and to instruct BAAQMD Staff to complete such rulemaking, per District Board’s commitment, by the end of May 2017.

The foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on the 7th day of September 2016, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Renée Goddard, Mayor

Attest: _____
Michele Gardner, Town Clerk