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Hi everyone,

This Tuesday, the County Board of Supervisors meets in Santa Maria, and item #4 on their agenda is the Tajiguas Recovery Resource Project, for waste disposal. Part of the discussion centers on where to place the Materials Reclamation Facility (MRF). We have an MRF already in operation at 622 E Quinientos, and it breaks up construction materials. It has been the subject of several air pollution complaints made to the county's Air Pollution Control District office. Some of you came to the neighborhood meeting at the Fess Parker in October about this.

Das Williams' office has been assisting us with the air quality problems, and in talking with them today, warned me that the discussion Tuesday is going to be a fight over putting in a 'dirty' MRF on the Gaviota Coast, that would digest waste and put out methane gas that would be burned by flare. That is being fought hard by environmentalists. Those environmentalists don't want that facility on the coast, but want the 'dirty' MRF to be put here on the Eastside. The target location is Quarantina at Yanonali St.

We've already experienced concrete dust particles drifting from the existing MRF on Quinientos over into the Eastside, and people are reporting respiratory illnesses in the area, loss of sense of smell and more. Concrete dust contains silica, a known carcinogen.

The new facility would have a gas flare like this to burn the methane coming from the decaying material to be placed here:

Utility Flares



Supervisor Williams' office is urging we attend the meeting to protest the installation of anything like this in our neighborhood. We need to push back hard on further air quality erosion. Councilmember Dominguez said in his campaign that the Eastside has the worst air quality in the city. While some of that is due to 101 proximity, much of it is certainly due to facilities like these, and we're about to get another one.

I plan to go Tuesday to be in Santa Maria to speak. You can attend here in Santa Barbara at the County Board of Supervisors hearing room on the 4th floor in the County Admin building downtown and submit your public comment video conference call. You can also email the supervisors at the addresses below, or call them.

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