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CITIZENS ASK GOVERNOR'S HELP TO CANCEL PIPELINE.

Landowners along the proposed 231 mile Pacific Connector Pipeline, which is scheduled to run from Coos Bay to Malin are asking for support from the general public in their letter writing campaign to Gov. Kulongoski, senators and representatives opposing the project.

The pipeline will go through Trail, go under the Rogue River in that area and have a compressor station near Butte Falls.

A recent meeting in Shady Cove, which is outlined in a paid letter by Toni Woolsey and Elizabeth Miller in this edition, outlines a number of the property owners concerns.

Property owners feel their concerns are not being heard. They are joined by a group NO California Pipeline. The proposed project will begin in Coos Bay where a terminal will be built that will include a marine berth capable of receiving liquefied natural gas (LNG) supplies from specially-designed marine vessels, two full 160,000 cubic meter LNG tanks (3.2 billion cubic feet per tank) for storage of the natural gas in liquid form. They will be able to send out one billion cubic feet of natural gas per day. There will be an integrated electric power plant and a natural gas liquid extraction facility.

Those involved in the project in addition to Pacific Connector will be Williams Northwest Pipeline, Avista, Pacific Gas and Electric, Tuscarora Gas Transmission and Gas Transmission Northwest's System, near Malin.

A request was initially filed in April 2006. The timeline calls for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in January 2008, final EIS in June and a certificate order in August of this year. With the approvals, they expect to begin the Coos Bay construction late this year with pipeline construction starting during the second quarter of 2010. Completion is anticipated during the last quarter of 2011.

In November 2007, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) sent a 15-page letter containing more than 80 concerns regarding the proposed terminal project, called Jordan Cove Energy Project, at Coos Bay. Their concerns ranged from the plan to dredge the Coos Bay

channel to handle the vessels to their economic impact. The Coos County Board of Commissioners postponed approval in late November. In early December, the Hearings Officer, who had been hired by the Coos County Commission, recommended denial of the application to dredge. One week later the commissioners ignored her recommendation and approved the permit that would begin the entire project.

According to those in charge of the Jordan Cove Project, growth and the need for low cost natural gas is evident. The 332 landowners along the 231 mile proposed pipeline find themselves overwhelmed by those large companies that will be involved in the project and they are urging Kulongoski to help them stop what they consider "this unnecessary impact."

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