

Oakland Coal Terminal – Major News Coverage Clips 2

LOS ANGELES TIMES: Coal represents the polluted past -- except in the interior West

March 17, 2016

By William Yardley

Environmentalists and energy experts have been saying it for a while now. So have private investors and federal regulators. Lawmakers across the West are increasingly saying it, too: The reign of King Coal is over.

SENATE SPOTLIGHT: Sen. Loni Hancock

March 16, 2016

Watch and listen to Sen. **Loni Hancock**, D-Oakland, talk about a number of key issues of great importance to her constituents and residents statewide. From construction of a new coal terminal in Oakland to prison reform to a landmark mattress-recycling program, Hancock and moderator Brian Green delve into issues that matter on this edition of Senate Spotlight.

EAST BAY EXPRESS: The Senator Versus Coal

March 16, 2016

By [Darwin BondGraham](#)

The coal industry — responsible for much of the CO2 pollution driving climate change — is dying, and State Senator **Loni Hancock**, D-Berkeley, wants to help bury it.

BAY AREA NEWS GROUP: Utah lawmakers pass bill to subsidize coal exports through Port of Oakland

March 11, 2016

A Utah proposal to invest more than \$50 million in taxpayer funds for a coal shipping facility at the Port of Oakland cleared that state's Legislature on Thursday and is on its way to the governor's desk.

BAY AREA NEWS GROUP/OAKLAND TRIBUNE/CONTRA COSTA TIMES: Oakland reacts to Utah's move to invest \$53 million in a coal terminal

March 11, 2016

By David DeBolt

OAKLAND -- As Utah this week passed a bill to invest \$53 million of taxpayer money for a coal shipping facility in Oakland, this city's officials are paring down volumes of evidence on whether transporting the ore here would endanger residents.

SALT LAKE CITY TRIBUNE Op-Ed: Oakland coal port scheme is a pig in a poke

March 10, 2016

By Tom Sanzillo

A bill being seriously considered by the Utah Legislature this week seeks in essence to finance a backdoor subsidy for a coal export terminal in Oakland whose construction could well leave Utah taxpayers on the hook for a highly questionable and highly speculative \$53 million out-of-state subsidy.

The proposed law, which exists now as Senate Bill 246, is being offered as a narrow, technical transfer of state funds that would let a number of Utah counties participate in a transaction that goes unnamed in the legislation.

ABC-TV 4 SALT LAKE CITY: Critics say Utah coal deal is a \$53 million mistake

March 10, 2016

'This is absolutely a fraud on the legislative process'

By Kimberly Nelson

THE (Utah) DESERET NEWS EDITORIAL: In our opinion - (Oakland) Coal port has too many red flags

March 10, 2016

The harsh reality is that demand for coal is flagging in the U.S., and where it is in demand abroad, there is sufficient supply.

BLOOMBERG: JPMorgan Won't Back New Coal Mines to Combat Climate Change

March 09, 2016

By Tim Loh

JPMorgan Chase & Co. became the latest big bank to pull back from coal.

EAST BAY EXPRESS: Utah Lawmakers Voting to Spend Public Funds on Oakland Coal Terminal Took \$29,000 from Company that Stands to Profit

March 10, 2016

Utah state lawmakers are racing a bill through the final days of their legislative session that would subsidize a proposed coal export terminal in Oakland with \$51 million in Utah public funds. The lawmakers promoting the bill argue that it is necessary to support jobs in rural Utah.

CBS-TV KPIX SAN FRANCISCO: Utah Lawmakers Push For Coal Railroad Terminal In Oakland

March 09, 2016

By Christian Ayers

OAKLAND (CBS SF) — A plan to export coal through a proposed new shipping terminal in Oakland got a financial boost Tuesday: Lawmakers in Utah are fast tracking a bill that would close a funding gap for the project.

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE OP-ED: West Oakland deserves better than dirty coal

March 08, 2016

By Van Jones

Oakland has a decision to make. The proposed deal to ship coal by rail through the export terminal project is a filthy bargain. No one should be forced to choose between a job and good health; our communities need both to thrive.

West Oakland has been a dumping ground for polluters for generations. People who live in West Oakland are twice as likely to wind up in the emergency room with asthma than other Alameda County residents are.

Sen. Hancock asks California Transportation Commission to halt state funding of proposed Oakland coal terminal

March 07, 2016

Money would come from voter-approved Proposition 1B for public projects

SACRAMENTO – Sen. Loni Hancock, D-Oakland, today released the following letter to the California Transportation Commission asking that it postpone funding of a proposed Oakland coal terminal because of questions surrounding its impact on public health:

INSIDE CALEPA: Citing State's GHG Goals, Senator Seeks To Block Port Coal-Export Project

March 04, 2016

By Curt Barry

An East Bay Democrat is stepping up efforts to block a proposed coal export terminal from being built near the Port of Oakland, introducing bills that would raise the bar for the project while charging that allowing the project to proceed would undermine California's commitments to reduce greenhouse gases and address climate change.

Sen. Hancock asks Utah Senators to reject plan to spend \$53 million in public funds to help build controversial coal terminal in Oakland

March 03, 2016

SACRAMENTO – Sen. **Loni Hancock**, D-Oakland, today released the following letter of opposition sent to Utah senators expected to vote as soon as Friday on a plan to use \$53 million in public funds to help build a coal-export facility in Oakland:

SALT LAKE CITY TRIBUNE EDITORIAL: Late legislation furthers coal port's cloudy process

March 03, 2016

When accommodating murky projects, it is standard operating procedure in the Utah Legislature to wait until the last days of the session to unveil a complicated bill intended to dodge the projects' legal problems.

SALT LAKE CITY TRIBUNE: New bill would have Utah taxpayers invest \$51 million in California coal port

March 01, 2016

By ROBERT GEHRKE

Feb 29 2016

A Utah senator wants to invest \$51 million in taxpayer money to issue loans to help build a deep-water port in California to export Utah coal overseas, a proposal that has sparked outcry in California and from environmental groups.

Sen. Hancock responds to OK by Utah panel to spend \$51 million in public funds to build Oakland coal terminal

March 02, 2016

SACRAMENTO – Sen. **Loni Hancock**, D-Oakland, today released the following statement in response to committee approval in the Utah Senate today of a bill allowing the investment of \$51 million in taxpayer funds to build a terminal in Oakland to export Utah coal to China and other countries:

SACRAMENTO BEE: Utah bill to invest in California coal port advances

March 02, 2016

BY MICHELLE L. PRICE *Associated Press*

SALT LAKE CITY A proposal to invest more than \$50 million in taxpayer funds for a coal shipping port in California is speeding through Utah's Legislature, clearing an initial vote Wednesday that came less than 48 hours after the measure was unveiled.

Sen. Hancock urges Utah to reconsider plan to spend \$51 million in public funds to help build controversial coal terminal in Oakland

March 01, 2016

SACRAMENTO – Sen. **Loni Hancock**, D-Oakland, today released the following letter of opposition to a Utah lawmaker’s plans to use \$51 million in public funds to help build a coal-export facility in Oakland:

Sen. Hancock introduces legislation to restrict coal exports in California

February 19, 2016

Four-bill package introduced in California Legislature today

OAKLAND – Citing health and environmental threats posed by increased coal shipments in and out of California, Sen. **Loni Hancock** today introduced four proposed laws to restrict exports of the pollution-inducing fuel source.

San Francisco Chronicle: [Oakland making its move in dustup over coal trains](#)

By Matier & Ross

December 2, 2015

Before jetting off to Paris for this week’s star-studded global warming conference, Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf and her staff finally hit upon a plan to solve her first local environmental crisis — how to stop coal from being shipped through the Port of Oakland.

At issue is a proposal to ship Utah coal through the \$250 million bulk cargo terminal being built — in part with public funds — by politically connected developer Phil Tagami at the old Oakland Army Base.