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REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ITEM #7:

The natural gas blow out at SoCalGas' Aliso Canyon gas storage facility on October 23, 2015 displaced thousands of families, released unprecedented amounts of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, and cost over a billion dollars to mitigate, compensate, and repair. In addition, the temporary cessation of injection and subsequent reaction from energy providers showed the region's over reliance on the facility for gas and energy reliability. However, warnings of rolling black outs and energy shortages during the summer never came to fruition.

SB 380 requires the commission, no later than July 1, 2017, to open a proceeding to determine the feasibility of minimizing or eliminating use of the Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility. The Public Utilities Commission and the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources are also conducting a root cause analysis on how the leak started. Finally, the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources is overseeing the safety requirements as prescribed by SB 380. As the Southern California Gas Company continues its required testing of the remaining wells to comply with SB 380, on November 1, 2016, they sought approval to re-initiate gas injection into the facility.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Send a five signature letter to the Public Utilities Commission and to the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources to:

1. Continue restricting natural gas injection into the Aliso Canyon gas storage facility until the Commission has completed a study to determine the feasibility of closing or reducing the capacity of the facility per SB 380 (Pavley) and until the Commission and the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources have completed the root cause analysis of what caused the gas leak and shared the results with the public;
2. Independently verify the requested injection levels and the basis for the request by So Cal Gas;

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3. Issue a public report detailing the state's proposed final decision, including how the state will monitor compliance with the state's decision; and,
4. Provide maximum transparency, including a public meeting and an opportunity for public comment.

I, FURTHER MOVE, that copies of the letter be sent to Governor Jerry Brown and the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation.

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