

# The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

*In the Matter of Urging )  
the California Public Utilities Commission and the Federal Railroad Administration)  
to adopt safety regulations for use of remote control locomotives )*

RESOLUTION NO.

**WHEREAS**, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors has a duty to provide for the public safety of its Citizens; and

**WHEREAS** Contra Costa County has received information that a pilot program has been initiated relating to the use of remote controlled locomotives across the nation including cities in California and Contra Costa County; and

**WHEREAS**, railroads operate within the geographic boundaries of Contra Costa County over public and private rail crossings and on property accessible to persons of all ages and abilities; and

**WHEREAS** a significant amount of rail cargo traveling through and moving within Contra Costa County consists of hazardous materials; and

**WHEREAS**, Freight hauling railroads doing business within Contra Costa County operate in switching yards and on tracks adjacent to and connecting with tracks carrying high-speed Amtrak and trains; and

**WHEREAS**, a concern exists that regulations and guidelines for the use of these remote controlled locomotives should be clearly identified and safety issues addressed before wide-scale implementation of this program; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States government has issued a safety alert with respect to vandalism and terrorist threats against railroads;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the **Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors** urges the **California Public Utilities Commission and the Federal Railroad Administration** to adopt regulations to ensure that the safety of Contra Costa County citizens is not at risk by the use of remote control locomotives.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on May 6, 2003 by a unanimous vote of the Board members present.

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Mark DeSaulnier, Chairman

*I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order entered on the Minutes of said Board of Supervisors on the aforesaid date.*

*Witness my hand and the Seal of the Board of Supervisors affixed this 1st day of April 2003.*

JOHN SWEETEN, Clerk of the Board of  
Supervisors and County Administration

*By  
Clerk*

*Deputy*

*Introduced by Chairman Mark DeSaulnier, District IV*

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