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## AGENDA INFORMATIONAL HEARING

### *Safe Rail Transport of Crude Oil: What's On the Horizon and Are We Prepared?*

Monday, February 24, 2014

State Capitol, Room 4203  
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#### **I. Welcome and Opening Statement**

- Senator Alex Padilla, Chairman

#### **II. Overview of Recent Accidents, and Current and Projected Railroad Traffic**

- Brie Lindsey, Ph.D., Fellow California Council on Science and Technology  
Senate Office of Research

#### **III. State vs. Federal Jurisdiction, Current Safety Oversight, Needed Changes**

- Paul King, Ph. D., Deputy Director  
Office of Rail Safety, Safety and Enforcement Division  
California Public Utilities Commission
- Dolores Valls, PE, State Bridge Maintenance Engineer  
California Department of Transportation



#### **IV. Current Safety Practices of Main and Short Line Railroads**

- Pat Brady, Assistant Director of Hazardous Materials  
BNSF Railway Company
- David Wickersham, Chief Engineer, Western Region  
Union Pacific Railroad
- Kennan H. Beard III, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer  
Modesto and Empire Traction Company  
President  
California Short Line Railroad Association
- David Buccolo, General Manager  
Central California Traction Company

#### **V. Public Comment**