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TUESDAY NIGHT, JUNE 14th, THE OXNARD CITY COUNCIL HELD ITS SECOND HEARING ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED LIQUID NATURAL GAS TERMINAL AT ORMOND BEACH. AFTER FIVE AND ONE HALF HOURS OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY THE COUNCIL VOTED FOUR TO ONE TO CERTIFY THE REPORT WHICH REMOVED ANOTHER ROADBLOCK IN THE PATH OF THE LNG SITE. WE THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW WHICH MEMBERS VOTED FOR CERTIFICATION OF THE REPORT; COUNCILMAN MAXWELL, COUNCILMAN MILLER, COUNCILMAN TAKASUGI AND MAYOR KATO. MRS JANE TOLMACH VOTED AGAINST CERTIFICATION OF THE REPORT. INDEED, IT WAS MRS. TOLMACH THAT QUESTIONED THE ADEQUACY OF THE E.I.R., REFUSING TO TAKE IT AT FACE VALUE AND REFUSING TO TAKE THE TESTIMONY OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WESTERN LIQUID NATURAL GAS ASSOCIATES AT FACE VALUE. WE FEEL SHE SHOULD BE CONGRATULATED AS THE ONLY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL WHO RAISED UNANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND THE OVERALL SAFETY OF THE TERMINAL.