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Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce joins coalition in opposition to SB 57 and AB 199

The Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce's Legislative Action Team has signed on as coalition member in opposition of two pieces of legislation.

SB 57 (Stern and Hertzberg) Natural Gas Storage: moratorium

This bill is a direct result of last year's failure of the Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility. While Southern California Gas Company has repaired, and further complied with new testing and regulatory requirements established by both the legislature and State of California Regulatory agencies, this bill would require addition, yet undetermined investigations, tests, and regulatory measures to be undertaken and completed satisfactorily before this storage is allowed to become operational.

This delays, indefinitely, the reopening of an effective and safe natural gas storage facility. Without a Southern California, natural gas reserve, when can expect to continue to receive notices or requests for natural gas conservation at home. But, this could also affect peak electrical production during hot summer months.

AB 199 (Chu) Public Works: Private Residential Projects

Changes the requirements in determining public works projects. In doing so, it would require private residential home builders on privately owned land to comply with the State of California's prevailing wage requirements. This would effectively increase home construction costs, above and beyond the affordability of a median income household.