

Public Comment for the Excelaron (Mankins) Draft EIR

To Whom It May Concern:

Why are we letting two foreign countries ruin our historic valley? Our country needs oil but not oil obtained by outsiders. A reputable US company with proper financial backing would be to everyone's advantage.

As a sixty year resident and land owner in the Huasna Valley, I am deeply concerned about our future here. My father and sister have their life's work here. The value of our producing ranch will deteriorate badly if this beautiful valley and ranchland turns into another Price Canyon.

People live and visit here because of the wildlife, natural beauty, and quietness. The increased number of vehicles on this tiny twisted road will find and kill deer, hogs, squirrels, turkeys, and other birds, not to mention an increased incidence of traffic accidents and possible fatalities. Our natural environment will be ruined. This road is a good place for a fire to start with all of the extra traffic.

Huasna and Huasna Townsite Roads are not made for large and heavy traffic. In our operation, we must use a pilot car for one or two cattle trucks. Even if the tankers go through the Porter Ranches to Highway 166, ALL of the other trucks, pickups, cars, and equipment will go through the city of Arroyo Grande and out this narrow windy road. It doesn't make sense to me to kill humans and wildlife when you know it will happen by approving this project!

Using the current small bridge to the Porter Ranch and entry to it is not very wise. If you lived out here you would know what I mean. Our land is on both sides and under the bridge and the sharp turn approach is part of our land too. There will be accidents and spills at this site. Are we liable for these disasters? The two streams on our property would take the oil and other chemicals down to the Twitchell Reservoir and on to the Santa Maria River to Guadalupe. In addition to the extreme devastation to the environment and the city's water supply, how profitable would this be for the applicant? Accidents DO happen you know...

Many ranches out here produce food for cattle which means food for the city peoples' mouths. Other ranches produce vegetables for local markets. Do we really want to ruin the place that grows our food for a little bit of green stuff that the outsiders claim they will make? No one talks about the value in dollars that this project will cost San Luis Obispo County. If this project costs the county more than it contributes, then why allow it?

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