

Opposed: proposal for oil development by Exceleron Corp on the Mankins' Huasna property

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Greetings Mr. McKenzie:

I am a cyclist and have pedaled out Huasna Valley and worked as a ranch hand there back in the mid eighties of a Poly instructor of mine at the time. If I recall, we were frequently "buzzed" by helicopters while we went about our activities. The "buzzing" was performed at legal altitudes, I expect, but the noise was disturbing to the bucolic setting that is Huasna Valley. I also pedal past the fields on Price Canyon and catch the aroma of the activities, much as we might jest with fellow cyclists as to what REALLY made the smell. I have occasionally followed the doings out in the Carrizo Plains and wondered at the discussions and public comment that no one makes suggestions that maybe we need not consume so much energy that we need to cover the ground with photo-voltaics. Perhaps the same can be said of development in Huasna: do we (and here I blame the consumers as they will supply the market for this activity) need the modicum of extra extraction? What will we give up by not having Huasna mined (kinda what it is)? For me: not much. The amount of this extra oil in my life will be unnoticeable. The impact to the quality of life for residents and visitors to Huasna Valley might be huge. I think we need the leadership of our officials to point this out and work to preserve what makes this area such a fine place to live. Not sure if you can call the shots this way, and still I type to register with you and those to whom you pass this along: I just don't see this being worth the costs, direct and indirect, to our community.

Let's find ways to lower our energy use (cycle to the grocery store, f'goodness sake) and in the absence of personal motivation, I wish to see our leaders just say no on behalf of our community.

Cheers!

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