

August 3, 2011

John McKenzie, Project Manager
County Planning & Building Dept.
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RE: Excelaron Oil Drilling Project:

Dear Mr. McKenzie:

I have been a resident of Huasna Valley and I am opposed to the Excelaron Oil Drilling Project. I have a number of concerns about the project as referenced below:

- Where in the DEIR does it say the project traffic must use the Porter Ranch route to 166? Huasna Road is dangerous enough and adding additional industrial, construction and service vehicles to the road only endangers the residents.
- How will the County legally prevent Excelaron from using Huasna Road during the rainy season. Porter Ranch was flooded in June of this year. There is not an all weather road to the drilling site.
- The Huasna Valley, as you know has one way in and one way out (besides the Porter Ranch) and is dry and hot most of the year. The nearest CAL FIRE Station is at SLO Airport. In the event of a catastrophic fire, the valley would be devastated. The applicant should fund a Huasna Valley Fire Station.
- Property Values: The Huasna Valley should never be turned into an oil field. No one will want to buy property that is in near an industrial scale oil production facility. The current land owners, local residents and the tax base of the county would lose money on this project just in decreased property values and desirability. People will never be able to sell their properties for the true value if Huansa is turned into a valley of potential pollution and waste.
- Huasna Valley should maintain it's natural beauty, free from irreversible odor, air and water pollution.

For all these reasons and more, I strongly urge the county to listen to the residents and citizens of this community and see this project as it is: flawed, unpopular and has potentially irreversible negative impacts that would leave the citizens of SLO County on hook for the clean up, just like they did in the 1980's.

Sincerely,


Victor Sanchez