Draft EIR Oster/Las Pilitas Quarry
Pat Zimmerman to: Murry Wilson 05/02/2013 01:42 PM

Dear Mr. Wilson,

I attended the meeting on April 25th in Santa Margarita regarding the Oster/Las Pilitas Quarry Draft EIR. Several things struck me as odd regarding how this meeting was conducted ...

1. In the entrance lobby, a table was set up by the applicant with material that advertised their project. A sheet for names, addresses, e-mail addresses, etc. was offered. Unwitting attendees signed this sheet, thinking the sheet was meant for the county. It was good that Supervisor Arnold clarified the matter, but it made one wonder about the integrity of the applicants.

2. Why were only "excerpts" from the draft EIR passed out? The CDs were not promoted & people had to ask for them specifically ... Granted, copies can be seen at our libraries & on-line, but too often these resources are overlooked - A CD at home allows for better study.

3. The "first" page of the Draft EIR report, "excerpts" edition, has (again) Las Pilitas Resources, LLC letterhead with their website, etc. - Is not the county planning department suppose to remain unbiased in presenting project proposals to the public?

4. Why was the county's "bicycle coordinator" there? Was he suppose to represent the hundreds by bicyclists that use Highway 58?

5. Re: "No Project Alternative" (6.5) in the Draft EIR: Section 6.6.1 One of the applicants' objectives is to "develop a new & independent source of aggregate" - The "other" quarries (Hanson & Rocky Canyon) are owned by "large, vertically integrated, international corporations" .... I suppose this is something not good?? And what is to prevent these "new & independent resource" people from selling their quarry after a few years to one of these "large, vertically integrated, international corporations?

Yes, indeed, the people in the SLO County Planning Dept. will need to do their homework on this one.

Thanks for your time ...

Very Sincerely,

Pat Zimmerman