



Proposed Highway 58 Quarry
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I would like to address the proposed quarry on Highway 58, outside of the town of Santa Margarita

The impact of 200+ truck trips a day on the town of Santa Margarita will be horrible. There are many small businesses in town, from a nursery to a dressmaker to family owned restaurants, to a feed store, winery, art studios, and lumber yard. More businesses are in the planning stage. The ranch is used for many private events, as well as public events such as Savor the Central Coast. With those trucks roaring past, customers, both locals and tourists, will disappear. It will be difficult to drive into town, park your car, pull out of your parking space. The noise will be distracting. The air pollution foul. No longer will Margarita feel like the small town it is, but it will feel like a strip mall on the side of a freeway.

Travel on Highway 58 will also be negatively impacted. Highway 58 is a two lane highway, with sharp (sometimes blind) curves, no shoulder in many places, no bicycle lane. As the trucks pull into the highway off El Camino, there is not enough room to clear the railroad tracks for trucks over 50' long. Immediately after crossing the tracks are our public park and the crosswalk which kids use to go to the elementary school.

Traffic, along with the impact the proposed quarry would have on the air, water and the beauty of the countryside, are factors that cannot be ignored or mitigated and, I believe, reasons to deny the creation of this quarry.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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