



Draft EIR Comment Form

Proposed Las Pilitas Quarry Project

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Comment: The following impacts of the above proposed project should be addressed more critically, as a deterrent to this presentation.

Biological Resources: Both a) and b) are not mitigated in the EIR. Are they to be simply dismissed?? c) Impact wetland or riparian habitat: why was this assessment conducted during a non-wet period? All three of these are significantly a potential impact in a negative way.

Air Quality: a) through d) factors, or impacts, are listed as potentially significant and should be addressed as negative to the project. Air quality should be definitely examined, due to the increases of cases in this area of Coccidioidomycosis (Valley Fever), due to the disturbance of the soil at the Topaz Solar Farm in 2013, as cited in The Tribune. The disturbance to the soils will be even greater, if this project is approved, which could affect the nearby Santa Margarita residents and Elementary School. Also another affect would be increased exposure to microscopic particles of Crystalline Silica, which can cause Silicosis. (Ref.: AMA Encyclopedia of Medicine.) And further, with an average projected number of 200 trucks per day, the air quality will be further degraded. ...continued...

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Comment: Noise: Derived from explosions and noise from trucks transporting gravel.

It is not just the decibel level, which is important to consider, but also the prolonged exposure to noise at certain levels. A diesel truck, with 90dba, heard for 8 continual hours will cause hearing damage (Environmental Protection Agency, 1971). In addition to affects of noise are the affects of stress on the body. Continued exposure to stress causes mental and physical symptoms. (AMA Encyclopedia of Medicine.) Also known: a person never gets accustomed to noise. (G. Tyler Miller, Jr. - Living in the Environment.)

Suggestions:

The Las Pilitas Quarry should have to find a parking lot for its trucks on its own property, not park them in the town itself.

The access road for the truck should be moved to the same place as the nearby quarry, which does not exit on Route 58, hence alleviating many concerns. The county should declare eminent domain for the road but require the applicant to pay for the access fees and road maintenance. This would be significantly better in many regards to the impacts cited as problems.

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