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RE: OSTER/LAS PILITAS QUARRY, DRC2009-00025 DEIR COMMENTS

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I own property along Highway 58 and a short distance from the proposed new quarry. I have been driving Highway 58 between our property and Santa Margarita for over thirty years. It is a winding, narrow, country road with hairpin turns and blind curves. In a few specific spots it can be treacherous if two mid-sized cars approach the same turn from opposite directions. We appreciate the rural nature of this road and all of us, as neighbors, have taken its deficiencies to heart as we drive it. Regardless of what the quarry applicants might state, there is simply no scenario under which hundreds of gravel trucks every day, traveling up and down this road, will not pose a significant danger to those of us who traverse it. When driving this road one truck is a cause for alarm. According to the project description (pg2-9) "the project estimates an average of 273 daily truck trips." This is unconscionable. The road cannot handle this safely. The turns are too sharp, too continuous and the road too narrow. This is a recipe for disaster. It is important to put everyone on notice that this is a clear and obvious danger and that any future injury was easily foreseeable by anyone asked to review and consider.

It is also clearly evident that in a number of locations along the roadway it is physically impossible for the trucks to stay fully in their lane and must swing into oncoming lanes while they drive through residential neighborhoods and pass an elementary school.

The Level of Service analysis used in the Traffic Impact Study does not address the main area of concern of this letter, and of the numerous concerned communications from the community at large, which is that the *level of truck traffic on this rural road is fundamentally and foreseeably unsafe.*

Could you please address this pressing safety concern? Is Las Pilitas Quarry planning on reconstructing Highway 58 from the railroad tracks to the entrance? Will they be attempting to purchase homes in their way in order to widen, straighten, or build an overpass to avoid turns they cannot perform? Are they intending to put in Class 1 Bicycle lanes, turnouts, and shoulders

for the inevitable breakdowns which would then cut off access to town for residents and emergency vehicles? I understand the current Truck Management Plan assumes *voluntary* compliance from the applicant, which is frankly laughable, since we know they are already engaged in intentional violations with a history of non-compliance. Compliance requires monitoring by a third party for the entire length of the project.

I am anxious for a response to this pressing safety concerns. I'll look forward to hearing from you. Thanks very much for focusing on this during your review of the DEIR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E.M. Serra". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Eileen M. Serra