



We are 100% Against the Oster Quarry . Comments

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- > Comments on the EIR and overall Oster Quarry Plan.
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- > We could write volumes about why this is such a horrible project and we are vehemently opposed for several hundred reasons.
- > Most are covered in the overwhelming opposition letters and Margarita Proud.
- > We own property a very short distance away for over 35 years and have had to live with the Kaiser/Hanson quarry.
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- > I have had 3 broken windshields, ruined paint jobs from the quarry trucks (even with covered loads) and nobody to reimburse us for the damage. The blasting has gone on for years but is less ear shattering since the Hanson quarry is so deep now.
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- > The Oster Quarry will be elevated and the blasts will ruin the peace in our valley. Just because there has been one mine DOES NOT mean we have to live with another one for 30 more years.
- > We have "paid our dues" and we are not NIMBYs, since we have been subjected to a quarry for my 35 years in the area.
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- > I was on the Margarita Advisory and Planning Commission for many years. The number one complaint was quarry mine traffic speeding through our area and town. No matter how many times we requested, ordered or begged the Kaiser quarry to be good neighbors they were not.
- > Truckers are paid by the hour. Does one really think they will drive slow?
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- > Margarita has developed into a quaint, western town. We even have the number one voted restaurant in the County, (The Range) and Santa Margarita continues to change with new and existing vibrant businesses. Does one really believe these quarry truck and trailer loads of granite and aggregate flying through Margarita will help our beautiful community as they roar through town kicking up dust, parking in the center turn lanes, parked on any area possible, waiting for the quarry to open at 6:00 a.m.? The quarry adds nothing to our town.
- > Do you think Templeton, which is similar, would want these massive quarry trucks?
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- > Highway 58, Calf Canyon and Pozo Road will all be affected by the 100-300 oversize rock trucks a day. The roads mentioned, have in the past decade become famous for bicyclists and written up in many national magazines. Motorcycle clubs, car clubs all come out regularly to enjoy our peaceful and very scenic roads. Does one really believe this quarry will be compatible with these uses? What about shoulders on the roads. What about rock debris?
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- > For those that have not actually driven to the proposed site -do it! It is crazy and naive to think that these truck and trailers will not cause accidents or deaths. No shoulders and no pull outs, tight and many narrow curves.
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- > Who will pay to fix and sweep our roads? Bicyclists complain loudly now about the chip seal job on Highway 46 to the Cambria Coast. Bad chip seal will seem nice after what our roads will look like if this is approved.
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- > The corner of Calf Canyon and W.Pozo Road is dangerous now as many drivers do not stop at the stop sign on Calf Canyon/58. Drivers on W. Pozo Road

constantly slam on their breaks to avoid the cars and trucks that do this.
> The loaded quarry trucks will not have the speed to make it up the grade on Highway 58 (cemetery) unless they roll through the stop sign as many do now.

> I was the first person on an accident some years back due to this existing problem and the car traveling on Pozo road towards Margarita swerved and crashed. Both occupants in the car died.

> The car that pulled out (from Calf Canyon) continued on their way probably not even knowing they killed 2 people.

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> Jake brakes. The quarry trucks will have to use jake brakes often. You can hear jake brakes a mile or more away. This will be continuous no matter what anyone claims.

> On many days and nights the train sounds like it is 100' away due to the wind direction and moisture/fog. I find trains to be soothing but not blasting, not crushing, not the sounds of continuous trucks at 5:30 am until sunset and not jake breaks which are nerve wracking.

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> Valley Fever is out of control now. I just recovered, after 7 months sick and in hospitals due to Valley Fever. I lost 15% of my lungs. Although I can't prove I got it from our land (I travel frequently), the doctors said it was likely. Many workers further out Highway 58, at the new Solar farms, thousands in Arizona, California, Texas and Mexico have gotten Valley Fever. Google it and see if this is something you would want to have and see how it is spreading. Will the quarry pay the medical bills, for accidents caused and stress this will cause? Of course not.

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> If the Santa Margarita Ranch proceeds with their plans to build, I doubt anyone would want to purchase a spectacular, expensive home as many of these homes will face towards the quarry on the hills. The trucking noise as well as blasting will destroy the peace and quiet (as sound travels up).

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> Sunset Magazine, amongst others, have written about the wildflower season viewing and Santa Margarita, on these exact roads. Will the tourists bringing money to our County want to contend with the oversize trucks or look at the countryside? Is this something compatible with Savor the Central Coast at the Santa Margarita Ranch?

> The prevailing winds will blow the silicate, cancer causing dust towards the homes on Calf Canyon, up Parkhill, down the San Jose Valley (the valley land along W. Pozo Road) as well as the noise for 30 or more years.

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> Visit any winery and most have signs saying DUST KILLS. This is meant to prevent visitors from driving too fast on their D.G. roads and killing their vines. There are hundreds of acres of vines that will be affected on the Santa Margarita Ranch. Dust will blow from the quarry, the trucks and off the roads. Why allow this industry the right to damage our number one industries, agriculture and tourism ? How many jobs will it provide for our community? Less than 6.

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> There is talk of more major agriculture along W. Pozo Road that will be hindered by this use.

> Several beautiful, new, homes under construction now and several more in the planning stages that will be greatly impacted, including our new family home near to our old home. Will the quarry pay the land owners money to mitigate all that they impose on us?

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> I have heard the argument made that it will be "locally owned". Hardly a reason to approve this quarry because it can be sold at any time. US Americans and U.S. companies own mines and quarries all over the world. Businesses change hands every day. This is hardly a "nationalistic issue".

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> Mike Cole is a great guy but this project is selfish. It destroys more than it builds. There is no mitigation for people that die in accidents. Why should we be stuck behind rock spewing, slow trucks for the rest of our lives? Why sacrifice quality of life for many for the good of a few?

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> Elementary school, train crossings, quiet tree lined neighborhoods, beautiful town, agriculture and tourism, should all come first. There is no possible argument that can be made to override what the majority want, which is no new quarry. Hopefully, our elected officials, the Planning Dept. will choose the right thing to do.