



## Draft EIR Comment Form Proposed Las Pilitas Quarry Project

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There are many aspects that make this an undesirable project:

1. It introduces an intense mining and industrial operation right next to the Salinas River at the top of the Salinas watershed therefore having the capacity to affect most of the entire river basin in case of an industrial accident.
2. It disrupts and degrades the visual character of a scenic part of north County that is advertised to tourists as "the gateway to the Carrizo Plain National Monument"
3. It unnecessarily repeats an existing quarry operation nearby that in on a larger, more insulated and more accessible site.
4. It further encourages the use of virgin fill material diluting the promising efforts to provide similar material through existing concrete recycling operations in South County.

These are 4 strong reason to oppose this project but the strongest one in my opinion is that the project violates one of the most fundamental tenants of good planning which is that land use planning and transportation planning are interrelated and must be compatible. This is defiantly not the case here. Highway 58 is a 2 lane rural windy road through rugged and not very stable terrain. It was never intended for industrial transportation. For example this road has been severely affected both operationally and physically by the truck traffic involved in the construction of the solar power plants in the Carrizo which is a very small percentage of the daily load over a limited time of 3 years that the Pilitas quarry project would generate daily (273 day) for over 58 years.

Adding to this dismal violation to the integral relation between land use and transportation infrastructure is the fact that much of this heavy industrial truck traffic will weave through the eastern residential section of Santa Margarita complete with a school and down the main street of this classically laid out 19<sup>th</sup> century small town. The passenger car equivalency of this travel is like adding 819 car trips /cay to this situation. This is an unacceptable burden to add to highway 58 and Santa Margarita to provide material that is more easily obtained and shipped elsewhere in the county.

**For these reasons I support project alternative 6.5.**

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