

Will 58 Quarry be a profitable investment for the state? Could the loss of revenue from 58 Quarry lowering property values be profitable? Will the upkeep of trucks and roads of over 30 years be profitable? Will all of this money being made be worth the expense of local residents and surrounding wildlife?

With the increase of industrialization in Santa Margarita values of surrounding properties will be dramatically decreased resulting in residents losing thousands of dollars on their properties. The lowered values of properties will also result a lower cost in property taxes which will cause the state and county to see a dramatic decrease in its income. The county and all residents will be losing lots of money while only a handful of quarry business people will make a profit.

Trucks will be overflowing the town with traffic and destroying all of the roads causing the state more money in repairing the roads every year. On highway 58 there are street signs that recommend for trucks and trailers not to travel on that highway, and 58 Quarry will have hundreds of trucks travelling on it everyday. This will bring traffic to a crawl while creating lots of environmental and noise pollution. With the increase of traffic in Santa Margarita it will cause an increase in higher chances of wrecks, lawsuits, and deaths

With the increase of trucks there will be breakdowns and eventual leakage of fluids into the quarry. All of this pollution will find its way into the Salinas River and destroy the aquatic environment. There are many species of fish, frogs, beavers, and even endangered birds that will be negatively affected by all of the runoff. There are associations and with teams of lawyers who are prepared to sue anyone affecting the wildlife and its environments, thus costing the state more money. With the negative affect of wildlife, the pollution will also affect residents as the Salinas River is one of the main sources of drinking water for thousands.

So is 58 Quarry a worthy investment? Or is it more trouble than it is worth? One has to think of how much money they're losing from the loss of income from property taxes, road maintenance, and environmental protection from pollution. One also has to think about how much they are affecting the residents by putting an increased amount of stress and time on their daily lives.

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