

County of San Luis Obispo Planning and Building Department
Comment Form
Oster (Las Pilitas Quarry) CUP / Reclamation Plan (DRC2009-00025)

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Comment:

The adjoining rural residential area and roadways are the gateways to juxtaposing natural, open space, and conservation areas. These gateways provide an expectation of maintenance and enjoyment of natural quality of life for and by all. A single industrial use can quickly or perniciously transform the natural atmosphere of an area in a way that is antithetical to the concept of shared use.

As described, this project has potential for creating substantial adverse impacts in the following areas:

Traffic and roadway:

- Delays for local commuters
- Hazards for other vehicles, including bicyclists
- Hazards for wildlife
- Reduction of air quality
- Damaging overuse of roadway design (dedicated roadway required)
- Hazards created by uncovered or loose loads

Waterways and aquifers:

- Introduction of pollutants directly or due to explosions or earth shifting
- Fish and wildlife impacts
- Potential streambed or aquifer alteration

Residential and recreational:

- Shift of use atmosphere to industrial
- Property value reduction
- Destruction of area's known desirable natural qualities

Any value analysis or impact analysis prepared should include the existing factors that are difficult to quantify yet would be significantly impacted:

Quality of life:

- Residential
- Recreational
- Wild lands and skies and native habitat

Health and mental welfare of resident humans and animals

Conservation of environmental purity:

Locally produced and offered organic qualities of increasingly rare value

Naturally high quality air

Naturally high quality water

Natural quiet

Natural darkness

Natural scenery

Wildlife enjoying its native habitat and not induced to migration

Purely produced comestibles

Lack of congestion, overdevelopment, and overuse

Lack of heavy industry and mass wasting

Maintenance for scientific study of natural areas and corridors

Introducing the suggested concentration of particulates and pollutants into the local air and water and effects on the ground via heavy industrial mass wasting begins significant permanent alteration of scenic rural areas whose recovery from broad secondary impacts has proven unlikely.