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Subject: Fw: Proposed Highway 58 Rock Quarry in Santa Margarita
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Date: 07/26/2010 06:05 AM
Subject: Proposed Highway 58 Rock Quarry in Santa Margarita

Good Day;

With regard to the proposed quarry in Santa Margarita: I am writing to express my total opposition to the project. This is a terrible idea in so many ways that it is difficult to know where to begin to enumerate them. One can only try:

- 1: Health hazards to surrounding community caused by blasting, handling, and transportation of rock. Rock dust is a known cause of lung, eye, nasal and other disorders. There is at least one school in the immediate area, putting our children at risk to long term exposure to these hazards. This is in addition to the nuisance value of dirt being carried and distributed all along the route of transport, directly through town.
- 2: Infrastructure: Existing highways are entirely inadequate to stand up to the long term pounding inflicted by a large number of heavy trucks abusing them constantly
- 3: Water: There is a long term history of declining yield of many wells in the area. The huge water consumption of a major industrial plant in the area will certainly exacerbate this critical situation.
- 4: Traffic: It is horrible to imagine what the traffic situation will be on our rural roads with the projected average rate of one 70-ft double-gondola truck passing through Santa Margarita every three minutes. The danger to other motorists, the numerous bicyclists using our roads, pedestrians, children and pets, not to mention wildlife, will be extreme.
- 5: Wildlife habitat: The adverse effects of this plant to the wildlife of this area, already imperiled, will extend far beyond the boundaries of the proposed plant.
- 6: As has been shown time and time again in the wake of similar projects elsewhere, local residents will suffer for the profit of the few. Property values, already suffering, will be depressed yet further, and permanently.
- 6: Quality of Life: The tranquil, rural atmosphere of Santa Margarita will be forever lost. There are many other sites, located far from population concentrations, that would be suitable locations for such a noisy, dirty and dangerous enterprise. That profits might suffer slightly is small penalty for the well-being of an established population.

Sincerely,
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