

August 9, 2010

County of S.L.O. Planning and Building Representative,

We wish this email to serve as our comment for consideration in the matter of the Las Pilitas Quarry.

We bought our parcel in the general area of the proposed quarry because of the peaceful and quiet nature of the area. The addition of any more quarry activity in the area will be damaging and otherwise ruinous to that peaceful atmosphere. The additional traffic that includes an anticipated 200+ trucks a day will destroy the essence of the country lifestyle and peaceful environment.

We strongly question the "need" for any additional quarry activity. Commercial interests can always state that they are needed for reasons of competition. Even if that is sometimes true, it is NOT reason enough to impact the lives of the residents who will be negatively affected. If additional such enterprises are truly needed, they should be located in areas where their negative visual impacts, added heavy equipment traffic impacts, and general ambiance deterioration are virtually eliminated or kept to an absolute minimum.

The quarries currently operating in the Buellton and Santa Maria areas are reasonable examples of such locating. They are both located very near a major 4 to 6 lane highway and this, along with their low impact location, minimizes their negative effects on the living conditions of those in the area.

We sincerely and earnestly do not think that any expansion of the quarrying activities is in any way needed or in the best interests of the overall community.

We are adamantly opposed to any such expansion !!!

Sincerely, 

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