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Please do NOT let the proposed Las Pilitas Quarry project proceed for quality of life issues, biological issues, and safety issues.

First, with 200 trucks per day(a truck every 2.4 minutes...would you want this in your front yard?) will cause congestion both in Santa Margarita as well as the on and off ramps to highway 101. These traffic areas are already congested. Merging onto and off of the freeway is already difficult with limited visibility and treacherous enough without relentless traffic from multi-ton tractor/trailers. Also, there will be added air and noise pollution from the added traffic. As the trucks approach town, they will use their noisy Jake Brakes to slow (hopefully) for the 30 MPH curve into town,. This will create unGodly and relentless noise pollution. In addition, the road infrastructure will be destroyed causing potholes, ruts and road-base erosion. We are currently not able to keep up with adequate road quality, what makes you think we can with the added pressure from 200 loaded trucks per day? Besides, Cal Trans' resources are already stretched beyond capacity. This will just add to their existing workload and we as citizens will pay the price with poor quality and unsafe driving conditions. Also, if it is the Counties' policy to prohibit ridge top residential building, why on God's green earth would it be acceptable to allow an industrial complex on a ridge top? Talk about ugly.

Secondly, using 20,000 gallons per day will drain the watershed of an already scarce resource. Private wells will dry up as well as springs and streams that furnish water to sensitive habits which support both fragile and non fragile biological resources. These habits are already stressed and by commandeering such an exorbitant amount of water it will guarantee the extinction of fragile and sensitive species and irreparably change the existing native habitats. Leave the area be.

Finally, the proposed truck route will bottle neck right through, residential homes, a town, a school zone and a family regional park. These trucks will be driven for profit, and thus will be going as fast or faster than the conditions dictate. Just run the numbers, at 200 trucks per day, it is not a question of if but when traffic accidents will increase and someone will be hurt or killed as a direct results of the industrial truck transporting activity. In addition, what happens when the train comes through and the trucks start backing up through town, the school and park zones, onto HWY 58 or sit idling in front of residential properties? YUCK!

Please preserve our quality of life, biological resources and safety by opposing the proposed Las Pilitas Quarry project.

Thank you for your time and consideration

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