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Subject: Quarry Concerns

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Mr Jeff Oliveira,
This letter is in reference to the proposed quarry and asphalt recycling plant East of Santa Margarita on Hwy. 58.
Please allow me to introduce myself.
My name is Jim Gunter and I have lived at 4725 Parkhill Rd. since 1962.
I have managed to witness the expansion of the Santa Margarita area (real and planned) ever since, often with unfortunate results from the lack of thinking things through.
I do not have a problem with property owners making a profit from their ownings as long as their neighbors aren't negatively impacted, and the land isn't destroyed in the process.
This project appears to have met all of the above problems and as a 48 year resident driver that uses these same roads on a daily basis, I can only say,

"YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!!!"

200 more trucks a day through Santa Margarita???

1. They already have all of the trucks from the rock quarry near Garden Farms that roar through town well in excess of the posted speed limit and have for over thirty years.
2. In addition to the extra truck load, this new set of trucks will be going right past the local elementary school and trust me, that already loads up like crazy in the morning and afternoon. (They have enough children using that crossing to have a real problem.)
3. They will also have to cross the 2 track railroad crossing approx. 200 feet further, before coming to a stop sign.
4. By the way, this crossing has a limited clearance between the tracks and the main road of only 50 feet.
5. Sadly it also has a history involving the deaths of some local children when a train hit their parents car.
6. Santa Margarita only has 1 lane each way through town and even this route has multiple pedestrian crossings not only for children from the West side of town to get to school, but also from everyone on the East side of town that needs to cross to get to the only grocery store we have.

Please forgive my long letter, but this could go on for several pages and I'm not trying to make your brain go numb.

20,000 gallons of water a day??
Where is that water supposed to materialize from?
I'm on a well that barely produces 1000 gallons a day.

Blasting??? My dogs already go crazy from the blasting at the Garden Farms quarry.
Would you believe that the fore mentioned quarry assured the Board of Supervisors that the blasting would not be heard outside of the quarry property.
I live 9 mile from Margarita and I can hear the train go through town and I can clearly hear the blasting and other noises from daily operations.
What about the debris that you know full well is going to go into the Salinas River watershed?

Please, please, please! Reconsider this proposal as something completely inappropriate to the area.
This area is populated with nothing but small family farms, very small roads and limited access for a growing number of road users as the population expands outwards from town..

Thank you so much for your time.
Feel free to contact me at any time.

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