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Comments or questions:

I wanted to send a comment on the quarry which has been proposed for the Oster property on Highway 58 by the Salinas River. I hope this means of commenting works. The little summary sheet by the Post Office says that the quarry will produce up to 200 truck trips per day at peak operation. Just dividing this out over the course of a 12 hour day this amounts to a truckload every 3.6 minutes. I want to point out to you that the majority of these trucks will come out towards Santa Margarita and will therefore cross the railroad at Hwy 58 and, more importantly, the school crossing at the foot of the hill by the elementary school. The traffic speed at that point in the road is typically still fairly fast and there is a small rise in the road just South of the crossing which makes it easy to not see traffic coming from the crosswalk and not to see people in the crosswalk from the vehicles. There has been a crossing guard at that point during the busy hours in the morning but I am not sure if a crossing guard is there in the afternoon and with the budget cutbacks in the schools who knows whether a crossing guard will be there at all in the future. It would only take 1 tired driver, one careless child, or one slow mom with a stroller, to create a tragedy. It seems to me that 1) this quarry won't start out going full speed, so the license to run the quarry could be issued in stages. Possibly giving them permission to send up to 25 truckloads out of there a day with the proviso that when they need to send more their track record would be evaluated to see if there were complaints about truck speed, noise, excessive fumes, wear and tear on the roads, etc. 2) possibly there should be some conditions to their use, such as, not running trucks during the hours of highest traffic into and out of the school. Maybe the company could pay for a crossing guard to be there from an hour before to an hour after the school hours. 3) Maybe you should do a study to figure out whether the added traffic will make a stop light necessary where Hwy 58 joins El Camino Real. 4) I wonder what will happen during those inevitable (and fairly frequent) times when the train is parked across 58. Will the trucks turn and go up I street as everyone else does? Can something be done to prevent this?