



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Comment Form

Oster (Las Pilitas Quarry) CUP / Reclamation Plan (DRC2009-00025)

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TRAFFIC – The study is flawed at best using the 10 year old 2000 Highway Capacity Manual. More accurate means of analysis are available such as the Kern 4D Model Enhancement and others. The effect on traffic following slow moving trucks going up the grade at the Salinas River bridge (MP5) and all the way to El Camino Real & Hwy 58 is not adequately addressed. The vertical curve and related issues at or near H St. & Hwy 58 absolutely must be mitigated prior to operation. Reliance on a crossing guard is not acceptable as one is not always on duty. Finally page 1 of the study purports that the traffic generated by this project will replace some Hanson quarry trucks resulting in a net increase of 0 trucks thru Santa Margarita. Since the needs of the consumer are being met by Hanson and other quarries, how is the need for this quarry and its significant impact on the area justified?

EXISTING & PROPOSED CONDITIONS – While the inadequate drawings of the site provide some insight a ground level and a aerial photo of the present site and the same photos, photo shopped to show the site in operation at it's peak should be made a part of the EIR.

LAND USE –The intended use may be permitted; it is not consistent with the present rural residential use in the surrounding area of Hwy 58 and Park Hill Rd. While the Hanson quarry may be considered an adjoining property, in reality it is not.

RECLAMATION – How are native oak trees, some over 100 years old, going to be reclaimed? Once they are gone they are gone. Re-vegetation is not acceptable to the destruction of 50 native oaks.

CONCLUSION – It appears approval is being sought to devastate native land, devalue adjoining properties, impact the residential water table and make the present hazardous Hwy 58 road even more hazardous, with a non-conforming mining operation that does not satisfy a need and then try to replant it to repair the damage that did not need to occur initially.

**Please print - Your name, address, and comments become public information and may be released to interested parties if requested.*

Comments must be received by August 9, 2010 (revised from previous August 3, 2010 date). Comments may also be faxed to (805) 788-2413 or hand delivered or mailed to: Jeff Oliveira, County Planning and Building, 976 Osos St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93408.