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J. Oliveira,

Thank you for letting the public have an opportunity to leave comments about the proposed, Oster (Las Palitas Quarry) CUP / Reclamation Plan (DRC2009-00025). I am also on the Santa Margarita CSA-123 board. These views are my own separate from our collective board meeting comment, and concerns.

For the record I have a Class A, license and drive: Transfer Trucks, Lowboys, bobtails, and ten wheeler's. I mention this so as to say that I am not against trucking or truckers. I just feel that this proposal, is, in the wrong place and at the wrong time. This quarry should be located in a far removed locale completely away from the town and the route, or future route to the 101 freeway should not include Park Hill, Hwy. 58, or El Camino Real.

This proposal, if allowed, would be setting major precedents for the area east of the little town Santa Margarita. Those that have the right amount of acreage to facilitate such a quarry would be inspired to follow suit possibly down the line. There is decomposed granite everywhere out there in those hills. I live off of El Camino Real and I must say, from recent observations, that we already have enough trucking coming from Hanson, a couple miles north of Santa Margarita off of El Camino Real which you can see from the proposed site.

We get a steady diet of trucking and truckers from Santa Maria, and other communities that zip through town and ride resident's bumpers, or park illegally in front of the fire station, or in the median with truck idling to get a cup of coffee, breakfast, lunch, or snacks. Truckers sometimes shortcut and access streets off of El Camino/Encina and divert either on H St. or I St. Occasionally truckers leave their empty transfer boxes in town along El Camino Real sometimes over night, or over the weekend and it is a who's who in the local trucking business that dots our community needlessly.

Here is a short list of trucking companies big and small that, either have a yard, or are from this town: Gus Mueller Transport, Mike Cole Trucking, Burke, San Luis Mechanical, Dave Spurr, Hendrix Trucking, and Pacific Beverage.

Trucking movement through Santa Margarita: Long haul truckers sometime's stop here to sleep, sometimes long haul trucker's leave their truck and trailer's over the weekend, and trucks, local or out of county/state use El Camino Real, once they get through town to speed up when heading north or south in the evening to avoid the Highway Patrol. We have Santa Margarita Feed Store, Truck and horse trailers, hay haulers, Jordano's, Souza Foods, Frito Lay, Pepsi, Coke, Beer trucks (We have a bar, two liquor stores, convenience store at Pintors, three restaurants.) Switzer Diesel repair, Souza Construction parks on a regular basis: a water truck, trailer, backhoe, roller, or skip and drag. Now mind you parking is an issue in this town so on delivery days from food or beverage distribution units vying for a spot to make their rounds to their customers, along with construction, public works crews, and general traffic going through their morning routine. This little town is already chaotic without adding the, **conservative sum,**

of 200 additional trucks per day.

Santa Margarita is vibrant community with artist's, musician's, and business owner's. This town is not, in our mind's, a TRUCK STOP. This town has a five star restaurant that was recently featured in Sunset Magazine, and believe it or not we have a night life thanks to The Porch where you can buy coffee, drink a beer, eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner and also enjoy music Thursday, Friday, and Saturday's.

Allowing this Quarry to go through would kill this town. I would imagine people leaving, property value's plummeting because who want's to live in a truck stop town including dealing with a constant flow of an additional 200 trucks every 2.4 minutes for next thirty years. I could die tomorrow however my kids and those around them could count on a truck driving by every 2.4 minute. That is sad.

What this town would turn into would be a speedway for truckers like those that drive in Paso Robles from Lime Mountain Co. on West End Chimney Rock Rd, Paso Robles 93446. During the day that road is crazy to be on. The truckers that drive that road cut corner's and straighten their line in the opposite lane's in the "S" turns, and so on.

The good citizen's of Santa Margarita should not have to be dealing with this Quarry for the next 30 years, that alone, sound's excruciating even for those that are for this Quarry. 200 additional trucks trips per day averaging one truck every 2.4 minutes. You've got to be kidding me.

Traffic: Is a big issue. **Where is the quarrie's staging area? Will they, trucks, spill onto Hwy. 58, or will they be asked to wait in the town of Santa Margarita?**

Noise: (We already have a train, and trucks coming from the Hanson quarry.) Heavy blasting for neighboring properties.

Roads: Taking a beating for thirty years. County Public Works and Cal Trans have to maintain the roads along the proposed route.

Air Quality: Airborne toxins, Fugitive dust.

Water:20,00 to 40,000 gallons of water used per day to keep dust levels down, and so on. Really? What a waste and a half when the county of San Luis Obispo, the City of Atascadero and so on have conserve water campaigns. So the Quarry and its owner's get to reek havoc on our community and waste our water?

My wife and I are Dead Set Against this proposal. I hope the Board of Supervisor's have enough sense to see that this is truly ludicrous. Moreover I honestly hope that this is not politics as usual meaning everybody gets a cut, pocket's get lined, photo op in New Times, KSBY, and the Tribune and then people forget about this.

Thank You ,

Santa Margarita, Residents:

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