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Subject: Fw: Las Pilitas Quarry Proposal
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Hello,

This is in response to the proposal to construct the Las Pilitas Quarry southeast of Santa Margarita...

This is a request to find a "middle ground" for the above project.....I wouldn't want to stop "progress", as it sounds like this will be happening for sure.

However, I would request that the developers consider the impact of the number and frequency of the large trucks which will be on the narrow, windy roads in this area every day. It definitely will create increased traffic hazards and delays for both motorists and bicycles.

There are a large number of bicyclists in our county, and one of the world's elite teams in pro cycling, HTC Columbia, is based in San Luis Obispo. Additionally, there are actually a large number of triathletes and ultra athletes (as well as us "weekend warriors") in this county. This area is a great training road and is used extensively by local cyclists.

What about creating some positive press for this project by providing a community service in the form of a bike lane along this road, or at least a wide, paved shoulder? This will help facilitate a much safer road for motorists, truckers and cyclists, as well as reduce delays in case of breakdowns, etc. Perhaps a by-product (some type of aggregate, etc.?) of the quarry could be used to provide a safe, smooth shoulder/lane along the proposed route? If this is successful, maybe the profitability would be enhanced, as this by-product could be used in similar fashion in other areas? "Green" construction which is sustainable, community-aligned and creative is fortunately the new "in" thing in our culture....This is an opportunity to create some proactive "good" side effects to this effort, aligned with a new paradigm, rather than bad press, bad feelings, criticism, etc.

Thank-you for considering the "Big Picture" of life in this community and on this planet in your development plans.

Sincerely,
Kathy Wensloff