



June 5, 2013

Murry Wilson
Environmental Resource Specialist
San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning and Building
976 Osos Street, Room 300
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408-2040

RE: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR) COMMENTS
DRC2009-00025 Oster/Las Pilitas/Hwy. 58 Quarry Conditional Use Permit and Reclamation Plan

Dear Mr. Wilson,

Margarita Proud is a non-profit community organization that represents a diverse group of San Luis Obispo county residents committed to the future livability and safety in and around Santa Margarita, CA. We support responsible planning principles that result in economic and aesthetic well being for the entire community by promoting wise use of our natural resources, stewardship of the Salinas River, safe transportation corridors that retain our rural appeal, the legal rights of private property owners, and meaningful participation in the local decision making process.

We have been closely following the application and subsequent environmental review process for the proposed Las Pilitas Quarry since application was made for a Conditional Use Permit and Reclamation Plan in 2009. The highly industrial operations currently proposed are simply not a good fit for the proposed site or the character and future livability of Santa Margarita.

An EIR is intended to be a full disclosure informational document which provides the public and decision makers with detailed information about the effect a proposed project is likely to have on the environment. Of considerable importance to an affected community is that mitigation measures to eliminate or reduce impacts be effective and enforceable.

The EIR will become a tool decision makers will rely upon accuracy of to make well informed decisions for generations. For this reason, it is imperative that every effort to create such a document be exercised as this process moves forward.

We have limited our comments to the Sections listed but understand that underlying assumptions introduced as part of a specific impact analysis often carry over into several other impact areas. We trust that observations and comments made in one impact area will be translated globally through the entirety of the document as appropriate.

Sections submitted in pdf format and via hand delivery

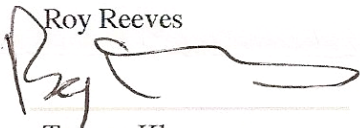
- Cover Letter
- Section 2.0 Project Description
- Section 4.1 Aesthetics and Visual Resources
- Section 4.3 Air Quality
- Section 4.7 Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Section 4.8 Noise
- Section 4.11 Transportation and Circulation
- Section 4.14 Land Use
- Section 6.0 Project Alternatives

The comments submitted represent a good faith effort to achieve a full disclosure document and reflect the diversity of our Board of Directors and the members of the sub-committee that drafted comments for our Board's final approval. We trust all other stakeholders in the process will do the same.

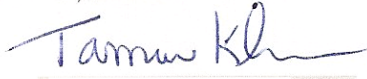
Sincerely,
The Board of Directors, Margarita Proud

DRC2009-00025 Subcommittee members

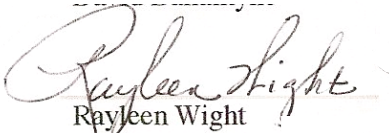
Roy Reeves



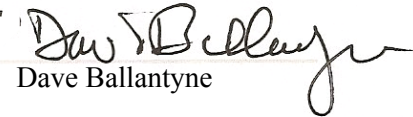
Tamara Kleemann



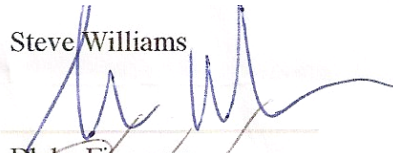
Rayleen Wight



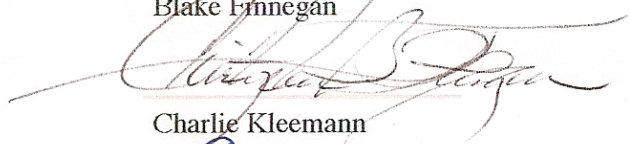
Dave Ballantyne



Steve Williams




Blake Finnegan



Charlie Kleemann



Jessica Baker



Rob Zeszotarski



Roy Reeves

