

## **Attention Property Owner - Important Land Use information**

**Further restrictions on land within the existing EX-1 (Extractive Resource Area) Combining Designation defined by the county of San Luis Obispo (Land Use Ordinance (LUO)22.14.050) are scheduled to be put in place by the state.**

- You are receiving this because your parcel is within the current Extractive Resource Area (EX1), an overlay zoning on your property/parcel. This means your property is within an area the California Dept. of Conservation (with mining industry support) has “classified as containing or being highly likely to contain significant mineral deposits”. Most of these parcels are zoned Rural Lands (RL), Residential Rural (RR), or Agriculture (AG).
- **“DESIGNATION”** of a “classified” area by The State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB) confirms the geological presence of the mineral and triggers an ordinance intended to benefit a few while **DIMINISHING the PROPERTY VALUES** of everyone else by extracting property rights currently available.

**Designation WILL create extra and costly hoops you will have to jump through if you or any future owner of your property wishes to make improvements requiring a permit.**

- Once designated, parcels currently within the EX-1 would fall within a category called EX combining designation and become subject to the increased (significantly more restrictive) permit processing requirements that are defined in LUO 22.14.140. The purpose of this ordinance is “to protect significant resource extraction” and prevent “encroachment by incompatible land uses that could hinder resource extraction.” The ordinance changes nothing about the way a mine application would currently be processed but hinders all other land uses “not directly related to extraction”.

- To permit all other land uses once the EX overlay is in place would require:

1. Discretionary permitting (MInor Use Permit or Conditional Use Permit) for uses currently permitted over the counter (ministerial permitting).
2. A mineral resource report prepared by a geologist or mining engineer (\$4-10k) that evaluates the estimated extent and commercial value of any mineral resources located on the site, the feasibility of extracting the mineral resource before development of the proposed use and, the feasibility of conducting extraction operations at the same time as the proposed use.
3. Permit approval may be granted when a finding is made that the proposed use will not adversely affect the continuing operation or the operation or expansion of an extractive use.

**On April 11, 2013, 9:00am @ Atascadero City Council Chambers, 6907 El Camino Real, the SMGB will hold a meeting on designation for the SLO-SB county “Production-Consumption” region.**

Margarita Proud and others are working to get more RR and RL parcels deleted from designation. It is important for affected parcel owners to:

**ATTEND** this meeting and voice concern about the impacts and lack of notification to property owners.  
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**YOUR COMMENTS MATTER**