



GROSSMONT-MT. HELIX IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Preserving the Character of Our Community

November 22, 2019

County Planning and Development Services
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Via email to: robert.hingtegen@sdcounty.ca.gov
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Regarding: Notice of Preparation of the Environmental Impact Report
for the Cottonwood Sand Mining Project

Dear Planning and Development Services:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public input on environmental issues that should be analyzed within the Environmental Impact Report. We understand that the written comments should reflect the effects of the project that may damage the physical environment. To that end, we address several concerns below.

We understand the proposed mining site consists of 251 acres located at 3121 Willow Glen Drive, El Cajon, where operations will include excavation and processing, Monday through Friday between 7:00a.m. and 5:00p.m., for a minimum of 10 years. The related truck operation is expected to require approximately 176 one-way trips (88 round trips) every business day to move approximately 3.8 million cubic yards of extracted material.

As you are likely aware, the Grossmont - Mt. Helix Improvement Association (GMIA) is a volunteer, multi-neighborhood organization that works to preserve and enhance the quality and character of our community. We represent over 7,000 single-family residences with a population approximating 20,000 people. Our region includes parcels east of Bancroft Drive, south of El Cajon, generally north of SR94 and Rancho San Diego, and west of SR54/Jamacha Road, and provides community outreach and engagement.

The proposed project lies less than a mile from our region, and will significantly impact our community. We are particularly concerned about the following:

1. Non-conformance with the General Plan;
2. Non-conformance with the Community Plan;
3. Non-conformance with the Rancho San Diego Specific Plan;
4. Air quality and dust control;
5. Impact on air quality from added truck traffic;
6. Traffic congestion on our surface streets and our highways;
7. Traffic congestion on our Highway 94 in both directions;
8. Impact on traffic at the 94 and north-bound 125 interchange;
9. Impact on traffic at the south-bound 125/Spring Street approach to east-bound 94; and
10. Increased truck noise, including "jake" braking and turbo whining/whistling.

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Thank you for considering our comments. Please contact me at kchedberg@cox.net or 619.994.6900 if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kathleen Hedberg", is centered on a light yellow rectangular background.

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