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To: Jacob, Dianne
Subject: El Monte Valley sand mining

Dear Supervisor Jacobs:

I was not able to attend yesterdays meeting at the County Administration but my wife did.

I read the pass-out "El Monte Valley Mining and Restoration Overview" and was surprised by Page 3/4 "Impact Overview".

"Without question, there will be local community impacts over the mining phase of the project" to "include traffic, visual, noise, air quality, and biology".

What about water?

To separate 25% silt out of sell-able sand, I presume millions of gallons of water will be needed over the number of years of mining. Nothing was said about where that water will come from, how much, how it will affect existing aquifer.

When I had a face to face with Jim Bennett I noted several things:

1. He is a groundwater geologist
2. When asked he provided me with the "updated" property owner "sphere of influence" properties and names. I immediately noticed in his presence that the "sphere of influence" was changed from the Helix Sewer to Tap/Sand-mining permit from 1000' to 300' and challenged him regarding that.
3. When using his "updated" sphere of influence that excluded dozens of property owners from this project for mail-out communications between them and us, I received 5 back as undeliverable.

So how does this sum up?

I believe the owners are subjected to greater disadvantage vs the interest of the permittee.

I thought public records for projects of this magnitude, are up to date and accurate. Didn't seem so when 5 addressed letters bounced on me.

Why was the possible affects to our ground water sources, along with polluting them, by not disclosing "Water" as one of the "Impact Over" issues on page 4 of that Overview missing? The Project Manager being a "Groundwater Geologist"?

If the County buys into that "overview" by allowing water to be omitted as a "possible affects" how will it play out later?

There is no doubt that Valley ownership is far behind this project plan, and up to date feedback from the Manager, is absolutely essential for an unbiased report.

I asked Jim Bennett for an updated "sphere of influence" that would be inclusive of those omitted from the Mark Weston Sand Mining project. That was done July 9 in his presence with Zack Noonan, my neighbor. Still waiting.

Thanking you and Sincerely,

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