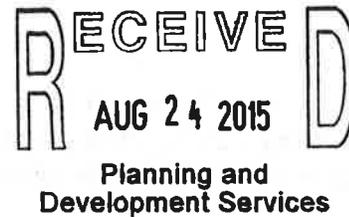


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## **Drought hurts ag, wildlife most**

"Groundwater will remain the primary drought reserve. But in some parts of the agricultural heartland, this will come at increasing costs, including more energy for pumping, more dry wells, reduced crop yields as water quality falls, and more damage to infrastructure from sinking lands."

<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/2015/aug/19/ppic-drought-continues/>

California: "With California facing one of the most severe droughts on record, Governor Brown declared a drought State of Emergency in January and directed state officials to take all necessary actions to prepare for water shortages. The state has continued to lead the way to make sure California is able to cope with an unprecedented drought."

"August 18, 2015 - The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (San Diego Water Board) is cracking down on water wasters throughout its region to stem pollution that is generated by overwatering."

You can't drink sand, and both sand and water are a limited resource.

Over building and over population is putting a demand on both, as a result of new construction, compensating for more immigration into the U.S. for housing.

El Monte Valley is directly connected to the Aquifer, at and between El Capitan reservoir, that is the San Diego River basin.

Currently there are some property owners in the valley that are having difficulty maintaining the water from their wells.

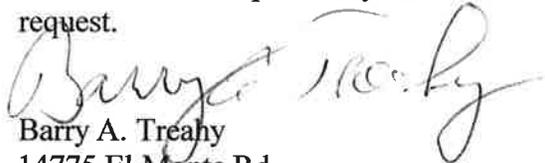
Barona Indian Hotel and Casino over pumped and dried up residential underground water.

The sand mining project will require a continual and huge water source to separate silt from sand and all the negative affects of over pumping will occur.

Again, you can't drink or irrigate with sand and the needs of the environment and residents, outweigh the needs of the profit from sand mining.

There are other sand sources and alternatives vs upsetting the quality of life and destruction of the existing valley.

To date, there are 60 property owners and voters within the County designated "sphere of influence" that emphatically vote "no" on this project. Documentation is available upon request.



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copies to those property owners