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Mr. Bennett,

I am opposed and support my fellow San Diego county friends in their opposition to the El Monte Mine & Nature Preserve Project estimated to span 15 years.

Industrial land use will not make sense to the rural, agricultural, and residential area. Increased traffic and congestion with tens of dozens of trucks moving through Lakeside daily will be only the tip of the iceberg.

Valley Fever has been documented in the El Monte Valley. The work will increase the possibility of Valley Fever to explode in the county. West Nile Virus has been found and the pits and ponds will provide breeding ground opportunity for mosquitos carrying the virus.

The biodiversity of the area will be destroyed in a few years. It will take hundreds of years to renew. We must protect the environment for future generations.

Ground water will be depleted during mining. Waste materials from the mining operation with concentrated toxins will seep into the ground water. During years of heavy rain flooding and erosion will be extensive.

The project will bring various pollution types through equipment emissions, noise, and toxins not ever known in El Monte Valley. The county designated El Monte Rd. as a scenic road. Under the designation scenic impacts must be respected and enforced.

As details of project emerge it is hard to comprehend the use of the term Nature Preserve as being an element of the project. The El Monte Sand Mine & Nature Preserve must not be allowed to move forward.

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