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Attachments: [sand minng protest.pdf](#)

Please refer to my attached letter joining Barry Treahy Sr. addressing ground water concerns in protest to the County of San Diego approving this sand mining project. This is without a doubt wrong for El Monte valley, not to mention a disgrace to the environment.

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El Monte Sand Mining (NOP) of Environmental Impact Report
Public Review
Public Scoping Meeting Comment Sheet

1. This Written Comment Form is specifically directed at those that were at the public meeting 8/26/15 (Public Scoping Meeting Comment Sheet). There is an indeterminate number of property owners in the "hot" zone that could not attend.

A written vote on whether sand mining should be allowed on this Permit was taken, by those that could be located based on the information provided by PDS, that 63 Adjacent owners (sphere of influence) indicated "no". Of all the ballots sent out, there were not any that came back approving it.

This was not an opinion survey, it was a vote of those the County indicated as the affected properties; owners/tax payers.

These signed documents are available upon request.

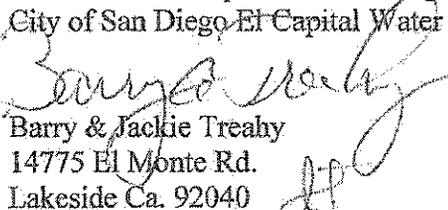
2. We property owners in this "sphere of influence" object to the project, based on Page 3 of the Notice of Preparation Documentation whereby the original permit by Helix driven by their Manager Mark Weston, whereby (a) Mark Weston is in conflict of interest, having been the Helix Project Manager, and now the Chair of the San Diego Water Authority. All of the State, Regional and Local water agencies are abiding by the Governors proclamation "critical water shortage", and for our local agency to have an employee in a sensitive and influential position compromises the public interest. (b) Project permit tee must be insured and/or bonded for an amount equal to the perceived profit from his/her project in favor of the El Monte (sphere of Influence) ownership
3. Project permittee must provide at the owners request, and at Permittee expense, water well quality and flow, before, during and after sand mining, to enable claims against the bond holder or insurer.

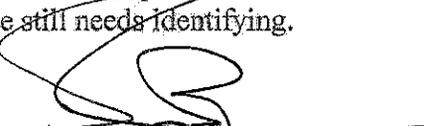
According to the Notice of Preparation Documentation, it is stated that ground water use of "estimated 132 acre-feet annually production rate".

We demand to know how these estimates were determined.

We also demand that the Project Manager Add the different water authorities to the notification of ground water impact and usage, to determine if the interest of California and the water availability and use is going to affect the best interest of Californians.

To include the impact of extracting large quantities from the Aquifer that connects the City of San Diego El Capital Water Reservoir source still needs identifying.


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