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Dear Mr. Bennett,

I am writing this letter to protest the potential sand mining project on EL Monte Road in Lakeside. I have enjoyed this beautiful river valley for more than 25 years as an equestrian and hiker. The trails here are irreplaceable and harbor a diverse population of native Californian wildlife. I have seen coyotes, weasels, deer, foxes, golden eagles, hawks, all manner of reptiles and many various types of birds. On one occasion I actually observed a desert tortoise, a species which is endangered. I also found a horned lizard on the trail and I understand that this type of reptile may be considered endangered in the near future. I believe that this project will ruin the river valley for more than 15 years as this is a long term project, with no area to mitigate the destruction and no promise that it could ever be restored to the current beauty that exists. The dust, noise and traffic will affect the valley in a negative way, all the way to highway 67. The trucks will be problematic for those driving the curvy country roads and the dust from this project will be problematic for those of us with asthma as the wind courses through the valley both east and west. Another concern is the disease coccidioidomycosis, a fungal disease found to be endemic to the southwest and which is caused by the inhalation of coccidioides spores when dust is created by heavy construction or mining. This disease has been found to be on the rise possibly from the drought and recent weather patterns. (please see the University of Davis website). It is for the above stated reasons that I remain opposed to the sand mine project. Please save this wonderful river valley and animal habitat for us and future generations.

Respectfully,
S. Lynette Lyon