From: Maureen Hanley
To: Hingtgen, Robert J; Bennett, Jim
Subject: Sand Mining in the El Monte Valley
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Dear Mr. Bennett:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the scope of the EIR for the above referenced project. I have been to El Monte Valley many times and am aware that this project may have many environmental impacts. During the preparation of the EIR, please make sure to fully address:

• visual impacts to a scenic valley that is a popular recreational destination.
• the impact of permanent loss of agricultural potential of this rich alluvial Valley.
• greenhouses gases associated with aggregate mining and cement manufacture.
• issues associated with interruption of an important wildlife corridor.
• hazards associated with particulate emissions from a site known to contain Valley Fever, and also hazardous to wildlife, domestic stock, bird life and humans associated with West Nile Virus.
• impacts to bats and to raptors.
• impacts to soil organisms.
• impacts to the aquifer, wells, and habitat and wildlife dependent on the aquifer.

The valley is one I treasure for recreation as it recharges my soul...please take this into vital consideration.

Sincerely,

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