From: Gary Toppi
To: Hingtgen, Robert J
Subject: PDS2015-MUP-98-014W2 & PDS2015-RP-15-001 El Monte Sand Mine & Nature Preserve
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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. My partner and I have boarded horses and continue to do so in the El Monte Valley since 1998. We have enjoyed the beauty and tranquility of the valley for over 16 years as recently as this weeking, taking two of our horses on a ride along the "Flume Trail". We am very 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 the variety of native plants and animals some which are listed as endangered.
- Impacts to soil organisms.
- Impacts to the aquifer, wells, and habitat and wildlife dependent on the aquifer.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Hazardous road conditions with the exponential growth in traffic on our public road systems

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Impacts to fire evacuation and safety to the residents that live in the El Monte Valley area as there is essentially “one way in and one way out”.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Impacts to the environment regarding fuel storage for the Sand Mining project.

Sincerely,

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