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Attention Jim Bennett

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Dear Mr. Bennett,

I am writing to offer my thoughts and ideas about the scope and nature of the environmental impacts that can be caused if the El Monte Valley Sand Mining Project goes any further. I am requesting that these concerns be thoroughly considered in the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report.

I have lived in Lakeside for the past 60 years. Back when it was safe for kids to roam about all day without a care in the world. Traversing the many trails, many that are no longer available for public use. Crossing streams and meadows, catching sight of native animals of varied species, as they hunted for meals, raised their young, barely escaped the clutches of predators or ended up a being a meal themselves..... Nature at its best, right here in Lakeside!!!

This project will negatively impact (not in any particular order):

The almost incalculable amount of ground water, which will be lost to evaporation, from the proposed 161 acre sand pit pond. With the loss of that vast amount of water, the valleys water wells, that draw their water from the El Monte Valley/Santee aquifer, will most assuredly produce a lower ground water level, causing the wells to dry up completely. Also with the exposed water, more likely for the chance for contaminants to enter the water system!

The first thing that residents and visitors alike will see as they enter the El Monte Valley will be a hole in the ground... approximately one and a third miles long by one third mile wide!!! Even with the inadequate amount of native revegetation, that's being proposed, people will always remember "The Hole" in El Monte Valley!!

The greenhouse gas emissions from a diesel powered truck is horrendous even on fairly level ground, just think of the amount, when under a load of 25 tons of aggregate, climbing the grade of Lake Jennings Park Road for more than a half mile!!! If the project does get approval, how about requiring the use of natural gas powered trucks, their greenhouse gas emissions are less than half of diesel engines, yet the power output is the same and they are less expensive to operate than diesel!!! The EMNPLLC posted a statement about the greenhouse gas emission estimates, of diesel trucks hauling aggregate from Mexico into the U.S. How the savings in fuel costs was worth destroying El Monte Valley, between trucking from Mexico and trucking from Lakeside to the surrounding aggregate users in San Diego County.

Thank you,
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