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Subject: RE: El Monte Sand Mine & Nature Preserve

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My concerns for this sand mining project are as follows:

I am concerned about the damage to the natural aquifer that is El Monte Valley. This is the third largest aquifer in San Diego County, It is irreplaceable. It cannot be mitigated. The damage that will be done by the sand mining is irreversible. As the sand miners open the center of the valley the aquifer will be irreparably reduced in size, the wide opening will allow the exposure of the underground water. The water will then be lost to evaporation and contamination.

This also creates a great fire danger in the area with the loss of the aquifer as the valley becomes dryer. This not only effects El Monte Valley but also Moreno, Lakeside. Blossom Valley and Alpine. Fires in the El Monte Valley are especially dangerous because of the one way in and out nature of the valley, the electrical towers causing an inability of air drops in many areas and the steep terrain.

A new EIR needs to be done.

Thank you for your consideration and time in this matter.

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