

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
VALLE DE ORO COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022**

**Location:** Zoom Teleconference

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:00 pm by Yousif

**A. ROLL CALL**

**Legend:** P = Present | A = Absent | V = Vacant

Seat	Member	
1	Charles Kossman	P
2	<i>Vacant</i>	V
3	Danielle Weizman	P
4	Jay Steiger	P
5	Michael Herron	P
6	Kyle Hermann	P
7	Karibia Baillargeon	P
8	Daniel Conway	P

Seat	Member	
9	Allison Henderson	P
10	Michelle Kister	P
11	David Johnston	P
12	Kathleen Hedberg	P
13	Susan Yepiz	P
14	Wendy Tinsley Becker	P
15	Oday Yousif	P

**Members Present:** 14

**Members Absent:** 0

**Vacancy:** 1

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Action:** Approval of January 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

**Legend:** Y = Yea | N = Nay | AB = Abstain | A = Absent | V = Vacant

Seat	Member	Vote
1	Charles Kossman	Y
2	<i>Vacant</i>	V
3	Danielle Weizman	Y
4	Jay Steiger	Y
5	Michael Herron	Y
6	Kyle Hermann	Y
7	Karibia Baillargeon	Y
8	Daniel Conway	Y

Seat	Member	Vote
9	Allison Henderson	Y
10	Michelle Kister	A
11	David Johnston	Y
12	Kathleen Hedberg	Y
13	Susan Yepiz	Y
14	Wendy Tinsley Becker	A
15	Oday Yousif	Y

**VOTE:** 9 / 0 / 3 / 1 / 1 (Yea / Nay / Abstain / Absent / Vacant)

**Result:** Minutes Approved.

**C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

*Susan Nichols, President of the Friends of the Casa de Oro Library:* The County has agreed to move forward with decade-long request for freestanding library. Existing library is overutilized and undersized. Invite all for May Day fundraiser at her house. Please join to support

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[Nichols.susan.lamesa@gmail.com](mailto:Nichols.susan.lamesa@gmail.com), 858-775-1607. Yousif responded that it will be scheduled for either the May meeting or a special meeting for County to present.

*Becky Rapp, parent and youth group mentor:* Here to update on things of concern at the County. Nathan Fletcher has been voted in for another term. His influence is stronger than we think. He is moving this Marijuana Ordinance forward in the unincorporated County.

**D. CONSENT ITEMS**

Item No.	Start Time	CPG Presenter(s)	Applicant Presenter(s)	Issue Summary
D1	7:10	Yousif	N/A	PDS-1014: Seeking Approval of Minor Deviation for New Sign for Target located at 2911 Jamacha Road, El Cajon, CA 92019.
<b>CPG Comments</b>		None were heard.		
<b>Applicant Comments</b>		None were heard.		
<b>Public Comments</b>		None were heard.		

**Action:** Recommend Approval of Sign

**Moved:** Yousif

**Second:** Steiger

**Legend:** Y = Yea | N = Nay | AB = Abstain | A = Absent | V = Vacant

Seat	Member	Vote
1	Charles Kossman	Y
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3	Danielle Weizman	Y
4	Jay Steiger	Y
5	Michael Herron	Y
6	Kyle Hermann	Y
7	Karibia Baillargeon	Y
8	Daniel Conway	Y

Seat	Member	Vote
9	Allison Henderson	Y
10	Michelle Kister	Y
11	David Johnston	Y
12	Kathleen Hedberg	Y
13	Susan Yepiz	Y
14	Wendy Tinsley Becker	Y
15	Oday Yousif	Y

**VOTE:** 14 / 0 / 0 / 0 / 1 (Yea / Nay / Abstain / Absent / Vacant)

**Result:** Motion passes.

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**E. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Item No.	Start Time	CPG Presenter(s)	Applicant Presenter(s)	Issue Summary
E1	7:12	Yousif	N/A	Update on Status of Avocado Park and Ride Located at 3601 Avocado Blvd, La Mesa, CA 91941
<b>CPG Comments</b>		<p><i>Yousif:</i> Update that County of San Diego Public Works will be the one to decide what they want to do, it will come to CPG for recommendation, and then the Board of Supervisors will ultimately decide. At this time, there has been no decision. It will remain fenced off and vacant.</p> <p><i>Tinsley Becker:</i> Advocacy is very important here. Regardless of what the County is telling us, it is important for community members to advocate for ideas of what they want to happen with that land.</p> <p><i>Yousif:</i> I have asked Live Well San Diego to come present what they would propose doing with it.</p>		
<b>Applicant Comments</b>		N/A		
<b>Public Comments</b>		<p><i>Miranda Franks:</i> When they come to present their plan, please advertise to all Rancho San Diego groups. I live here and work here and am very concerned about the land. Thank you.</p>		

**F. ACTION ITEMS**

Item No.	Start Time	CPG Presenter(s)	Applicant Presenter(s)	Issue Summary
F1	7:17	Henderson	Robert J. Hingtgen, San Diego County	PDS2018-MUP-18-023 & PDS2018-RP-18-001: Presentation of Draft EIR for Cottonwood Sand Mine located at 3121 Willow Glen Drive, El Cajon, California and Drafting of Response Letter/Comment
<b>CPG Comments</b>		<p><i>Henderson and Weizman</i> introduced the agenda item and framed the scope of this action item. Key point is that we are not deciding whether to recommend approval or denial of the project as a whole, since that is part of Phases 4-5. Tonight's agenda item is to consider comments on the completeness of the DEIR in its environmental analysis and any errors or omissions. The Sand Mine Subcommittee drafted a letter that focuses on the Valle de Oro Community Plan elements, including design criteria, community character, land use planning, noise, traffic, biological resources, etc.</p>		

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	<i>Tinsley Becker:</i> Recommends modifications to the conclusion to make it clear that we do not support projects that are incompatible with the community. Exchanged recommended edits verbally and via the chat with Yousif and Weizman.
<b>Applicant Comments</b>	County of San Diego Planning & Development Services Department and Applicant consulted presented the project and DEIR.
<b>Public Comments</b>	See Attachment A.

**Action:** Recommend submitting the letter drafted by the Sand Mine Subcommittee with the changes recommended by Tinsley Becker.

**Moved:** Steiger

**Second:** Tinsley Becker

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4	Jay Steiger	Y
5	Michael Herron	Y
6	Kyle Hermann	Y
7	Karibia Baillargeon	Y
8	Daniel Conway	Y

Seat	Member	Vote
9	Allison Henderson	Y
10	Michelle Kister	Y
11	David Johnston	Y
12	Kathleen Hedberg	Y
13	Susan Yepiz	Y
14	Wendy Tinsley Becker	Y
15	Oday Yousif	Y

**VOTE:** 14 / 0 / 0 / 0 / 1 (Yea / Nay / Abstain / Absent / Vacant)

**Result:** Motion passes.

**G. GROUP BUSINESS**

Item No.	Items	CPG Lead	Summary
<b>G1</b>	Administrative	Yousif	Several items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possibility of special meeting in February due to packed agenda for March 1 meeting.</li> <li>• Hermann is considering developing a social media presence.</li> <li>• Nathan Fletcher.</li> </ul>
<b>G2</b>	Local Streets Subcommittee	Kister	Discussed closing cul-de-sacs.
<b>G3</b>	Short-Term Rental Subcommittee	Kossman	Considering reducing number of short-term rentals, adding a fee... All of that has been put

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			on hold due to technical reason at the City of San Diego. We continue to wait for County of San Diego Board of Supervisors. Going to remove from next agenda, since it is ad hoc. Will add it back when there is a specific issue/need.
<b>G4</b>	Parks/Parklands Dedication Subcommittee	Weizman	No update.
<b>G5</b>	Casa de Oro Business Corridor Subcommittee	Herron	Plan to come back when there is a proposal for Kenwood and Campo Road in an upcoming meeting.
<b>G6</b>	Literacy First Charter High School Subcommittee	Yousif	Minor deviation to add extra square footage. Change in color of school through minor deviation. Yousif to request County staff to address this issue to the CPG.
<b>G7</b>	VDO CPG Liaison – Fire Safe Council	Hermann	Event to take place at Cuyamaca College sometime in March.
<b>G8</b>	Cottonwood Sand Mine Subcommittee	Henderson	Discussed procedure for modifying frequency of meetings.
<b>G9</b>	Ivanhoe Ranch Subcommittee	Baillargeon Johnston	No update.
<b>G10</b>	Airport Noise Advisory Committee Subcommittee	Herron	No update.
<b>G11</b>	Next Scheduled Meeting	Yousif	March 1, 2022. However, Yousif will try to give at least a week notice if a special meeting will be held.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

Submitted by: Yousif adjourned at 9:45pm.

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**ATTACHMENT A  
ITEM F1 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Larry Olds to Everyone (7:25 PM)

Why is there even a question, no one wants this other than one person.

Abram Jimenez to Everyone (7:28 PM)

I've lived in the community for less than two years. It seems unconscionable and unbelievable that this project would be considered. Sandwiched in between a community of homes and school, I find it hard to believe that that any bureaucracy would consider a sand mine viable. There are numerous concerns that I have, most notably elementary students' health and noise impacting teaching and learning. As a bureaucrat, please note that a firm denial of the project moving forward is imperative.

Marlene Barr to Everyone (7:30 PM)

The Cottonwood Sand Mine would have an extremely adverse impact on the surrounding neighborhoods. The sand mine project does not belong in such close proximity to an elementary school, a county park, a wildlife refuge, and residential neighborhoods. The silica dust and excavated soil would be extremely dangerous to health, particularly the health of children and elderly residents. In addition, the large trucks and mining machinery would increase fire danger in an area that already has a very high level of fire risk.

Miranda Franks to Everyone (7:32 PM)

Who is going to monitor the revegetation?

Amy DeNoble to Everyone (7:33 PM)

Many mining operations claim bankruptcy prior to the reclamation phase and skip out on any reclamation responsibilities. This concern is one of many. I have lived in this area (within one mile of the proposed sand mine site) for 34 years. Rancho San Diego was a "Master Planned Community" when we purchased a home here in 1988. There was NO MENTION of a sand mining operations in the master plan. What happened?

Miranda Franks to Everyone (7:34 PM)

We have two granite mining operations. Tons of dust and blasts. What will be the barriers against both noise and dust...?

Ken Norton to Everyone (7:35 PM)

An 8-12-foot wall won't reduce noise to residents that live above the canyon and look down on the project

Kathy Ellis to Everyone (7:36 PM)

The mitigation methods for aesthetics and noise will not mitigate the effects for those homeowners that look down on the site.

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Amy DeNoble to Everyone (7:36 PM)  
Silica causes cancer.

Teri Davies-Storm to Everyone (7:37 PM)  
Can't control dust

Kathy Ellis to Everyone (7:38 PM)  
Dust control mitigations will not help; the dust and silica particulate matter that ends up in our lungs, our backyard and our pool.

Amy DeNoble to Everyone (7:38 PM)  
More giant trucks blocking already challenged exit routes in an emergency fire or earthquake.

Miranda Franks to Everyone (7:39 PM)  
Rancho is getting so congested. We have a great deal of trucks traveling through now. Our streets are not large enough to allow for additional big rigs to travel. Many schools are close to this site and school buses and parent pickups will be impacted.

Teri Davies-Storm to Everyone (7:39 PM)  
Can't mitigate biological or cultural resource damages

Barbara's iPad to Everyone (7:40 PM)  
Please do the right thing. Deny this!

Amy DeNoble to Everyone (7:40 PM)  
Dust caused by trucks can impede the photosynthesis of plants.

Miranda Franks to Everyone (7:41 PM)  
Homeowners do not want this. o.k. the Tribes should now weigh in.....

Karen Romano to Everyone (7:42 PM)  
We have lived next to the Cottonwood Golf Course for 25 years. It's a beautiful property. Wildlife uses it as a thoroughfare and the Loveland reservoirs releases water that goes into the watershed. How a sand mine can be considered amongst the homes and schools is unfathomable. The health of our air is a huge concern. I hope our elected officials do the right thing by not allowing this project to continue.

Amy DeNoble to Everyone (7:43 PM)  
It has to be remembered that the sand once removed cannot be replaced in the next generation. It will take centuries for replacement. Source: Impacts of Sand Mining on Environment- A Review found in SSRG International Journal of Geoinformatics and Geological Science Volume 4; Issue 1; Jan. to April 2017.

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Miranda Franks to Everyone (7:43 PM)

What is your plan for mitigation????

Bonnie and Joe Duncan GPC Chairs to Everyone (7:45 PM)

The DEIR seems to categorize serious major issues as “Less than significant Impact”. How can hundreds of huge trucks laden with sand not have a significant impact on air quality and traffic. The Developer has produced a smoke and mirrors report that does not seriously deal with the very negative major effects this ill-conceived project would have on the area, which includes private homes, an elementary school, and a shopping center.

Marlene Barr to Everyone (7:45 PM)

The risk from silica dust is very significant, especially for children who would be exposed every day at the elementary school and during extended day care at the school, as well as for elderly residents who are home during the day and who may already have pre-existing health concerns. Steele Canyon County Park could not be used as it is now, with soccer, volleyball, tennis, and softball games being played there on most days of the week. The dust would be too hazardous for such activities.

Teri Davies-Storm to Everyone (7:45 PM)

No project at all!! Preserve the land!!

Phil to Everyone (7:46 PM)

This project will have a significant negative impact on the Rancho San Diego community. I have lived in the community for over 30 years. No one who lives in the community want this scourge thrust on us. A mining operation on this scale has no place in our residential community. Our community and quality of life will be changed forever. Just say NO.

Sanford Ehrlich to Everyone (7:46 PM)

There is a long history of violations of state, federal, and local laws by many mining operations. Operators have often found it to be more profitable to violate all of the standards set forth in these proposed mitigation approaches since inspectors are usually not onsite, and fines are often not levied. I doubt that this operator will behave any different, operating a sand mine in a residential community with a sensitive riparian habitat and ecosystem.

Tim Schneider to Everyone (7:47 PM)

Increased traffic saturation of heavy trucks at willow glen and Jamacha is just not going to be good. Stripping the land near the Sweetwater River that flows to directly out to the ocean is worse. Allowing the mining of silica which is a known carcinogen and known to cause cancer in a place hit by onshore (west to east) winds as well as Santa Anna (West to east) seems stupid from a public health standpoint. How does anyone



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justify moving forward with obstructing the lives of so many residents while also stripping the community of peace and quiet, healthy air, and the desecration of the natural land just for one landowners profit motive. I say no, not in my back yard. Not now and not ever. Money is not an excuse for effecting so many in a negative way. I can't even imagine having a child in the elementary school a few yards away. Cancer is not insignificant or less than significant to the ones who get it. VOTE NO.

jean to Everyone (7:47 PM)

The EIR conclusions of "Less than significant" for the issues of noise, traffic, air quality, etc., could only be deduced by someone who does not, nor will not, live in the general area. The conclusions seem prejudiced to be in favor of the project with disregard to any residents. A resident's opinion on these issues needs to be weighed more strongly than any scientific statistics that can be used to purport "less than significant impact." Claiming that 8-12-foot walls lessen noises is ridiculous—noise travels upwards as well as sideways! For the city to support demolishing a beautiful valley surrounded by homes and schools to save them money on sand purchases for beach erosion would be disgusting!

Miranda Franks to Everyone (7:47 PM)

Please everyone, write your comments and submit in aN authorized as they advised.

Barbara's iPad to Everyone (7:48 PM)

The Pasatiempo community vehemently opposes this project.

Robert Stall to Everyone (7:49 PM)

If the project is not approved, what will happen to the property? Will it be developed as new homes? If the project is approved, will the land be designated as open property forever?

Abram Jimenez to Everyone (7:49 PM)

Who are the bureaucrats that believe the project will leave "less than significant" impact? They weren't mentioned at the beginning of the presentation.

pjs to Everyone (7:49 PM)

This project needs to be denied. There are too many negative impacts to this small community. Health being the biggest impact.

R Pinson to Everyone (7:50 PM)

My family and myself cannot understand why this is a need in our backyard. Dust and noise control cannot be stopped with ugly walls. The company wanting to come into our neighborhood and start this operation does not live in our neighborhood. Traffic has already increased with extra housing. I cannot imagine putting more large mining trucks in our area. Depending on the weather we can already hear extra traffic noise. I can't imagine hearing an operating mine. I have a student at Jamacha elementary, with

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this proposal you are stating the silica in the air will not affect elementary kids on their playground? How??? I hope our elected officials vote against this project that does not make any positive impact for our neighborhood.

Denise S. to Everyone (7:50 PM)

Who is responsible for conducting research as to the adverse impacts to home values? When will this be disclosed to and discussed with the residents?

iPad to Everyone (7:52 PM)

I am concerned there is no provisions for monitoring and penalties for noncompliance by the company if the mining proceeds. What controls will be in place for example, the trucks operate outside the stated hours. What if the company goes bankrupt before reclamation occurs? Will there be money in an "escrow" account or insurance account to guarantee reclamation?

Miranda Franks to Everyone (7:53 PM)

We have a beautiful wildlife happening there now. Please stop the destruction.

R Pinson to Everyone (7:53 PM)

What about all the wildlife? I hear them every night. They don't just reappear when you decide to build trails several years after you pushed them out.

Andrew Young to Everyone (7:54 PM)

So, we are going to cause all of these significant impacts to hundreds of residents and environmental and wildlife harm will be caused for a 6–10-year TEMPORARY project for the developer with zero benefit to the community. You can never return the environment to its original state or confirm wildlife would return. I hope the developer has deep enough pockets for all the lawsuits that will occur because of the damage he is going to cause.

rrobi to Everyone (7:54 PM)

I can't believe this has gone this far. Already the traffic is horrible cannot imagine with all their truck going and coming how it will be. I wonder if the animals are getting hotel rooms until the project is over.

Abram Jimenez to Everyone (7:55 PM)

I am vehemently opposed to this project!

Miranda Franks to Everyone (7:56 PM)

We all purchased in Rancho to be away from ever expanding growth. Golf courses and running water equals a healthy lifestyle. Don't remove healthy wildlife and watershed to rape the land and then "replace" nature.

Brianna Chaney to Everyone (7:56 PM)

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There have been multiple accidents and 1 fatality on Willow Glen in January alone. Every day we deal with people who drive fast cars and pass on blind corners, semi-trucks, and drunk\impaired drivers. This would be catastrophic to our community and the generations to come.

Teri Davies-Storm to Everyone (7:57 PM)

No one in this Community wants this project! It will ruin the natural environment. We all live there because of the beauty of the area. This is not the place for a Sand mine. You can't mitigate damages to the endangered species or other wildlife. In addition, cultural resources will be damaged, lost or stolen. This project possesses a significant health risk to surrounding residents, such as Valley Fever and cancer from silica.

Susan Holtz to Everyone (7:57 PM)

Have yet to hear of any benefit this project would bring to our community, only damage to be "mitigated."

Greg to Everyone (7:57 PM)

Building a wall around this project would be as pointless as putting a 6-foot fence around an aviary. 😊

jean to Everyone (7:57 PM)

I don't care how beautiful the company can make the land when they are done mining, it is the ten or so years of HELL that residents have to live with that is NOT WORTH IT. The company profits, but what's in it for residents — reduced property values and constant headaches!!!!

Bonnie and Joe Duncan GPC Chairs to Everyone (7:57 PM)

The visual impact screen on the Steele Canyon Bridge is a joke. It looks from the simulation that it is about two feet high.

Miranda Franks to Everyone (7:57 PM)

Susan Holtz, I agree with you

Teri Davies-Storm to Everyone (7:57 PM)

Me too

Tim Schneider to Everyone (7:58 PM)

pros: One sand mine makes money and actually lives up to their Pollyanna-sounding promises.

rrobi to Everyone (7:58 PM)

Are they going to use well water for this????

Tim Schneider to Everyone (7:58 PM)

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Cons: Everything else

Renee Shaffer to Everyone (7:59 PM)

Why can't we use this property for public use, This is an beautiful piece of property that many different types of native wildlife, and vital native plants that makes this project very WRONG to just dig it up, and destroy these habitats, also we can make this beautiful area into a place where we can enjoy. Trails, maybe a dog park or riding trails whould be awesome, let's keep it beautiful.

Rob to Everyone (7:59 PM)

Concerns of passing through water table, affect to water source from the Sweetwater water supply. 10 years plus affect to our air quality (Silica). Does the school district, teacher unions, local business owners and their employees? This will affect at least a ten-mile radius, multiple schools and housing areas. My understanding is the EIR has a lot of missing information that will indicate hazardous environment. Traffic impact to already impacted roads (*i.e.*, willow glen, Steele Canyon Road bridge. The original meeting presentation to the community was lack luster. No benefit to community, a lot of benefit to sand mining company. Unless you view the sand mining area from the community location you do not see the impact. From the golf course location, it looks as though it is low population. It talks about 88 trucks; however, this is in addition to the already impacted roads.

jean to Everyone (7:59 PM)

You all need to be sure to put your comments in writing and send in!

Bonnie and Joe Duncan GPC Chairs to Everyone (7:59 PM)

The sand and gravel trucks on Willow Glen now are already a serious problem.

Marlene Barr to Everyone (8:00 PM)

88 trucks per day is EXTREMELY significant.

Miranda Franks to Everyone (8:00 PM)

Community is not in favor of this project.

Kathy Ellis to Everyone (8:00 PM)

Yes, please send letters to the county as instructed.

Brianna Chaney to Everyone (8:00 PM)

They blast and don't care about boulders rolling down to the residents' homes below. And don't care about the noise now as it is. They only care about their bank accounts.

Sherrie Aldrich to Everyone (8:00 PM)

What is the impact of this project to our property values? Our beautiful community is going to be decimated.

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R Pinson to Everyone (8:00 PM)

Can someone provide the email?

To send comments against this project. Thank you

iPad to Everyone (8:00 PM)

Again, if the mining occurs, will the project pay for the additional wear and tear on the roads and the bridge. We should not be taxed so a mine can make a profit.

Amy DeNoble to Everyone (8:01 PM)

Please ask EnviroMine to share an extensive list of the benefits to the community. I cannot think of one! Stop Cottonwood Sand Mine.

Theresa McKenna to Everyone (8:01 PM)

CANCER CONCERNS: The Helix Environmental Planning Air Quality Technical Report (November 2021) states, on page 22: "...the cancer burden only evaluates residential exposure (not schools or worksites)."

It also states, "...cancer burden was estimated for the project...of an increase in cancer cases in the population of 0.5..."

On page 36: Project Mitigation: "Because the project would not result in significant impacts, no mitigation is required."

Please help me understand how a project determined to have a known increase in cancer impact is deemed not significant.

With an elementary school less than ¼ mile away, please also explain why the health impacts to the children at the elementary school not evaluated?

Alan Levin to Everyone (8:01 PM)

88 trucks equal 176 one-way trips over 6 and a half hours that's a truck every 2 minutes 21 seconds

Kathryn Clayton to Everyone (8:02 PM)

88 trucks accessing the site daily. How many trips each.

Cynthia Ehrlich to Everyone (8:02 PM)

There is not one upside benefit for our community. This new owner is raping the land, putting a band aid on all the negative impacts on our health, and natural beauty of our community. There will never be accountability if they violate the parameters of their proposals. I 100% oppose this projected project. You can spin it any way, but there is NO benefit for anyone in our community.

Cyndi Denny to Everyone (8:03 PM)

I would like to ask Vanessa T if she would like this sand mine project in her backyard? Would anyone from Helix Environment Planning want this project in their backyard? How is construction debris going to meet aesthetics? Also how is this mining project

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going to affect Steele Canyon Road Bridge with removal of the Sand, thus with construction debris not being able to slow down water flow as sand does, how does this impact this bridge? If anyone would like to see what a sand mine project looks like, just go to Lakeside which is nothing but mining operations which has ruined the aesthetics of the Lakeside Community. You cannot do this to Rancho San Diego. SanDag 2011 report is inadequate.

Tim Schneider to Everyone (8:04 PM)

Their DEIR is not complete because their thoughts are not complete. Do we have to put us through this process for more steps? Can you Just vote NO now?

iPhone to Everyone (8:04 PM)

The fact that this is so close to a school is minding bobbles. absolutely no one has mentioned the effects of traffic and air pollution so near to homes and schools. this should have been a denied project from the get-go. nothing from this report makes sense. things always go wrong, and nothing is beneficial in any way to our health and community.

Robert Stall to Everyone (8:04 PM)

88 trucks driven into the site and then 88 trucks driven out of the site over 6.5 hours. That means one truck arriving every 4.4 minutes and one truck leaving every 4.4 minutes. In other words, large trucks will be arriving or leaving every 2.2 minutes.

BBQ Eric to Everyone (8:04 PM)

Jamacha Elementary is less than an eighth of a mile from the site; the noise, the air pollution and the traffic will destroy our neighborhood

Miranda Franks to Everyone (8:05 PM)

Thank you, Danielle. Please everyone take down this information.

Nancy to Everyone (8:06 PM)

We are new residents to this peaceful area. We oppose the sand mines which would disturb our peace, quiet and health.

pjs to Everyone (8:06 PM)

Thank you, Barry and StopCottonWoodSandMine Committee!!

Greg D to Everyone (8:07 PM)

WHO will own the land after reclamation? Will the SD County own the land or still privately owned? Can you or anyone in the SD County confirm that the reclaimed land will never be developed ever again ?

BBQ Eric to Everyone (8:07 PM)

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There is a mine off Jamacha already and they are noisy all day long from 8am until after 5pm not including the double trailers coming and going all day. One mine here is more than enough.

Tim Schneider to Everyone (8:07 PM)

Actually, there are already two mines nearby

RUSTY JAMES to Everyone (8:07 PM)

This DEIR is flawed and incomplete. I do not believe that many of the aspects are significant and unmitigable rather than less than significant. Beyond that \

Rudy Marik to Everyone (8:08 PM)

Many of the conclusions stated in the Draft EIR are based upon conditions at the completion of the project. They must be revised to reflect the significant impacts during the 10-year period of performance of the MUP. The project lacks compliance with the VDO Plan and is contrary to good urban planning principles and practices. The MUP must be DENIED and the project must be REJECTED!

Rob to Everyone (8:08 PM)

The incomplete is recurring from the first meeting a few years, The lack of detail in effort by the sand mining company is a strong indicator of how they will conduct business.

Owner to Everyone (8:09 PM)

Mitigate noise by building a 12-foot wall. How do you mitigate the loss of view caused by the wall?

Greg D to Everyone (8:09 PM)

There are enough trucks on our roads already from the Quarry on Willow Glen. Adding another 88 trucks per day is insane!!!

Brianna Chaney to Everyone (8:10 PM)

10 years of mining will cause CENETUIRES of damage. And we all know it will go on longer than 10 years. Our way of life will be gone for good.

Rob to Everyone (8:11 PM)

At the first meeting the sand mining representative stated " if anyone has a problem they can come to my house, and I live in El Cajon on street xxx:

Kathy to Everyone (8:12 PM)

The DEIR says the access road off of Ivanhoe Ranch Rd would be used as needed, primarily for equipment deliveries and/or reclamation maintenance & monitoring. Use of Ivanhoe Ranch Rd means large trucks & equipment would drive directly past Jamacha Elementary and through the crosswalks used by all students accessing the school.

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Ivanhoe Ranch Rd is also the only point of access in/out for residents in that housing development.

RUSTY JAMES to Everyone (8:12 PM)

This project is not compatible or consistent with the community, which is mainly residential and light retail. This project will negatively affect the quality of life for thousands of residents in the area for 10 to 20 years.

Renee Shaffer to Everyone (8:12 PM)

Who wants to see this beautiful peaceful area turned into a filthy, open pit sand mine with a 12-foot wall, really!

Rob to Everyone (8:14 PM)

Home values

Lisa Healey to Everyone (8:14 PM)

Absolutely no one Renee Shaffer! Only the applicant who stands to tons of money!  
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CYousif to Everyone (8:20 PM)

What are the benefits of this project with regards to our community life, considering that all signs are pointing toward a negative impact to our daily living conditions? There is very little mitigation to combat the damages to the landscape, wildlife, and residential health. This project isn't practical, considering that we have an elementary school nearby and homes overlooking the site.

Brianna Chaney to Everyone (8:22 PM)

No one cares Cloud.

Tim Schneider to Everyone (8:22 PM)

So, is this guy in on the deal?

Brianna Chaney to Everyone (8:22 PM)

He is

Teri Davies-Storm to Everyone (8:22 PM)

What!!!!

Rob to Everyone (8:22 PM)

high school and sand mine is different scales

Tim Schneider to Everyone (8:23 PM)

Mines were here first...dohQ



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Teri Davies-Storm to Everyone (8:23 PM)

Schools are much different....

Tim Schneider to Everyone (8:23 PM)

Mines don't show up after the community is built

Clay Cox to Everyone (8:24 PM)

Thanks to, and I fully agree with, the Stop Cottonwood Sand Mine Organization. Also, thanks to the Valle de Oro Planning Group for pointing out the inadequacy of the DEIR. This seems to me how it's supposed to work. Scoring? How about common sense? In a valley, walls don't do much to stop noise.

CYousif to Everyone (8:25 PM)

There is clearly a difference between infrastructure that promotes community life and sand mining which sucks the life out of everything

Amy DeNoble to Everyone (8:25 PM)

A sand mine does not belong in an established residential area. My house was built long before this.

Rob to Everyone (8:25 PM)

water table affected, water ebbs and floods

Cyndi Denny to Everyone (8:26 PM)

Mining operations has NOT been crowded by housing in Lakeside, and I don't see mining operations in La Jolla, Del Mar, Carmel Valley, Del Mar Mesa, Torrey Pines, etc.

Teri Davies-Storm to Everyone (8:26 PM)

Right!C Yousif

Tim Schneider to Everyone (8:27 PM)

They don't care about your money or values of others property

Denise S. to Everyone (8:27 PM)

Yes, I understand that... but who is, then, responsible?

pjs to Everyone (8:27 PM)

Ridiculous comment made by Jon about how civilization needed quarries to build them when the community here already exists. He lives in the area.

Brianna Chaney to Everyone (8:28 PM)

He does, as well as his family.

Robert Stall to Everyone (8:28 PM)

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The existing granite mine in Rancho San Diego was in existence long before the Master Planned Community was built, so home buyers knew about it before purchasing their homes. The granite mine is also much smaller than the proposed sand mine. There was also a plan to close that granite mine and build a road through that property. That road plan was later cancelled.

Tracy Weekley to Everyone (8:28 PM)

There is a difference in choosing to build your home near an existing mine vs. allowing a mine to endanger your existing neighborhood. We are absolutely against the approval of the permit that would allow this project to move forward.

Jon to Everyone (8:28 PM)

Regarding Sweetwater authority .... There used to be a sand mine at the backside of Sweetwater res. If sand mining were ACTUALLY an issue with water quality would Sweetwater had allowed Nelson Sloane to have mined sand out of the backside of the res for some 20 years? ... If sand mining were a hazard to water quality would Sweetwater have plans to mine the sand in both Sweetwater and Loveland to add water storage capacity?

Bonnie and Joe Duncan GPC Chairs to Everyone (8:28 PM)

Who would be the logical entity to file a lawsuit preventing this monstrosity?

Greg D to Everyone (8:28 PM)

Make the money first with Sand Mine, then build high density units after that.

Jon must be invested in the company?

David Nichols, Greystone Drive to Everyone (8:29 PM)

Is there a public record regarding financial contributions from the project sponsors to the County officials who will vote to approve or disapprove the project? What is the mechanism for releasing this information to the public?

Brianna Chaney to Everyone (8:29 PM)

sure is!!

Stephen Kapp to Everyone (8:30 PM)

Note that the EIR (any EIR) does not address loss of property values (10-30%?) from adjacent homeowners, thus the County Board of Supervisors needs to weigh this IF the Planning Commission recommend the project move forward.

Greg D to Everyone (8:31 PM)

No worry, Plan B is to build high density units if Sand Mind is denied, so either way the developer win.

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Stephen Kapp to Everyone (8:31 PM)

Modeling (in this case by the California Emissions Estimator Model) are only as good as the quality of the data input, the accuracy/relevancy of the inputs, and the proper interpretation of the results.

Silica dust is likely to travel downwind to residential, senior center and elementary school most of the time from prevailing westward winds, and eastward during Santa Ana winds to retail and recreators and wildlife in the immediately adjacent wildlife refuge.

No mining activity when sustained winds over 25mph occur gives one the illusion that such winds would not affect dust and silica transport, but this only refers to simultaneous mining activity during such winds (like Santa Ana winds) and does not address such wind transport of these particulates in general for the open pit mining site.

Greg to Everyone (8:32 PM)

In reaction to the comment by Jon: There are many atrocities our society is built on. It doesn't give us full access to continue to exploit the environment, indigenous cultures, children and the elderly, which this project would negatively impact.

Stephen Kapp to Everyone (8:32 PM)

The plan apparently includes dust mitigation via spraying active areas with water to minimize dust and silica transport, but to think this would be reliably applied by personnel for the 10-year term is idealistic, not to mention the amount of scarce water expended. The EIR analysis that this water use is <20% of the annual water use by the (old) golf course is misrepresentative since that has not been its current use for years.

steve to Everyone (8:32 PM)

Is the letter dated 2/22/2022

Stephen Kapp to Everyone (8:34 PM)

Although the Draft EIR appears rigorous on first pass, it has inaccuracies and deficiencies on assumptions and is incomplete, it also is evident to most upon even a casual yet honest review of the EIR that no EIR could sufficiently mitigate a project of this nature in this location.

pjs to Everyone (8:34 PM)

What's being overlooked are the people who live here and have to deal with this mess.

Stephen Kapp to Everyone (8:35 PM)

Relative to Noise (Chapter 2.4) ~ "Significant Impacts Mitigated to Less than Significant"

...to think a 12-foot wall with homes located both to the North and South of the site, and above by many feet – is laughable.

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Greg D to Everyone (8:35 PM)

East County is not Million Dollar home community like North County.

Rob to Everyone (8:36 PM)

the wall will not mitigate noise from surrounding housing such as cottonwood

jean to Everyone (8:36 PM)

Greg — we do have million-dollar homes in this community and what is your point?

Miranda Franks to Everyone (8:36 PM)

Thank you for that. We do oppose.

Jon to Everyone (8:37 PM)

Understanding that RSD has changed a lot over the years, for those who believe they have lived here a long time and don't want to see things change ... I've lived here long enough to have taken trash and yard waste to the dump at the steel bridge in RSD. Most people living in the area today don't even know that there was a County dump there. I've also lived here long enough to have done "Touch and Go's" off Lamp field in a Cessna 172 as a child with my uncle at the controls and a neighbor named Nat Eggart. Lamp field is the property behind Valhalla HS.

Robert Stall to Everyone (8:37 PM)

I would recommend adding page numbers to the bottom of each page of the VDO PG letter.

pjs to Everyone (8:38 PM)

Greg needs to look at Zillow home prices in the adjacent areas to this proposed mess....

Stephen Kapp to Everyone (8:38 PM)

This project cannot meet a Major Use Permit requirement per Sec 7358a (Pg. 6-13):  
<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/pds/zoning/z7000%20REV%2010-21.pdf>

Teri Davies-Storm to Everyone (8:38 PM)

The DEIR also does not adequately describe the potential impact to Cultural Resources. The potential loss to Kumeyaay heritage is unmitigable!!

Greg D to Everyone (8:38 PM)

Wendy is right

Amy DeNoble to Everyone (8:38 PM)

I suggest the use of bold italics for the sentence stating, "The Project contravenes the Community Plan."

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Miranda Franks to Everyone (8:39 PM)  
Dust also

Stephen Kapp to Everyone (8:40 PM)  
For a site zoned for recreational nested between residential, retail, senior centers and educational facilities, it is a slap in the face of residents who have purchased such properties (many decades ago) to attempt to convert this site into an industrial use operation, temporary or not.

Rudy Marik to Everyone (8:40 PM)  
Developments should not only be compatible and consistent with existing community plans, but developments should also provide some positive benefit to the community, *e.g.*, jobs, convenience, services.

Stephen Kapp to Everyone (8:40 PM)  
Reclamation of the site is expected to be a minimum post-production phase but does not address or alleviate the active production period of approximately 10 years. Further, the natural condition of the site currently includes the sand and silt beds part of the watershed characteristic that has occurred for hundreds of years – that will not be restored and the filtration benefit amongst others it provides will no longer occur.

iPhone to Everyone (8:41 PM)  
What about all of us who have wells? My well is only 35 feet down. What's going to happen when my well goes dry from this proposed project?

Marlene Barr to Everyone (8:43 PM)  
Statement needs to strongly emphasize that the sand mine project is inconsistent with the existing community plan.

Andrew Young to Everyone (8:46 PM)  
question - if they are not going to blast or grind how are they planning to mine below grade? are they planning on fracking?

Rob to Everyone (8:46 PM)  
its inadequate and incomplete

Stephen Kapp to Everyone (8:46 PM)  
Crystalline silica is a common mineral found in the earth's crust. Materials like sand, stone, concrete, and mortar contain crystalline silica. Respirable crystalline silica—very small particles at least 100 times smaller than ordinary sand—is created when cutting, sawing, grinding, drilling, and crushing stone, rock, concrete, brick, and mortar. Potential health risks resulting from inhalation of respirable crystalline silica include silicosis, an incurable lung disease; lung cancer; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease;

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and kidney disease (U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration [USOSHA] 2018). Source: <https://www.osha.gov/silica-crystalline>.

Miranda Franks to Everyone (8:46 PM)

Michael is correct. We should review the data submitted and counter act with additional and updated data.

Teri Davies-Storm to Everyone (8:46 PM)

There are two rock quarries already in Rancho area. What is the combined impact?

Stephen Kapp to Everyone (8:47 PM)

In addition to respirable crystalline silica, the dust from mining operations and processing plants can contain very small amounts of toxic metals and elements including arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, copper, chromium, manganese, mercury, nickel, and selenium. Significant exposure to these toxic metals and elements can result in a wide range of health effects including cancer, long-term chronic conditions, and short-term acute effects. Source: <https://www.osha.gov/silica-crystalline>

Miranda Franks to Everyone (8:49 PM)

The planning commission needs to review all data and consider independent review. I agree.

Tom C to Everyone (8:49 PM)

There isn't any statement about the afterhours maintenance of the trucks and the light towers while the trucks are being serviced.

Amy DeNoble to Everyone (8:50 PM)

I agree, we need an objective analysis of this proposed project. Not written by EnviroMine.

Tom C to Everyone (8:50 PM)

Was there a comment about retail sales at the cite?

Jon to Everyone (8:50 PM)

A comment made to Cyndi Denny regarding quarries and houses. La Jolla doesn't have an aggregate resource. All of Mission Valley was mined at one time, Fashion Valley, Mission Valley shopping centers, Ikea and the communities in the valley, several of them were built as the mining operations were on going. The mining operations in the Miramar area and Carlsbad/Vista area all had housing built right up to their property lines as they were crushing rock.

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Stephen Kapp to Everyone (8:51 PM)

Significant loss of property valuation is an inevitability, and according to a retired realtor who spoke, could easily lose 10-30% of their property values. Inverse condemnation is a legal concept that entitles property owners to just compensation if their property is damaged by a public use.

Inverse condemnation has its roots in the Takings Clauses of the U.S. and California Constitutions as the flip side of eminent domain, the process by which a government agency can take property for public benefit as long as the property owner is adequately compensated. The "inverse" means that if property is damaged by a public benefit (*i.e.*, providing mining resources), damages can be sought and awarded.

Tom C to Everyone (8:52 PM)

If they are removing all the sand and aggregate to 30' below the existing grade, what's the procedure for bringing the area back to the original grade?

Denise S. to Everyone (8:52 PM)

Thank you, Allison! "Out of the scope" should not be used for tongue tying purposes. Someone needs to talk to us about it.

Teri Davies-Storm to Everyone (8:53 PM)

100% wrong. Thank you, Allison.

Tom C to Everyone (8:55 PM)

Does anyone remember when the river well outside the banks causing damage the bridges at Singing Hills and Cottonwood golf courses.

Teri Davies-Storm to Everyone (8:55 PM)

I agree Allison

Stephen Kapp to Everyone (8:55 PM)

If the mine was in existence prior to development of the adjacent communities - it would be a totally different picture - but it wasn't.

Marlene Barr to Everyone (8:56 PM)

Financial gains to the county from sand mining would be eliminated by all of money the county would have to pay out to area residents because of damage to property values.

Robert Stall to Everyone (8:57 PM)

The costs to the County for road repair over the 10-to-20-year period could well be millions of dollars. That does not appear to have been addressed in the DEIR.