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NORTH COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES, SITE PLAN REVIEW,
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Dear Mr. Sibbert

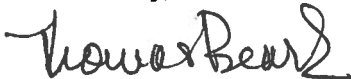
I live in North County, approximately one mile from the proposed industrial recycling center in North County by the Hilltop Group which would create significant negative environmental impacts on nearby residents and the surrounding area. I am particularly concerned that, if approved, the proposed section 15183 exemption of the applicant, Hilltop Groups, to prepare a "site specific" Environmental Impact Report will degrade the quality of life in Escondido and along the North County corridor. Why the County, having determined in 2015 that the proposed project required an EIR, is now considering a proposal to fast-track the environmental review of the project requires a full examination and explanation as part of the review process.

As a former member of an Environmental Advisory Panel appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, I can't believe the County would support the proposed exemption based on a collection of cobbled-together and outdated five to ten year old technical reports and information gleaned from other locations - mostly boilerplate and obviously not pertinent, "site-specific" material.

It appears to me that Hilltop's request to fast-track the approval of this project is an attempt to limit public participation contrary to the CEQA's requirements. Approval of an industrial operation in an area now classified as semi-rural residential would seem to me to demand a "site-specific" EIR.

Please convey my concerns and comments and my opposition to the project to appropriate individuals concerned with this project.

Sincerely,



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