Arie DeJong, Hilltop Group Inc. is seeking to construct a recycling plant at 25568 Mesa Rock Road. The County determined that a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was necessary in 2015, however; the applicant is now using the California Environmental Quality Act process to provide less information in an attempt to satisfy existing County environmental standards. Given the potential impact of the project on the surrounding area, a full EIR should be required.

The presence of an industrial recycling center in this residential area would be disruptive and have a number of negative consequences for local residents, to include:

Possible negative health consequences due to decreased air quality and a lack of monitoring of emissions from this site. There are no independent controls proposed to limit the items brought to, or delivered from this recycling center.

The applicant claims that 48 tons of material will be produced daily, and the environmental impact reports submitted are based on that level of output. The applicant is legally allowed to produce 174 tons daily, which would vastly increase impacts to the surrounding area and render their submitted environmental reports invalid.

Particulate emissions from demolition and leveling on mountain side as well as from operation of crushing and grinding and material handling equipment outdoors.

Machinery capable of delivering and processing concrete and other building materials operating between the hours of 5am to 7pm, Monday through Saturday. Noise from explosive blasting during construction phase and then the operation phase of crushing and associated equipment on site.

The operating hours: 5:00 AM till 7:00 PM, do not meet Policy N-5.2 of the General Plan

More heavily-laden trucks and passenger vehicles driving on our already burdened local roads and decreasing their serviceable life. Noise and dust from fully loaded trucks entering and leaving site through Mesa Rock Road, Center City Parkway and the Deer Spring overpass.

Increased fire danger to an already at risk fire area.

Decreased Property Values: Due to the presence of high-impact industrial activity in close proximity to our homes, disturbing noise and unknown air quality effects from this project.
High-impact industrial activity is inconsistent with the surrounding area, harmful to our interests and needs to be stopped.

Community is burdened with monitoring and reporting violations including gas emissions, noise, dust, or truck loads in and out. Monitoring equipment not included in project.

I request the applicant to be required to submit a full Environmental Impact Report for this project as the County required in 2015.

The hundreds of pages of information submitted by the applicant cannot be adequately reviewed by residents in the 30-day time period allowed by your department – the comment period is closing on October 14, 2019. I request that time period be extended to 90 days.

Additional Request For Jim Desmond:

As our new District 5 Supervisor, I would appreciate you investigating this project, the 2011 re-zoning of the applicant’s property that made it possible, and the circumstances surrounding the multi-year planning process that has ensued.

Regards,

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