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SUBJECT: El Monte Sand Mine (PDS2015-MUP-98-014W2,
PDS2015-RP-15-001 OBJECTIONS!

Over the last few months, I have attended three public meetings that presented information about this terrible project. I object strongly to this project, and I do not live in El Monte Valley; instead I live in on the other side of Lakeside. However, this project will impact me personally and will have an overall negative impact on the entire Lakeside community.

It is incredible that the owners and developers would consider a project that can go on for 15 to 50 years. It is incredible they consider it acceptable to destroy the only pristine area left in Lakeside. It is incredible they don't care about the negative environmental and community consequences.

Water resources will be contaminated, possibly beyond any use at all. Wildlife will be chased away, possibly forever for certain species. Once this gets started, there is no way to keep it under control, as greed and finances will ignore all other considerations.

You can tell that I am strongly opposed to any part of this project!

On the other hand, if the owner and developer really wanted to be fair, they would offer to do this project under the following circumstances:

Conduct total operations on only one acre at a time. Once the park is finished in the last stage, continue to the next acre. Now this won't give them the economies of scale they prefer, but neither will it contribute the scale of destruction in our community.

These operations would be reviewed once a year, and only when approved, then will continue for the next year. A committee will be appointed (under the Lakeside Planning Group) to do the review and incremental approvals.

All activities and financial arrangements on the project would have total transparency to the LPG and any part of the public upon a 7-day request.

A huge bond or cash amount would be set aside before the project starts at all. This could be held by the County and it would be for cleanup and parks. It also would be reviewed every year and will be used as recommended by the Lakeside committee.

Monthly public meetings on this project would be held in Lakeside, hosted by the County. Findings would be submitted to the Board of Supervisors.

Again, I disapprove of any part of this project because it ignores our community, the residents affected in so many negative ways, the loss of property values throughout Lakeside, and in general the insulting manner it is being presented now and in recent years. Putting a pleasant name on a group that has only greed and destruction on their minds does not change what they represent. "You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear." And those groups are not going to be fair to our community in any way, shape, or form!

Please take action to stop this project right now.

Thank you,

Diana Jackson