



Fw: Request for DEIR Public Comment Extension on Oster/Las Pilitas Proposal

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April 2, 2013

County of San Luis Obispo
Department of Planning and Building
976 Osos Street, Room 200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93406
Attn. Mr. Jason Giffen, Director

Dear Mr. Giffen:

Re: Oster/Las Pilitas Rock Quarry Proposal (DRC 2009-00025) Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

I am writing to express my support -- with a growing number of other local leaders and residents of the Highway 58 community -- to extend the public comment period for the above-referenced DEIR.

The proposed project, if approved, would have a dramatic, permanent impact on the affected land and its surrounding communities. Given the historically pristine nature of this region and the already increasing developmental impacts of surrounding quarries and the Carrizo Plains solar projects, the added impact of this proposed project warrants special public consideration.

In my experience as a state official (I serve as an appointed member of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors), the normal 45 day review period for public comment in a case like this is simply insufficient to account for the many perspectives and interests that should be factored into the county's decision on this matter.

Accordingly, I respectfully urge your office to extend the allowance for public review of the DEIR to a duration more in keeping with the potential permanent impacts the proposed expansion in area quarry activities would have, if approved.

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Thank you in advance for your most serious consideration,

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Fw: Santa Margarita/ highway 58 quarry

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Please consider this my formal submission of a request to deny the above project. While I normally support and sympathize with any private property owners right to utilize their property to its fullest potential, this particular project impacts my property rights in a far too negative manner.

Water is already a crucial issue in this area. As a private well water consumer, I already take every possible opportunity to limit my uses of this scarce and vital resource and there is simply no way to justify using the amount of water this project will require, even at its most minimal estimates.

Secondly, air quality is already becoming a critical issue for San Luis Obispo County, due to the increase in population and resulting traffic issues. Blasting and mining operations are NOT technically so advanced as to prevent an major increase in pollution and a serious potential health hazard to the general population in lung diseases and discomfort.

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Finally (but certainly not the last issue) the increase in heavy truck traffic along an already hazardous two lane country road, passing an elementary school and crossing active and busy railroad tracks, is certainly a serious negative impact on every local resident.

Please vote NO on this project to protect the interests of the majority of your constituents and not just a few special interests. Growth is not always a benefit to a society.

Thank you.

Tish Keely
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Phone Message in Opposition to Quarry

Vicki Shelby to: Frank Mecham, Bruce Gibson, Adam Hill, Paul Teixeira, Debbie Arnold

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Cherie Aispuro, Debbie Geaslen, Hannah Miller, Jennifer Caffee, Fran Zohns, Cytasha Campa, cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder

Good Morning All,

You all may have received this phone message too, but just in case, we received a call, last Friday, from Dee Carroll (438-3764), who lives on Parkhill Road and stated that she was totally opposed to the quarry going out on Hwy 58. She stated that she was gone until Wednesday but wanted your Board to have this message.

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"Thinking a smile all the time will keep your face youthful" - Frank G. Burgess
"Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been" - Mark Twain

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Murry Wilson , Environmental Resource Specialist
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Dear Mr. Wilson,

I live at the corner of Highway 58 and J. Street, the house on the right just before the first 90° turn heading out of Santa Margarita toward Pozo. I reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed Oster/Las Palistas quarry and I have the following comments and a win-win superior alternative that needs to be considered. **I offer this in the spirit of helping the EIR provide full disclosure and finding a workable solution for everyone.**

Project's Proposed Truck Activity

As proposed, this project would add between 273 and 800 heavy-duty truck trips per day during the 10 hour sales period of 7am to 5pm. This equates to an average of between 0.5 to 1.3 trucks every minute. It is unclear from the DEIR whether average rates are worst case or if peak periods where the truck per minute rate is much higher than the average truck rate is a true worst case. **The EIR needs to define the peak truck per minute rate and use this to evaluate the worst case impacts for traffic and air quality.**

90° Curve at 58 and J. St.

It may be technically feasible for tandem gravel trucks to not over track at 90° corner of 58 at the end

of my property, but the reality I see is that over tracking is common. This reality and adding the proposed project's 273 to 800 new truck trips per day on this corner seems to be a recipe for accidents. From my personal observation, the EIR understates this risk and it must do a much more thorough evaluation and define proper mitigation to bring this risk to a level of insignificance (see the No-truck alternative discussion below).

Truck Counts

Page 4.3-7 of the Oster/Las Palitas DEIR's Air Quality Section says:

SR 58 currently carries average daily traffic volumes that range from 7,200 in the vicinity of US Highway 101 to 1,850 adjacent to the project site. About 3 percent of this traffic volume is heavy trucks, which is typical for highways that do not carry a high proportion of inter-regional truck traffic (such as SR 46, the next major east-west route north of SR 58).

The following is a quality check of this statement:

Ahead Annual Average Daily Trips (AADT) usually represents traffic north or east of a traffic count location

Back Annual Average Daily Trips represents traffic south or west of a traffic count location

2011 Traffic counts for Hwy 58 can be found on page 84 of the following document:

<http://traffic-counts.dot.ca.gov/2011TrafficVolumesAug2012.pdf> found on page:

<http://traffic-counts.dot.ca.gov/>

or see attached file for a screen shot of this information: 2011TrafficCountsOn58_cr.jpg

2011 Truck traffic counts for Hwy 58 can be found on rows 3211 to 3217 in the following spreadsheet: <http://traffic-counts.dot.ca.gov/2011Truck.xlsx> found on page:

<http://traffic-counts.dot.ca.gov/>

or see attached file for a screen shot of this information: 2011TruckPercentagesOn58.jpg

Based on the 2011 Caltrans Data, the total existing traffic volumes are as follows:

- 58 also known as El Camino Real in Santa Margarita has an AADT of 6900
- 58/J St. has an AADT of 2800
- 58/Pozo Rd. the traffic going back and forth on 58 in front of the proposed quarry's entrance has an AADT of 1800
- 58/Parkhill Rd. the traffic going back and forth on 58 at a point just NE of Parkhill Rd. has an AADT of 880
- 58/229 the traffic going back and forth on 58 at a point just NE of 229 has an AADT of 790

Based on the limited 2011 Caltrans truck count data, the existing truck traffic volumes and percentages are as follows:

- 58 also known as El Camino Real in Santa Margarita has an AADT of 6900 & a Truck AADT of 428 or 6.2% of the total existing trips
- 58/229 Back AADT of 880 (matches up with traffic volumes measured on 58 at a point just NE of Parkhill Rd.) has a Truck AADT of 48 or 5.4% of the total existing trips
- 58/229 Ahead AADT of 790 (matches up with traffic volumes measured on 58 at a point just NE of 229) has a Truck AADT of 111 or 14% of the total existing trips.

Therefore, based on the most current Caltrans data, the DEIR's existing truck count statement underestimates the actual numbers by about half; a value of 6% better estimates the existing truck traffic on Hwy 58 between the project's entrance and Hwy 58/J Street:

- At 58/J. St.: Total current AADT is 2800 with about 168 of those trips being trucks (6%)
- At proposed quarry entrance: Total current AADT is 1800 with about 108 of those trips being trucks (6%).

Adding the proposed project's average daily truck trips of 273 (1 new truck every two minutes) results in the following new truck percentages:

- At 58/J. St: Total AADT would increase to 3073 with 441 of those trips being trucks for the new truck percentage being over 14%; a 2.6 multiplier increase in trucks from the existing number.
- At proposed quarry entrance: Total AADT would increase to 2073 with 381 of those trips being trucks for the new truck percentage being over 18%; a 3.5 multiplier increase in trucks from the existing number.

Adding the proposed project's maximum daily truck trips of 800 (1.3 new trucks every minute) results in the following new truck percentages:

- At 58/J. St: Total AADT would increase to 3600 with 968 of those trips being trucks for the new truck percentage being over 26.5%; a 5.8 multiplier increase in trucks from the existing number.
- At proposed quarry entrance: Total AADT would increase to 2600 with 908 of those trips being trucks for the new truck percentage being almost 35%; an 8.4 multiplier increase in trucks from the existing number.

Should this quarry project move forward as proposed, it will negatively change the relatively peaceful rural Hwy 58 route that residents like myself have enjoyed living on by increasing the number of existing noisy, sometimes stinky, and rumbling truck traffic by the factors identified above. The project's DEIR needs to address the toll that this substantial increase in truck traffic would have (in perpetuity) to the quality of life of our community and particularly to the businesses and folks who live on this proposed route who will take the brunt of the loss of peace that would come with the added trucks. Our community members live here in part because of the peaceful quality of life that this area has historically provided. If this project moves forward with the proposed truck traffic, some of that quality of life shall be taken. The DEIR needs to show how this impact is going to be mitigated.

A No-truck option for getting processed and materials to be recycled back and forth from the proposed project location to an export staging area

The truck traffic for this proposed project is a major issue for the community, safety, the residents along the route, traffic, cyclists, air quality, etc. Being that there are so many issues with the truck traffic, the DEIR needs to evaluate an unexplored superior alternative for moving processed and materials to be recycled back and forth from the proposed project location. This alternative is a conveyor from the proposed site to an area that could be purchased/leased where loading of trucks and or rail cars can be facilitated with trucks gaining access to El Camino Real with an agreement between the applicant and the Hanson quarry. The applicant has noted that they looked at running a road through to the Hanson property, but found that building a bridge to cross the Salinas River would be unfeasible. That may be true, but running a conveyor over the river should be much easier technically.

County Planning understands the challenges of approving this proposed quarry with its proposed significant increase in truck traffic and they understand the challenges of the applicant securing an allowance from the Hanson quarry to use their railroad crossing. **For the superior alternative of using a**

conveyor to move the project's materials to be realized would require the County to work closely with the applicant, Hanson, the Santa Margarita Ranch, the Ag. Commission, etc. to create agreements, necessary zoning changes, etc. This solution would mean that the applicant would not be on the hook for bicycle lanes to connect to those required of the Santa Margarita Ranch * (for specifics about the need for this requirement for the Oster/Las Pilitas quarry, see my 2 Jun 2013 2:07 pm Email to you with the following subject: **Comments on Bicycling Safety & the DEIR** for the Proposed Oster/Las Palitas Quarry). Further, the air quality impacts from the trucks that are identified in the DEIR would be reduced as would the needed mitigation by the applicant to reduce those impacts to a level of insignificance. Further, if rail can be integrated in to the material export, the project could take credit for further reductions in truck emissions. **These project savings can be used to help fund the superior conveyor alternative. This creative, out of the box solution provides win-wins that can be supported by most. Clearly, every alternative has their own challenges but a conveyor option seems like it may be the least challenging.**

* Note: The text in the Santa Margarita Agricultural Cluster FEIR dated June 2008 properly defined conflicts between automobiles and bicycles from the increased traffic of the cluster development to be significant but mitigable. This document defined adequate mitigation (T-1(a): see attached Santa Margarita Ag Cluster Traffic and Circulation Section) for these conflicts to be: 1) Widen both sides of SR 58 (from El Camino Real to the Agricultural Residential Cluster Subdivision eastern site access) to provide four foot shoulders and/or bike lanes in accordance with County standards and 2) Install radar feedback signs and advisory speeds on each approach to the 90-degree on SR 58 near J Street. On 28 December 2008 the Board of Supervisors changed mitigation measure T-1(a) by removing the four foot shoulder/bike lanes requirement for this stretch of Hwy 58. As an alternative to that stricken measure, the Board added standard 2k to the Conditions of Approval for Tract 2586 – Exhibit D page 12 (see: http://slocounty.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=608&meta_id=122755 & http://slocounty.granicus.com/MinutesViewer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=608). This added standard states that Prior to Phase 1 map recordation State Route 58 shall be widened along both sides of the cemetery frontage or a Class 1 bike path from the cemetery to J Street shall be installed as approved by Caltrans, Public Works and the Department of Planning and Building.

Please let me know if you have any questions and I look forward to receiving your response to my comments and reviewing the responses to other groups/individuals that provide comments on the Oster/Las Palitas DEIR.

Sincerely,
Andrew Mutziger

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5	58	SLO	1.87	SANTA MARGARITA, J ST		690	8100	6900	350	3100	2800	3100	2800
5	58	SLO	3.139	POZO RD		350	3100	2800	290	2100	1800	2100	1800
5	58	SLO	5.44	PARK HILL RD		290	2100	1800	180	1050	880	1050	880
5	58	SLO	6.889	JCT. RTE. 229 NE		180	1050	880	140	950	790	950	790
5	58	SLO	24.544	CAMMATTI CREEK		140	950	790	140	950	530	950	530
5	58	SLO	45.2	SODA LAKE RD		80	610	420	50	480	330	480	330
5	58	SLO	57.15	SAN LUIS OBISPO/KERN CO LINE		50	440	330					

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5	58	SLO	1.87	SANTA MARGARITA, J ST		690	8100	6900	350	3100	2800	3100	2800
5	58	SLO	3.139	POZO RD		350	3100	2800	290	2100	1800	2100	1800
5	58	SLO	5.44	PARK HILL RD		290	2100	1800	180	1050	880	1050	880
5	58	SLO	6.889	JCT. RTE. 229 NE		180	1050	880	140	950	790	950	790
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Peg Grady

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 Subject: Proposed Highway 58 Quarry

I would like to address the proposed quarry on Highway 58, outside of the town of Santa Margarita

The impact of 200+ truck trips a day on the town of Santa Margarita will be horrible. There are many small businesses in town, from a nursery to a dressmaker to family owned restaurants, to a feed store, winery, art studios, and lumber yard. More businesses are in the planning stage. The ranch is used for many private events, as well as public events such as Savor the Central Coast. With those trucks roaring past, customers, both locals and tourists, will disappear. It will be difficult to drive into town, park your car, pull out of your parking space. The noise will be distracting. The air pollution foul. No longer will Margarita feel like the small town it is, but it will feel like a strip mall on the side of a freeway.

Travel on Highway 58 will also be negatively impacted. Highway 58 is a two lane highway, with sharp (sometimes blind) curves, no shoulder in many places, no bicycle lane. As the trucks pull into the highway off El Camino, there is not enough room to clear the railroad tracks for trucks over 50' long. Immediately after crossing the tracks are our public park and the crosswalk which kids use to go to the elementary school.

Traffic, along with the impact the proposed quarry would have on the air, water and the beauty of the countryside, are factors that cannot be ignored or mitigated and, I believe, reasons to deny the creation of this quarry.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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Dear Sirs/Madame,

I have lived in the immediate area since 1955 (Pozo) and in 1960 moved into the town of Santa Margarita with my first wife. I currently live across the street from the grade school on H Street with my second wife Marie. Most weekday mornings I, along with my wife, will count the cars coming up H Street to the Elementary School. The average number of cars coming up our road is 82. We both have deep concerns regarding the proposed quarry by the Las Pilitas Resources company. They are as follows:

The increase in truck traffic through our town (estimated at 200 trucks per day) will have a negative impact. Most importantly, this increased traffic through town will create severe safety issues, especially during school hours. Perhaps a realignment of the road from the quarry so that the entrance/exit comes out on El Camino Real (near the other quarry) would be better. This would allow the trucks to have access to Highway 101 via Santa Barbara Road and greatly ease traffic through town.

Another concern is the impact on our water table. If the estimated 20,000 gallons of water per day is needed for dust control, not to mention the additional water that may be used to wash the aggregate, our areas water table will be severely impacted. Water has been an important issue here since we moved into Santa Margarita, especially more recently with the addition of the grape vineyards at the Santa Margarita Ranch.

Noise and respirable dust pollution from blasting with explosives may have the potential to increase possible exposure to Valley Fever.

These are our main concerns, if you have any questions you may contact us at: 805-438-5412.

Thank you for considering our concerns. Al and Marie Lerno

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Dear Members:

I used to work for URS as a Senior Biologist and respect the work they did on the EIR. As far as resources go I have little issue with the project. My greatest concern is with the "Significant and proposed truck traffic.

I live off Parkhill and commute through Santa Margarita from Parkhill to the 101 on-ramp everyday. Since the Topaz Solar Farm traffic started last year from Santa Margarita to Carrizo, I have been run off the road three times by their traffic - twice during the morning commute and once during the evening commute. The solar farm traffic is only heavy twice a day and it is bad enough. Increasing traffic on Highway 58, with its blind corners and speeding commuters is going to increase the number of accidents on that road, and they won't all be as innocuous as merely being forced onto the shoulder.

My second concern with the increased truck traffic is for the economy in Santa Margarita. With the addition of a variety of eateries, bars, and businesses, the town is establishing itself as a viable destination for locals as well as a tourists. Trucks grinding through past shoppers and outdoor eating/drinking areas would be injurious to the charm and ambiance the community is trying to create.

I urge you to either limit truck traffic by at least half, which I did not see as an alternative in the EIR, and if the project must go through, I would recommend the Narrow Cut Alternative to minimize impact to quarry neighbors, and cannot urge you strongly enough to choose the ACCESS ROUTE to SR 58 VIA HANSON QUARRY alternative.

While it would not limit the truck traffic thru town it would at least ease it in the most dangerous spots, i.e. school crossings and SR 58.

(As El Camino Road is already a designated truck route, no matter how the trucks get to El Camino would it be possible alternative to route all the quarry traffic north to the Santa Barbara exit? That would at least eliminate their impact through town...)

While I would rather the project not go through at all I appreciate the proponent's have a right to make a living on their land, but not at the expense of the community's safety and well-being. Thank you for all your hard work and attention to this very complicated issue.

Sincerely,

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To: boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us
Date: 06/02/2013 12:45 PM
Subject: FW: Highway 58 Quarry

Dear Sir/Madame,

Myself and my wife (Shelley) moved into our current home at 2021 H Street, Santa Margarita, CA 93453-0154 in December of 1977. We have raised both of our children here, and remain as (retired) full time residents. Our children attended school at the Santa Margarita Elementary School, Atascadero Junior High School, and Atascadero High School before entering college and going on to their respective careers. We both have deep concerns regarding the proposed quarry by the Las Pilitas Resources company. They are as follows:

The increase in truck traffic through our town (estimated at 200 trucks per day) will have a negative impact. Most importantly, this increased traffic through town will create severe safety issues, especially during school hours. Perhaps a realignment of the road from the quarry so that the entrance/exit comes out on El Camino Real (near the other quarry) would be better. This would allow the trucks access to Highway 101 via Santa Barbara Road and greatly ease traffic through town.

Another concern is the impact on our water table. If the estimated 20,000 gallons of water per day is needed for dust control, not to mention the additional water that may be used to wash the aggregate, our areas water table will be severely impacted. Water has been an important issue here since we moved into Santa Margarita in 1977, especially more recently with the addition of the grape vineyards at the Santa Margarita Ranch.

Noise and respirable dust pollution from blasting with explosives may have the potential to increase possible exposure to Valley Fever.

These are our main concerns, if you have any questions you may contact us at: 805-438-5828 or via email at: boe4fun@charter.net

Thank you for considering our concerns. Paul & Shelley Boe

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