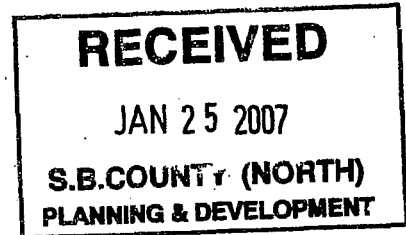


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Re: Diamond Rock Sand and Gravel Mine Revised Draft EIR

The Ojai Valley Municipal Advisory Council is an elected council created by the County of Ventura pursuant to Government Code Section 31010 to facilitate communication between Ojai Valley residents and elected officials. At the December public meeting of the Council, residents of the Ojai Valley presented compelling testimony regarding the adverse impacts of gravel truck traffic through the Ojai Valley.

The MAC provides the following comments on the RDEIR:

Because of the indirect relationship between the mine operator and independent truck drivers, the effectiveness of traffic impact mitigation measures can only be assured through incorporating adequate monitoring and enforcement mechanisms into the mitigation measures. In addition to keeping a truck log, measures must be put into place to assure the log is monitored and conditions enforced.

Truck traffic noise deteriorates the quality of life for residents living along the highway, and allowing trucking on Sundays and holidays is a severe impact on residents' enjoyment of their homes. Mechanisms should be put into place to review in advance any proposed Sunday or holiday trucking to verify that it is necessitated by an ongoing emergency.

Truck traffic at night causes an unacceptable noise impact to nearby residences that is not reflected in the EIR. The EIR should note that during otherwise quiet evening hours trucks can generate sufficient noise to disturb sleep, and

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mitigation measures including limiting truck operating hours and use of engine brakes should be included.

Pavement deterioration and failure is evident along many sections of Highway 33, including recently repaired sections. Truck traffic will accelerate pavement damage and mitigation measures should be included to address this impact.

Highway 33 through the Los Padres National Forest is a designated State Scenic Highway and truck traffic adversely impacts recreational use of the highway by both degrading the visual environment and interfering with the ability of motorists and bicyclists to safely enter, exit, and ride along the highway.

Cordially,

Lisa Meeker,
Chair

By

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Offerman", written in a cursive style.

Steve Offerman
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