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Good Morning Supervisors,

Cottonwood El Cajon ES wants to use 214 acres of a 280 acre defunct golf course for a sand mining operation. The property is surrounded by suburban development including detached single-family homes and public facilities such as schools and parks, which means a huge number of people stand to be affected.

The project would create a lot of noise, lessen air quality, and increase traffic, posing evacuation problems in case of a wildfire.

It is also near the Sweetwater River, which feeds the Sweetwater Reservoir, a major water source, and mining or construction debris might even impact that too.

The project applicant completed an EIR that identifies potentially significant environmental impacts to the following: aesthetics, biological resources, cultural resources, noise, paleontological resources, and tribal cultural resources.

Even the County recommends against this project.

So, a lot of strikes against it. I am glad you want to reject this crazy scheme.

Regards,

Paul Henkin