

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Time: 09-10-25 09:00

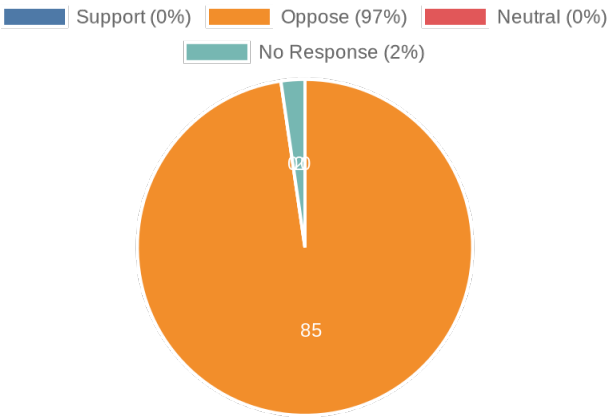
eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
Board of Supervisors	09-10-25 09:00	17	87	0	85	0

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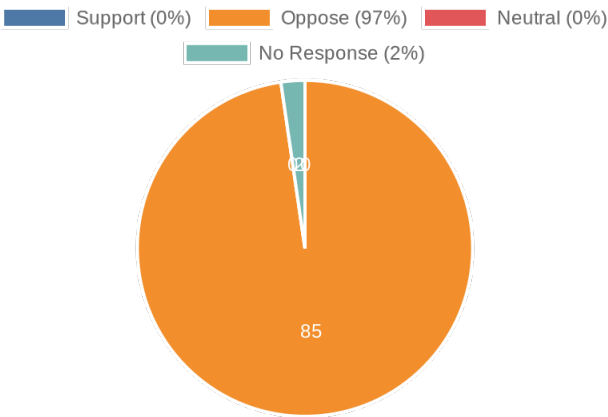


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6. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING: APPEAL OF THE COTTONWOOD SAND MINE PROJECT MAJOR USE PERMIT, RECLAMATION PLAN AND ASSOCIATED CEQA DETERMINATION	87	0	85	0

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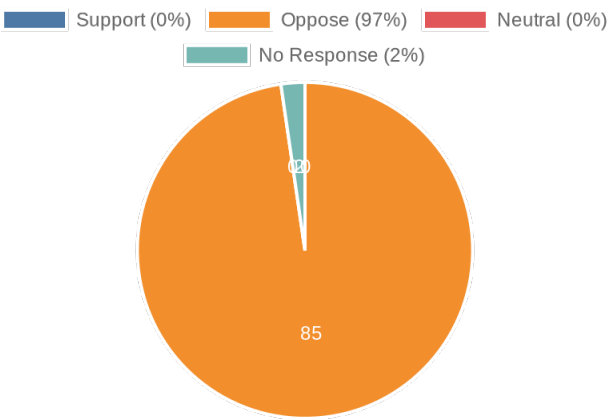
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Agenda Item: eComments for 6. NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
APPEAL OF THE COTTONWOOD SAND MINE PROJECT MAJOR USE PERMIT, RECLAMATION PLAN AND ASSOCIATED CEQA
DETERMINATION

Overall Sentiment



Zachary Svelling

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 2:44pm 09-10-25

The County of San Diego wouldn't allow a new school to be built adjacent to an existing sand mine; so why are we considering allowing a sand mine to operate adjacent to Hillsdale school, Jamacha school, and Steele Canyon High School.

This project is simply a money grab; even the applicant states only 9 jobs will be created.

Meanwhile, valley fever concerns will rise, traffic will explode onto surface streets and schools will need to allow children to recreate indoors to avoid silica dust exposure. Over 200,000 residents of the South Bay rely on drinking water transfers from Loveland reservoir to Sweetwater reservoir. Can you imagine what particulates will be released into the water as it passes through an active sand mine.

Most of this project resides in a flood plane, and no mitigation guarantees for 100 year, 500 year and 1000 year flood events, that they would not push the entire project downstream into sensitive habitat.

This is an irresponsible proposal; please vote no.

KATHLEEN HIGGINSON

Location: 91935, JAMUL
Submitted At: 2:16pm 09-10-25

SUPERVISOR ANDERSON

I TRIED TO REGISTER ONLINE TO SPEAK in the live meeting for Cottonwood, BUT COULD NOT GET THROUGH, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO POSE A QUESTION:

If you approved this project and all of our property value's decrease, is the county going to reassess our properties in response? If they do, and our taxes are reduced, the result will reduce the proposed income from the mine, and will not truly net out at the proposed 2.5mil they have stated.

I believe that if you review the loss of property taxes with lower values, you will determine that the loss of our tax revenues over 10-12 years will dramatically offset the income estimated from the sand mine.

Jamie LaFortune

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 1:31pm 09-10-25

i donNOT support this train wreck!!!! please rid us of it

Dennis Hines

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 10:59am 09-10-25

This project, if approved, would be a health hazard to surrounding neighborhoods and an elementary school.

Kathy Rupert

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 10:38am 09-10-25

This is a health danger to the local community!

Steven Albrecht

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 10:18am 09-10-25

I oppose the Cottonwood sand mine project for numerous reasons. I am sure you have heard many times from others in opposition. Being a retired political, social and cultural history professor, one item always rings true - if you want the truth and expose the lies and deceit, all one needs to do is "follow the money". I ask all of you to please do this as it will easily expose the lies and show the truth. There is plenty of excellent land in this county that can be used for a sand mine that is much better than what is proposed in a residential community that would only cause problems ignored by those who only want to make a quick buck. Thank you.

Lyn Valdivia

Location: 91935, JAMUL
Submitted At: 9:56am 09-10-25

This will be an eyesore. It will have multiple huge trucks running daily, carrying rocks and sand, which will certainly have a negative impact on traffic in the area. Insurers will get a lot of claims for damaged vehicles. It will be a dirty, industrial looking project. Air quality will be impacted. The wildlife will lose habitat. I strongly oppose this project.

Vu Nguyen

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 9:40am 09-10-25

We are 30 year original home owners of the Pasa Timepo neighborhood and vehemently oppose this Sand Mine project. We currently have a 3 year old daughter who frequently visits the Steele Canyon park that is across the street from the project site, she would like to enjoy her environment and childhood without being harmed by the environmental impacts from the project.

Please deny project and revisit other creative projects with developers looking to add value not remove value from this beautiful community.

allison lardizabal

Location: 92019, el cajon
Submitted At: 9:39am 09-10-25

My family has lived in the Pasatiempo neighborhood since 1989, adjacent to Cottonwood Golf Course, and I strongly oppose the Cottonwood Sand Mining Project. This industrial operation would sit in the middle of our

community — surrounded by homes, schools, and businesses. I live less than a quarter mile from the site with my elderly parents and young children; we play at Steele Canyon Park nearby. The risk of dust, silica, pollution, and traffic threatens their health and safety. The Sweetwater River, which runs through the project site, supplies our drinking water and is at risk of contamination, while preserved habitats and open space would face permanent damage. This project contradicts our community's land use plans and is wholly incompatible with a family neighborhood. For the sake of our children, our elderly, our health, and our environment, I respectfully urge you to deny the appeal.

Don Lardizabal

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 9:25am 09-10-25

No one in our community wants this! The health risks for Valley Fever and Silicosis are untreatable and irreversible. This would be a death sentence to our elderly, immune compromised, and handicap our healthy and young.

R Kaur

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 9:23am 09-10-25

I have lived in Jamul for the past year and I commute every day to the southern border to protect our communities as a law enforcement officer. This project would ruin our communities and cause so much congestion and traffic it would take me longer to get to work and cause safety and health issues. Please dent the appeal and keep our communities healthy and safe.

Denean Hahn

Location: 92029, El Cajon
Submitted At: 9:13am 09-10-25

If this was in your front yard, would you allow it to happen? It will be in my front yard literally! Please protect our community that already has two sand mines within a mile.

Toni Hicks

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 9:10am 09-10-25

Will destroy the neighborhood, increase traffic congestion, damage the environment and small town community.

Sarah WaltonBarber

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 9:09am 09-10-25

I've been living near the Cottonwood gold course almost my entire life and I've been taking Willow Glen Drive every day since the day I got my driver's license. Putting a sand mine there would not only cause traffic, but it could potentially block one of the few emergency exits out of Rancho San Diego. I remember too well the horrible wildfire that happened in this area, and a disaster like it could easily happen in the future. In addition, our lovely community would be shattered with the noise and air pollution of trucks constantly using Willow Glen Drive. Please do not let this happen. Please keep our community peaceful and clean.

Danielle Hines

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 8:53am 09-10-25

Please stop this development. The location is next to an elementary school and it will be harmful for our children to be breathing the silt that will be produced by mining. It also lies within a neighborhood which already bares traffic issues. Adding hundreds of semi trucks to this area will compound the already stressed infrastructure in the area!

Linnea Peltola

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 8:41am 09-10-25

I am strongly opposed to the approval of the proposed Cottonwood Sand Mine project. I live within one mile of

Cottonwood and if approved, this project would greatly deteriorate the quality of life with an increase in traffic, air pollution and noise. The impact to the environment, sensitive native habitat and wildlife would be destructive. The infrastructure in the area is already inadequate for the amount of traffic generated by residents and two casinos. During fire evacuations, the roads turn into parking lots. Additional traffic generated by big trucks coming and going on our roads would create an even more dangerous situation. I urge you to listen to the people who will be most impacted by this project and vote no.

Steve Denny

Location: 91941, La Mesa
Submitted At: 8:35am 09-10-25

I strongly oppose the proposal to grant the Cottonwood Golf Club a major MUP. This Sandmine will destroy our Climate environment of water, air, noise, traffic, safety when evacuations are called, wildlife trails and most important the health of the community and surrounding areas. Sweetwater Water district, The Sheriff's Dept., the San Miguel Fire District, and the Valle de Oro Planning Group all recommend that this project be denied. The risks and damage CANNOT be mitigated. This project violates the Climate change goals and the 30X30 plan set by the state. No one wants this destructive project, please protect the RSD and the surrounding communities and vote NO on this Sandmine. Thank you.

Mikayla Mitchell

Location: 92103, San Diego
Submitted At: 8:25am 09-10-25

The Cottonwood Sand Mine would POISON our children's daily environment. This 214-acre industrial pit is within minutes of Steele Canyon High School, Hillsdale Middle School, and Jamacha Elementary. Thousands of kids would be forced to breathe crystalline silica dust, recognized by OSHA as a CARCINOGEN, along with diesel exhaust from hundreds of haul trucks EVERY single DAY. The County's own EIR admits unmitigable harms, including permanent visual blight and truck traffic far beyond what was first disclosed: 58 extra trips daily for backfill alone, plus convoys of sand trucks on Willow Glen Drive and HWY94. Noise walls up to 13 feet high are required near homes just to hit minimum thresholds, exposing how extreme the impacts are. This project gambles with children's health, safe roads, property values, and the Sweetwater River itself. The facts are clear: placing a silica mine next to schools is RECKLESS and indefensible. DENY the Cottonwood Sand Mine now.

Cyndi Denny

Location: 91941, La Mesa
Submitted At: 8:14am 09-10-25

I strongly oppose the proposal to grant the Cottonwood Golf Club a major MUP. A sandmine in a middle of an established community surrounded by multiple schools, neighborhoods, rural homes is irresponsible on all levels that is environmental, health, social, climate concerns, wildfire, evacuation concerns. There is NO Deadline of 10 years in this project's description, the permit can be expanded. The Traffic study was done in 2020 when everyone was confined to their homes from job loss and schools closed. I drive in the Rancho San Diego traffic every day with school traffic, casino traffic, business traffic, we don't need these trucks on our roads; The Community has already suffered multiple wildfire starts this year. Where are the Evacuation plans from this project? The Fire District, our Planning Group, Sweetwater Water District are against this project. Instead use Cottonwood Golf Course as land for CA 30X30 plan. Everyone will thank you. Sincerely Cyndi Denny

Lisa Albrecht

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 7:54am 09-10-25

I oppose the sand mine. It will create worse traffic problems than we already have. The dust and dirt it will put in the atmosphere will be a safety concern. Any wildlife living in the area will be negatively affected as well. It will make living in Jamul a nightmare.

Errol Cooper

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 7:53am 09-10-25

Let's call this what it is: an assault on our community. Turning Cottonwood Golf Course into a sand mine isn't just bad planning—it's a betrayal. It would rip away one of the last open green spaces we have, poison our air with

dust, pollute our water, and turn a place of peace into an industrial wasteland.

This is not “development.” This is destruction. It’s corporate greed dressed up as progress, and it comes at the direct expense of families, children, and the environment we all rely on. A sand mine at Cottonwood means blasting trucks at all hours, choking dust clouds over our homes, and permanent scars on land that can never be healed.

If this project moves forward, it will prove one thing: those pushing it value profit more than people, and greed more than the health of this community.

Elaine Pierce

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 6:34am 09-10-25

I strongly oppose the proposed Cottonwood Sand Mine Project! As an Administrator for Residential Care for the Elderly I am seriously concerned for the multitude of Residential Care Facilities in this area, from La Vida Real to the 6 Bed facilities-that take care of Elderly Persons with compromised immune and respiratory systems-that will be harmed by the Santa Anna Winds blowing Cilica Sand everywhere within a 25 MILE AREA surrounding our community! In the 7 years we have all fought this project-not one person or agency has approved this disastrous project-including the FIRE DEPARTMENT-AND NEITHER SHOULD YOU!! You were elected to Protect the CITIZENS of this area-not the interests of some sand mining company, not even from this area, that will come in and destroy Rancho San Diego-and surrounding cities! I pray you make the correct decision today!

Rochelle Svelling

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 3:25am 09-10-25

I strongly oppose the proposed Cottonwood Sand Mine project. Most projects brought before you are rooted in common sense and serve the community in meaningful ways. This one does not.

The project poses serious risks to our community and environment without delivering real benefits to the people who live here. It threatens our air quality with increased dust, our road safety with heavy truck traffic, and our water resources with potential contamination. These are not minor inconveniences. They are long-term harms that will affect our families, property values, and destroy the rural character of our area.

County staff does not recommend this project and the Planning Commission didn’t approve it for very valid reasons and concerns. Please do not put the interests of a mining operation above the health and safety of local residents. We’re counting on you to protect our quality of life, health, and preserve our community.

I urge you to deny the Cottonwood Sand Mine project. Thank you.

Angel Salazar

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 10:41pm 09-09-25

I strongly oppose this project, the two dilapidated lakes bordering the golf course and Steele Canyon Rd. is evidence of Gene Taylor abandoned sand mines, the decrepit Willow Glen Rd is from the daily travel from the heavily loaded Robertson’s tandem sand trucks. Many of us still depend on wells and the aquifer will likely be contaminated and heavily impacted, including Sweetwater Reservoir. I ask the board to consider the welfare of the residents, and deny the permit to Cottonwood sand mine project.

Jon Ingram

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 10:04pm 09-09-25

I strongly oppose. This is a residential community and this project would negatively impact it in many ways. The infrastructure doesn’t support the commercial traffic that this would bring. If this project passes, it shows how corrupt politics continues to be.

Serena Ingram

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 9:53pm 09-09-25

I STRONGLY oppose the Cottonwood mining development. That is honestly the last thing that our community needs. Traffic would be so much worst than it already is on the 94 and not to mention the health and environmental impacts that it would have. Please have some common sense and vote no :)

Kayla Khaki

Location: 91977, Spring Valley
Submitted At: 9:52pm 09-09-25

No! I oppose this grant since it puts industry ahead of the people who actually live here.

Lynette Smith

Location: 91942, La Mesa
Submitted At: 9:48pm 09-09-25

I wholeheartedly oppose the sand mine project!

Andy James

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 9:43pm 09-09-25

This mining operation will destroy my welfare. Please do not allow this to move forward as I oppose traffic and other such nuisances such as the evisceration of ecological wildlife in our area. I plead, why, please stop. This has been an issue of concern for years. This is extremely opposed. Read the room.

Fallon Butterfield

Location:
Submitted At: 9:32pm 09-09-25

I strongly oppose the Cottonwood Sand Mine and beg for it to not be allowed as it will negatively impact the neighborhood and quality of living.

Kathy Butterfield

Location:
Submitted At: 9:21pm 09-09-25

This sand mine will destroy the coherence of the visual environment, negatively impact the quality of life for the surrounding residents, and eviscerate the nearby ecological environment.

None of us want to breathe cancer-causing silica dust and that's what will be in our air as a result of the sand mine's operations, nor do we want the noise pollution that will travel over and around any proposed noise barriers.

The nearby roadways were not built to handle the addition of up to 146 heavy trucks daily and emergency evacuations will be dangerous when Willow Glen Dr. is the only option out (which was the case most recently just two months ago with the last wildfire).

We residents were here first and did not ask to have an industrial sand mine operation that will be in existence for at least 10 years placed in our neighborhood; we do not want it and I do not believe you would want it built in your backyard either. Please do the right thing and vote no.

Lisa Decrescente

Location: 81935, Jamul
Submitted At: 9:16pm 09-09-25

In addition to the many environmental and health impacts, additional traffic at this location would be a detriment to a fire escape route in the area. Steele Canyon and Willow Glen can be used as an alternative to Hwy 94. We ask that you consider these concerns. Please do not approve the Cottonwood Sand Mine Project. Thank you.

Kathy Barefield

Location: 92020, El Cajon
Submitted At: 9:05pm 09-09-25

I support the PDS recommendation for denial of this project. A sand mining operation is not an appropriate or acceptable land use in an existing developed residential area. A sand mining operation is also in conflict with the adjacent Rancho San Diego open space preserve which is intended to protect threatened and endangered species. The golf course provided a natural habitat corridor for species in the preserve. a sand mining operation in this location would result in traffic, noise, air quality and community character issues to the detriment of the people residing in the area and native species.

Catherine Richell

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 8:55pm 09-09-25

I strongly oppose this grant. Sand mines should not exist in residential communities. I have serious concerns of it causing health issues, increased traffic, and threats to the natural environment. The Sheriff's Dept., the San Miguel Fire District, and the Valle de Oro Planning Group all recommend that this project be denied. That, in itself, should speak a ream of words.

Jesus Casillas

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 8:54pm 09-09-25

I completed oppose to this mining operation. It would be a big mistake and ruin the community. This would completed create a impact in every way possible!

Trevor Armijo

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 8:38pm 09-09-25

I grew up here. Please Save our community from this mess. A mining operation doesn't belong here. A few hundred feet from an elementary school, a senior citizen living facility, 2 high schools, and hundreds of homes. Also, it's in the Sweetwater river bed!! Water pollution, the fish, the birds and other wildlife. Please vote No. it doesn't make sense. Go mine in the desert where it is not populated!

Bruce Ellis

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 8:33pm 09-09-25

Hundreds of community members are concerned re:significant impacts the Cottonwood Sand Mine Project's 10+ years mining operation will have on the Rancho San Diego residential community, surrounding communities, air & water quality, & the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge. As much as sand is a needed commodity, industrial sand mines should not exist in residential communities. I recognize that criteria used to evaluate this project may not consider intangible factors such as the integrity, track record & financial strength of the Developer, loss of property values & quality of life. However, it is very important for the Supervisors to take such factors into consideration for the final decision. It is my hope that since the County Planning Department staff recommended not approving the permit to operate the Cottonwood Sand Mine & the Planning Commission denied approval of the Sand Mine, that the Board of Supervisors will reach the same decision and deny approval of this project.

Paul Armijo

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 8:23pm 09-09-25

No No No. this project will ruin our community and our lives.
Air quality, noise, traffic which is already bad and we are in a high wildfire area . This is not the right place for a mining operation. No No No

Valerie Wayson

Location:
Submitted At: 8:19pm 09-09-25

Please DO NOT approve this project. This is a residential community with many children and elderly within a few hundred feet of the proposed project. The adverse effects on our community environment are many and cannot be mitigated. Why would the needs of a few (the developers) outweigh the need of the many (community

members). Just vote NO! Save our community please

David Baca

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 7:49pm 09-09-25

I strong oppose the proposal to grant the Cottonwood Golf Club a major MUP.

As a local resident, I am deeply concerned about the negative impact this project will have on our community. I am not aware of a single resident in the surrounding area who supports the proposal. The individuals who favor it are those who stand to profit from it, and also, potentially, those who vote in its favor.

Who loses if the MUP is approved? The residents around the sand mine and those in the transportation thoroughfare will suffer through environmental and infrastructure decay for at least 10 years, and most likely, 16 years. This project will bring about significant harm to our environment and quality of life.

Who benefits? Politicians, businesspersons, and a few individuals who may get jobs. However, the monetary benefits do not outweigh the negative impact to our residential infrastructure, such as roads and schools, and the adverse effects on health, safety, housing prices, and more.

Tricia Stewart

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 6:45pm 09-09-25

Dear San Diego Board of Supervisors,

The Cottonwood Sand Mine project is detrimental to our health and the communities surrounding it. It will put more air pollution (silicone particles) in the atmosphere for those that suffer from respiratory illnesses and cause harm to people and students at the neighboring Jamacha Elementary School. This project will impact fire prone areas with more traffic and limit access when evacuations are necessary. I strongly oppose this Sand Mine as it will cause harm and do nothing good for anyone. Please vote NO on Cottonwood Sand Mine.

Thank you

Muriel Spooner

Location: 92109-1512, San Diego
Submitted At: 5:56pm 09-09-25

The San Diego Bird Alliance strongly recommends that the Board of Supervisors support the planning commission denial of the Cottonwood Mine Project and oppose this project. The detrimental impacts on this neighborhood encompass destruction and modification of existing habitat. These habitats and the birds and other wildlife that inhabit these areas are part of the neighborhood's character. Studies regarding access to natural areas have shown the importance of this access to physical and mental health. It is important to maintain all existing natural areas for the benefit of the area's residents. Loss of critical riparian habitat and significant impacts will occur to habitat linkage through this area and loss will eliminate the access to and enjoyment of wildlife in this area. Any attempts at habitat reclamation post-Project will simply be "too little too late" for sensitive biological resources which, if lost or fragmented, could not be replaced or mitigated elsewhere.

MaryBeth Kastan

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 5:28pm 09-09-25

I am a 36 year resident of Rancho San Diego, still living in the home where my husband and I raised our two sons.

In my professional life, I advocated for students during my 37 year career in the Grossmont Union High School District. At my retirement in June, 2024, I served as the Superintendent. I also served as the Principal at Valhalla High School for 13 years.

I am advocating for students now when I urge you to deny this major use permit. This project is in close proximity to schools, especially an elementary school. The significant environmental impacts to aesthetics, biological and cultural resources, noise, paleontological resources, and tribal cultural resources, as well as the negative impacts of traffic, fire safety and evacuation, greenhouse gas emissions, and air quality over the ten years of the project will interfere with the healthy development of a generation of students. These negative impacts to health and

safety far outweigh the financial benefit for a few.

Alex DeNoble

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 5:27pm 09-09-25

Undoubtedly you have heard the pros and cons of the proposal to put a sand mining operation in the middle of a residential community. You are going to hear from the unions arguing for jobs associated with this project. I understand that and support union members and their families who are seeking economic viability. But at what cost??? Think about what you will be voting on here! They want to put an industrial operation in the middle of a residential neighborhood!!! Silica in the air is a real thing! Do not underestimate the impact it will have on our lives. All I ask is that when you weigh the issues, please envision yourselves living in our community. Would you send your children and grandchildren to the elementary school across the way from this industrial project? Would you want your parents and grandparents living in senior facilities located near this industrial complex? I ask you to think hard before you cast your vote. Let your conscience be your guide. Do the right thing!

Russell James

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 5:01pm 09-09-25

I have lived in this community for 35 years. I, like many thousands of residents in this community decided to live here because of the rural atmosphere and the zoning that would prevent the area from being turned into something else. This project is not compatible with the residential area that has been here for decades and will definitely have a negative effect on our quality of life. Increased traffic and road safety, poor air quality, increased noise, and visual blight, are just some of the issues that cannot be mitigated to an acceptable level. Don't be fooled by the applicants comments to the contrary. The County's own Planning Department and Planning Commission did not recommend approval of this project. The Valle de Oro Planning Group, Sheriff's Dept., San Miguel Fire District, all recommend that this project be denied. Please listen to them and the voices of the voters and residents. Restore our faith that the Government of the people still works for the people.

Lee Hagey

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 5:00pm 09-09-25

We are completely against the proposed sand mine. Willow Glen and Steel Canyon roads are already heavily utilized, and traffic currently often backs up at the Willow Glen-Jamacha road junction. The preserve next to the proposed mine is supposed to be a quiet zone for endangered birds. This reserved is also continually utilized by cyclists, hikers, dog walkers, and equestrians. Digging out the sand will disrupt the natural water purification system leading to Sweetwater reservoir, as any backfill will be with scrap dirt. No pretend mitigation can hide the hundreds of nearby homes from the noise of the mine. Frankly, a sand mine is totally inappropriate for the middle of a quiet child-friendly neighborhood. The secret truth is that once the sand is gone, the operators will simply declare bankruptcy and disappear, leaving a similar massive hole in the ground to the one found two miles upstream, courtesy of the last sand miners visit.

Amy DeNoble

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 4:47pm 09-09-25

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Noel Egnatios

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 3:54pm 09-09-25

I OPPOSE this HORRIBLE, BADLY PLANNED sand mine proposal. My husband, FOUR YOUNG KIDS and I live on Heatherwood drive and are one of the families with an easement onto the former golf course property that is the proposed sand mine. If this project is approved, it will destroy the quality of life for my family that live 50 FEET from where the sand will be excavated. We will be FORCED TO MOVE. We will not risk our kids' health. The project will also risk the health of the children aged 4-12 at Jamacha Elementary only 1 block away, and the many

families that live near us. This golf course property is a MAJOR WATER THOROUGHFARE for the Sweetwater water authority and it is flooded every year when the reservoir is released. The developers have NO PLAN for dealing with this flooding and the impact of the release of silica dust and other harmful materials into the drinking water of hundreds of thousands of unsuspecting San Diego residents downstream... MAKE NO MISTAKE - LAWSUITS WILL FOLLOW!!

Susan Waters

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 3:31pm 09-09-25

When a person moves near an airport, they are aware of the impacts. None of us moved to this bedroom community surrounded by a national wildlife preserve and a golf course to be subjected to a mining operation to last 10 PLUS YEARS! There is mention of a "PROPOSED closure date of December 31, 2026, but may continue through approval of MUP to exhaust 38 million cubic yards". If approved, many of us won't outlive the project. Please deny the appeal for this project and acknowledge the negative impacts it will have from the young families to the retirees who make up this community. We want a quality of life with unincumbered/seamless access to our neighborhood schools, the ability to get to work on time, lessen the number of accidents in the area, retain our property values, have healthy air quality and keep the Sweetwater River pristine. This project WILL NOT contribute to our quality of life. Please deny this project.

Peter Serino

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 2:37pm 09-09-25

Dear honorable County Supervisors and Staff, As 25 year residents of Cottonwood, my wife and I urge you to deny this project from moving forward. Aside from the serious health issues that it will create, the noise and traffic disruption of our quiet community for 10 years (or more) is simply unacceptable. A project like this does not belong in the middle of a neighborhood and schools. A simple and personal question: Would you want to have this in your neighborhood? Please vote against this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bill Sobel

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 2:14pm 09-09-25

This is not the best use of the land.

Theresa McKenna

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 2:02pm 09-09-25

BEACH! We all love the beach and a sun kissed walk on the sand. Anyone living at or near the beach would never want a sand mine in their neighborhood; neither do the people living in the Project area.

The Applicant's report states, the "cancer burden [has an] evaluate[d] residential exposure". An elementary school within 0.25 miles of the site, should be enough to STOP this project.

Please don't be manipulated by trade union leaders beating the "We Need Sand in San Diego!" drum when every grain of sand mined would be sold to the highest bidder; likely outside of San Diego.

Sand flows to San Diego from every direction. It doesn't need to come from Cottonwood where such an invasive, long term mining operation would massively disrupt the peace, health, safety, quality of human and animal life, Tribal/cultural areas, and the Community character that are near and dear to the majority.

Please Vote No!

Thank you.

Lori Judd

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 10:51am 09-09-25

My name is Lori Judd and I live in Rancho San Diego near the Cottonwood Golf Course. My family and I have lived here for over 30 years. I completely oppose the Cottonwood Sand Mine. I have grave concerns on it causing health issues, increased traffic, threats to the natural environment and our infrastructure. Please vote NO on the Sand Mine. Thank you!

Lori Loiselle

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 10:39pm 09-08-25

My family has resided in the Cottonwood neighborhood since 1984 overlooking Willow Glen and Cottonwood Golf Course. The purpose of this comment is to provide my family's opposition to the Cottonwood Sand Mining Project as it would (i) devastate our community's health (the project is in the middle of homes, schools and businesses where large amounts of dust/silica will be sent into the air along with excessive and constant noise- both of which cannot be mitigated); and (ii) cause irreparable damage to our environment (the project borders nature preserves and our drinking water from the Sweetwater River runs through the middle of the proposed project- the chemicals used during extraction and processing will get into the ground and contaminate our drinking water). The Sand Mining Project is an Industrial Use and completely contradicts our Community's Land Use plans in an established community of families. For these reasons, please deny the appeal.

Charnelle Merrill

Location: 92020, El Cajon
Submitted At: 7:25pm 09-08-25

As a San Diego County homeowner, I often shop, travel to and recreate in Rancho San Diego and I am 100 %, against the cottonwood sand mining project. I agree with the planning commissions denial based on the fact that this is the wrong location for a mining project. The dangers it will impose to the surrounding community are too extensive to ignore. The proposed Cottonwood mine will seriously impact this community's health and welfare. Just to mention a few: Air & water pollution, Valley fever and traffic. The environmental concerns are numerous such as harming endangered plants and wildlife & severely impacting the Sweetwater River. No amount of mitigation by the company will make up for the fact this area will be negativity impacted by this long-term project. Please consider, the impact to the schools, businesses, traffic, health, environment. Please consider leaving natural, undisturbed open space for our native plants and the wildlife who depend on them for survival.

Jean Stanley

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 5:58pm 09-08-25

As we are residents in the nearby community for over 16 years, we drive the road nearly daily and have seen the traffic increase over the years, including the number of speeding cars as well as the trucks from the existing mining operation, contributing to unsafe road conditions and multiple fatal accidents. To add more trucks to this road would be crazy. We oppose this project because of the significant negative impact on so many environmental factors including home values, health and safety issues, noise pollution, etc. It just makes no sense to allow a business of this type to destroy the lives of so many people who will be affected by it. Turn it into a beautiful county park and it's a win-win.

Randy Conley

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 3:20pm 09-08-25

I oppose the proposed MUP for the Cottonwood Sand Mine project. County staff did an extensive review of the proposal and recommended it be rejected for valid reasons. Nothing the applicant has submitted in their appeal changes any variables or findings of the analysis and I encourage the Board of Supervisors to reject the appeal. This proposed project is entirely out of character for the surrounding neighborhood and would provide dramatically negative impacts to the quality of life for residents. Please vote "no" on the appeal of the MUP. Thank you.

Valerie Ross

Location: 92019, El Cajon

Submitted At: 2:47am 09-08-25

I am weighing in on the Cottonwood Sand Mine that has been proposed for my neighborhood. I am opposed to the sand mine. I recognize a need for resources, but digging up a neighborhood golf course for industrial use is wrong. I know if I had bought a home on a golf course 25 years ago I would have hoped the land would appreciate, not be turned into the front porch of a sand mine quarry.

Balancing land use is difficult, but sometimes defaulting to a natural landscape is the correct decision. The community doesn't benefit from a sand mine, but it does benefit from green space. More studies than I can cite here extoll the virtues of natural and unmaintained parks where children and adults can explore. I have never read a study on well being that shows the benefits of a quarry in a neighborhood, or in a watershed.

Please deny the quarry, and end the appeals process. This is one project that does not have a place in our neighborhood.

Thank you,
Valerie Ross

Jane Girardot

Location: 91935, Jamul

Submitted At: 6:26pm 09-07-25

My family and I have lived here over 26 years ago and moved here for the quiet area. With traffic with large trucks moving in and out of the area at all times of the early morning will sound like a loud freeway instead of silence but for birds singing. The traffic congestion is already a huge issue, crowded with no place for children to walk to school safely. There are serious safety concerns for all of us in this area. I can't even imagine the law suits. The health and welfare of our community are at stake. The silica dust in our lungs, especially for the children that spend all day a block away at school and the many people in the immediate area that have asthma. How could a sand mine be considered for this area filled with homes and elementary children at school right on it's borders, it is beyond belief. Not to mention how many people would move if there is a sand mine. Our property values would drop so fast, we would not be able to sell. Thank you for your time.

Todd Steen

Location: 92019, El Cajon

Submitted At: 6:01pm 09-07-25

There are numerous groups and East County residents who strongly oppose this project for multiple reasons. Aesthetics, noise, traffic and air quality to name a few. Willow Glen Drive is already a very heavily traveled road, without the addition of the trucks from the sand mine. Automobiles and trucks alike travel at unsafe speeds on this road and there have been many accidents that occur right in front of our residence. Adding the traffic from the sand mine will only make this road more dangerous, in spite of the FEIR stating that the project would not increase hazards to motorists, pedestrians, or bicyclists. Our observations come from living on the road and not from a "study" that was conducted in July 2022. Willow Glen Drive is a heavily used corridor for cyclists in the East County. There is not enough width on this road to accommodate buffered bike lanes and the already existing traffic that the FEIR states they will implement.

Please consider the people of rancho san diego!

Sandra Steers

Location: 91935, Jamul

Submitted At: 2:29pm 09-07-25

We have lived in the Cottonwood community for 27 years and the Rancho San Diego area since 1987. The site of the proposed sand mine is rich in natural habitat and biodiversity. The Cottonwood Golf Club area, as it stands, provides valuable green space that supports local wildlife and offers recreational opportunities for our community. Do not destroy a residential/ecological community for short term profits!

Mark Steers

Location: 91935, Jamul

Submitted At: 2:06pm 09-07-25

We have lived in the Cottonwood area for over 27 years. The Sand Mine Project threatens the well-being and

safety of nearby residents. Mining operations would bring increased truck traffic, noise, and air pollution to our neighborhoods. The prospect of heavy trucks transporting sand along our local roads raises serious safety concerns, particularly for families, pedestrians, and cyclists. Furthermore, the fine particulate matter generated by mining and transport activities could exacerbate respiratory problems, especially among children, seniors, and other vulnerable populations.

Faisal Sako

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 11:11pm 09-06-25

I oppose this project

Joanne Bailie

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 9:21pm 09-05-25

OPPOSE lived here almost 40 years came here to retire and live in a healthy environment not a toxic pit. Please let us retire in a healthy environment.

Ellen Catt

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 7:11pm 09-05-25

We have lived for 30 years in our house that is directly on the golf course where this mining is proposed. By that I mean mining would be less than 40 yards from my kitchen and bedroom. We would live with windows closed to dust and noise, drapes closed for privacy. Our property value would plummet and our health would most likely suffer. Traffic would worsen, and it is already bad with the casinos and local schools and new housing in the area that funnels through this area. I can't even imagine how callus and greedy people are to think they can make money while the local community pays the price in so many ways. Those along the golf course like us would be the most negatively impacted.

Ashley Lunn

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 3:56pm 09-05-25

We oppose the sandmine being placed in our neighborhood. It would negatively impact our property values and bring traffic we are not built for. Additionally it would adversely impact air quality and local ecology. We live less than 2 miles from the location and drive on Willow Glen daily to get in and out

Jason Faker

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 2:54pm 09-05-25

My name is Jason and I live less than a mile from the site of the proposed Cottonwood sand mine. This site is grossly inappropriate for an industrial sand mine of any size. There are hundreds of homes surrounding it. If approved, it will completely change the dynamic of the neighborhood. Traffic congestion is already an issue. Adding 146 tandem semi-truck loads per day will significantly exacerbate the congestion. The amount of sand the mine will produce over its lifespan is only 25% of the total projected shortage and won't meaningfully lower the price of concrete. The EIR said the mine would produce 9 jobs. Jobs are important, of course, but 9 jobs is not worth the damage this mine will do to the community. The proposed mine will be bad for the community, the county and the environment. The vast majority of residents oppose it. I respectfully implore you to help the community by denying the permit application for the Cottonwood sand mine. Thank you for your time.

Dona Mapston

Location: 91977, Spring Valley
Submitted At: 1:07pm 09-05-25

We have lived in the area for 35 years, the last 25 at our current address. We have watched the region grow into the beautiful community it is today. We regularly utilize the shops that border this proposed project on one side

and the trails on the other side. This proposed project does not belong here! The proposed site is directly adjacent to homes, shops, schools and to sensitive, protected wild space. The site itself is along a riverbed that is part of the San Diego watershed and which empties into a drinking water reservoir. It is ridiculous that a project like a sand mine would even be considered for this area. This is not a case of not in my backyard - this shouldn't be in anyone's backyard! We strongly encourage a NO vote!

Charles Girardot

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 11:55am 09-05-25

This proposal does not have the support of the community and will do irreparable harm for many years to come. There are many factors outlined in the EIR that just can't be mitigated and this is not allowed in the overall community plan. The health and welfare of our community are at stake. A sandmine in the middle of a residential community makes no sense whatsoever. There are health concerns from the silica dust (valley fever), traffic concerns from the excessive number of trucks on the roadways, safety concerns from the nearby schools, environmental concerns to the habitat and wildlife, just to mention a few. I moved my family here over 25 years ago to enjoy a close-knit community with a safe and quiet area in the county. I can guarantee that had this sandmine been in operation at that time, I would have never moved to this area. I strongly urge you to vote NO, saving our community from this horrible plan that only takes and does not give back to our community in any way.

Elizabeth Urquhart

Location: 91935
Submitted At: 10:31am 09-05-25

This project location is unacceptable in the middle of a residential community. The FEIR is a flawed and incomplete document that does not adequately analyze the significant environmental impacts of the potential sand mine to the people, wildlife, water, air, and roads of the community. It also does not propose adequate mitigation measures or alternatives to address those impacts. The FEIR and the County staff admit that "the EIR identifies significant environmental impacts to the following environmental factors: Aesthetics; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Noise; Paleontological Resources, and Tribal Cultural Resources. Impacts to Aesthetics, even with mitigation measures, would remain significant and unavoidable". It appears that the focus of the FEIR is more on the Proposed Reclamation Plan for mitigation rather than the damage that will occur during the time of the mining operation and the horrible irreparable harm to people, the community, and the environment.

Suzanne Kelso

Location: 92020, El Cajon
Submitted At: 9:40am 09-05-25

It's shocking our community has to try to stop this proposed mine in a family friendly residential neighborhood. How many mines must we have out in Rancho San Diego? There is already a quarry for Ready Mix close to this proposed location. The quarry already makes noise during the day and creates traffic at rush hour with their many dump trucks that frequent our roads. How can something like this can be built right behind homeowners who worked so hard to live out in our beautiful area and have a safe place to raise their families? This mine would create a dystopian feel to our community. The quality of air would deteriorate and the nearby parks where children play could suffer. This is also land on the Otay Watershed with many conservation sites to protect plants and wildlife. I am a proponent of creating jobs but not at the expense of our communities health. Please vote against this disaster project. We will remember come voting time who cares for our area.

Michael Knab

Location: 92020, EL CAJON
Submitted At: 9:39am 09-05-25

As a resident of Mt. Merritt, I strongly oppose the Cottonwood Sand Mine. This project poses serious risks to health, safety, and quality of life. Dust and pollutants from mining threaten nearby homes and the Sweetwater Reservoir, endangering public health and our water supply. Heavy trucks and machinery would bring noise, congestion, and delays for emergency responders. Rancho San Diego is a suburban community of homes, schools, and businesses; an industrial mining operation is incompatible with our neighborhood's character and violates both the County General Plan and Community Specific Plans. I respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors to uphold the denial of this harmful project.

pamela bounds

Location: 92019, EL CAJON
Submitted At: 8:58am 09-05-25

Our family has lived in Rancho San Diego area since 1992 close to the designated area being considered for the sand mine. We are vehemently opposed to this open belt of land being used for industrial purposes in a residential area. The only connecting road to this location cannot handle any more heavy truck traffic. It would be a severe traffic hazard having multi ton trucks pulling out into high speed traffic. We already have had multiple accidents and fatalities on Willow Glen. This project would also be a health hazard for many residents. It is also wildly unfair to the property owners adjacent to the proposed sand mine as their property values would plummet. Please do not allow the sand mine to ruin this community.

Corinne Vertrees

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 8:15am 09-05-25

Please do not allow the appeal of the Cottonwood sand mine project. This will hurt the citizens living in the area. Cottonwood is near neighborhoods, the Hilton Head County Park, and shopping centers. The toxins that the dust will put in the air and the traffic of large trucks on Willow Glen Road will negatively affect those living in Rancho San Diego and Jamul. The traffic will be dangerous to all those that bike along Willow Glen Road and throughout our neighborhoods. Our kids deserve to live in a safe, dust free area. Please vote No!!!

Steve Gross

Location: 91941, La Mesa
Submitted At: 7:23am 09-05-25

Please reject the sand mine project. Our community, like other communities exposed to extraction corporations will be hurt. Air pollution hurts our health and in some instances can cause severe long lasting negative symptoms. Danger to a community when extraction corporations move in and is part and parcel of their operation.

Donna Oliveira

Location: 92019-4113, El Cajon
Submitted At: 9:47pm 09-04-25

Asking the Board of Supervisors to reject the sand mine project. I moved to this community 28 years ago to raise my family in a beautiful, quiet, residential area with some of the best schools around. I never in my wildest dreams thought I be faced with the prospect of a mining business just feet from our homes. Please put an end to big money trying to make a profit by digging up and destroying our community.

Kathleen Mellor

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 9:33pm 09-04-25

This proposed sand mine will severely impact the quality of life in Rancho San Diego and Jamul. Traffic, air pollution, and the health and well being of residents and school children at Jamacha Elementary are all going to be negatively impacted. As one of only two egresses, a fire would prove deadly when we won't be able to exit the canyon. Please reject this proposal and stop the devastation of our neighborhood.

Julie Cowell

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 8:29pm 09-04-25

No one in this community wants the sandmine, except the corporations who will profit off of it. It's dangerous to the people who live here, endangered wildlife and the environment. Approving this sand mine would be disregarding the will of your constituents at the expense of their health, their quality of life and your support in this community.

Tom Kelly

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 7:29pm 09-04-25

This project will put 300 more round trips per day onto our already deteriorating roads. This will be in addition to the 250+ trips per day from the two already existing mining operations further endangering our community. In addition, this project will be in the middle of 300+ homes and it will literally back up against their back yards. This will effectively tank their property value for the life of this project. How can ruining a homeowner's investment be justified for a project that does not belong there in the first place. To say nothing of the dangers from all of the silica dust being trucked through our community, endangering all of us who live here...Please Stand with our community and vote NO

Todd Nadeau

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 5:31pm 09-04-25

Dear Honorable Members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors,

As a resident living 200 yards from the proposed Cottonwood Sand Mine, I strongly urge you to reject this project due to its serious risks to public health, the environment, and community well-being. The mine would be dangerously close to schools, a YMCA, homes, and a shopping mall. Studies show sand mining dust (PM10 and PM2.5) harms respiratory and cardiovascular health, especially in children.

The site borders the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge, home to endangered species and vital ecosystems. Mining threatens habitat loss, pollution, and irreversible damage. Local roads aren't built for heavy truck traffic, raising safety concerns.

This project disrupts Rancho San Diego's character, lowering property values and quality of life with no real long-term benefit. County staff oppose it; please stand with science and community and deny this permit.

Respectfully, Todd, Colleen, Noah, and Megan Nadeau

Andrew Zelt

Location: 92019, El Cajon
Submitted At: 4:45pm 09-04-25

I have lived in the Rancho San Diego/East County area for all of my 42 years on this earth. This sand mine project will bring nothing to the community but traffic, destroyed roads, and clouds of dirt, dust and debris to nearby schools and homes. The consequences to the community's health and prosperity are great. And the rewards nonexistent. Even with the promise of a newly built park at the end of mining, what benefit does this bring to the community. Half of the land already has many homeless living in it. To even build a park after all the environmental and health damages are added up is just adding insult to injury. The park will bring more drug addicts and mentally ill that are on the streets closer to the homes and school. This isn't some doomsday storytelling. We can already see it in effect in our community now. To think there is a utopia at the other side of this reckless plan is short sighted/foolish. I humbly ask the board to consider the numerous pleas of the community.

Kevin Anderson

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 4:26pm 09-04-25

Cicero said that the man that does not learn history goes through life like a child. Einstein broke intelligence down into different levels of hierarchy - Smart, Intelligent, Brilliant, Genius and finally, Simple. If you get to Simple, you've condensed your problem down to the essential element (Occam's Razor - the simple way is your best answer!). The great German mathematician, Carl Gustav Jacobi, said if you want the answer to many things, Invert - Always Invert! This principle works great in math and in life too but, unfortunately, is not taught in academia. You simply take the opposite result and work your way back. Here, you would ask - how could I cause more accidents or kill more people on Willow Glen Rd? A: With lots of additional trucking. Q: How do I pollute the Sweetwater Reservoir. A: More silt from upstream sand mining. Q: How do we most aggressively impact both esthetics and the environment A: Open-pit sand mining. You get the idea and will make the right, Simple choice.

Ixchel Mosley

Location: 92020, El Cajon
Submitted At: 1:47pm 09-04-25

How is it even possible to put a sand mine this close to home because that dust and filth will severely adversely affect all those families. The owner of that property wants a sand mine so badly he should purchase all of the homes in the area because he will be directly responsible for all adverse health effects of a mind. Everybody moved here for the golf course and the parks, so to approve a sand. Mine is truly hypocritical to what the community was promised.

Kenneth Andrew

Location: 92019, ElCajon
Submitted At: 11:57am 09-04-25

We already have the aggregate yard on Jamacha that puts so much dirt in the air, plus Hestors granite pit. We cant take Any more of this. I wash my car and 1 day later covered on dust. This is a basic health Hazzard to breathe all of this. The traffic is out of control now, add 30 trucks a day thru Rancho and it will ruin our town. Our property values will be affected as well. Please stop this Maddness.

joan dunn

Location: 92019, EL CAJON
Submitted At: 9:54am 09-04-25

Please BAN the development of cottonwood sand mine. I have lived in the quiet neighborhood beside the cottonwood strip for over 30 years and have enjoyed watching the wildlife and the occasional golf ball. The current environment is not compatiabile with the cottonwood sand plan due to the current school environment, traffic patterns along Willow Glen Road and the quality of air pollution being heavily attacked if allowed. The proposal is NOT a good use of the land.

Kim Awramko

Location:
Submitted At: 9:46am 09-04-25

As a registered voter & resident in District 4, bordering District 2, I strongly oppose the Cottonwood Sand Mine Project for the following reasons:

*I trust the unbiased opinion of County Staff, who are experts in this area. County Staff didn't recommend to approve this project & advised the Planning Commission to not approve this project.

*The Planning Commission didn't approve this project. Yes, it was a split vote, but nonetheless it was still not approved. We should stand by this decision.

*The Project is proposing a "quid pro quo" & basically bribing the County of San Diego to approve this project by "gifting" 148 acres to the County.

*This Sand Mine will be put in the middle of a residential community, right next to an elementary school. This project changes the purpose of the current space from recreational use to a commercial area. The Project is putting profits over the community and the environment.

Please don't approve this Project & stand by the community. Thank you.

Rebecca Neary

Location: 91935, Jamul
Submitted At: 5:31pm 09-03-25

1 The Sweetwater River will be negatively affected by this project, already struggling with forever chemical pollutants does not need more challenges to clean water delivered to various regions in San Diego County

2 the area in the vicinity of the project is not an isolated desolate area it is very urbanized in a good way with schools, shopping centers, fire stations, senior living facilities, a library, apartment , condo and single family homes, a public transit hub, a community college, bike and walking paths- and more density to come as we continue to build critically needed housing.

Jamacha & Willow are already heavily used, morning & afternoon rush of children being brought to and from Jamacha Elementary at Steele Canyon and Jamul Drive, many coming from Willow Road

Pedestrian shoppers at Rancho SD people using cars to move on or off 94, or bikes or buses to get to and from work or school are not compatible with two- trailer granite hauling trucks.