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Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Re: Opposition to Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) Prepared for Goodwin Zone Change

Dear County Planning Department,

We live at 1521 S. Phillipe Ln. Montague, CA 96064. Our property is directly adjacent to the proposed rock-crushing operation at APNs 013-120-320 and 013-120-330.

First of all, we are in agreement with the request for changing the zoning of the adjacent property from Prime Agricultural (Ag-1) to Light Industrial because it seems consistent with other zoning uses already allowed in this geographical area.

Second, we oppose the re-zoning of the adjacent property from Light Industrial to Heavy Industrial (HI) for the following reasons:

1. Heavy Industrial zoning is inconsistent with the current surrounding agricultural, residential, and light industrial zoning appropriate to the main corridor of Oberlin Road, Phillipe Lane and nearby areas;
2. We believe that any operation allowed in a Heavy Industrial zone would cause noise pollution above acceptable levels in a Light Industrial zone;
3. Aggregate and fugitive dust constitute some of the major environmental concerns near any concrete and asphalt recycling rock-crushing facility, since the dust results in air pollution that can cause silicosis (lung disease from dust inhalation) and other upper respiratory complications, such as bronchitis, lung-damage and asthma in humans (including local business owners and residents) and animals (including livestock, dogs, and wild animals);
4. Dust from concrete and asphalt recycling rock-crushing facilities restrict visibility at the job site and off-site and contributes to regional haze. Regional haze consists of fine dust particles that mix with smoke and moisture to create smog that becomes suspended in the air and impairs visibility;

5. Dust from concrete and asphalt recycling rock-crushing facilities can migrate to and pollute nearby surface water in irrigation canals, ponds, streams, and rivers; and
6. Dust from concrete and asphalt recycling rock-crushing facilities that settles on nearby vegetation can weaken or kill the vegetation.

To recap, due to the significant mitigation actions required to protect neighboring residents, businesses, animals, livestock, waterways, plants, agricultural crops, traffic, and air quality, we oppose the re-zoning of properties from light industrial or agricultural to Heavy Industrial in the Oberlin Road and Phillipe Lane corridors.

We request that a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) be conducted prior to consideration for re-zoning of said property in order to determine all potential hazards to the environment and surrounding area.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Pete & Julie Morrill