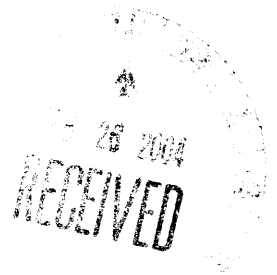


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Attn: Rini Ghosh
Re: Finance Docket # 34284

Dear Ms Ghosh

I am writing in regard to The Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement. I would like you to consider the following in your formal scoping process.

I believe Vulcan's proposed quarry and proposed S&R rail line, regardless of where the railroad is constructed, are connected actions, and should be studied in the same Environmental Impact Statement. The study should include direct impacts and alternatives to both projects including no quarry and no rail line at all.

My husband and I have eighty acres within two miles of the proposed quarry. We are dependant on our well for water for the house, cattle, and trees on our land. We raise pecans and fruit and lease our land for cattle.

I am quite worried about what blasting will do to the quality of our water.

When there was an earthquake in Mexico several years ago, our water was muddy for days. I hate to think what continuous blasting just 2 miles away would do to our water.

I am also worried about the possible lowering of our water table with the excavation at the quarry. The water was one of the main selling points on our purchase of our land. I feel the quarry is threatening our future.

We have family that lives a block from the railroad tracks in La Costa. I am concerned with the increase in traffic cutting through the town and depositing a constantly renewed layer of dust over everything. My niece has asthma and I am afraid the dust will aggravate her condition.

Access to our home is also a concern. Waiting for a long train to pass by will be a constant annoyance.

I am concerned with the inevitable road deterioration that will ~~occur~~ under the weight of the heavy gravel trucks. The roads are barely maintained to adequate quality as it is. Private enterprise should not be allowed to destroy lifestyle quality for the public at large to their ^{own} economic benefit. We were here first!

I am also concerned with fuel storage over the aquifer on the area just south of CR 353. We cannot risk ruining our water.

One final concern is noise. The peace of our country lifestyle is threatened through blasting, traffic, construction and train noise. I do not want the peace of our environment destroyed.

Thank you for your attention:

Sincerely, Margaret Fontaine Fisher
Kenneth D. Fisher