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RE: Appeal of denial of the Lompoc Stone and Mining Area Expansion Vesting Determination and Reclamation Plan Revision Project, Case Nos 16DET-00000-00004 and 10RVP-00000-00048

I will be 70 years old this year and have been commuting 5 days a week to Santa Barbara from Lompoc since 1976. In the early part of 2011, I started noticing the mining operation known as Lompoc Stone. Scaring and pilings were becoming very noticeable from Highway 1 at their mining area. See 2011 images.

On 6/1/2011 - I was emailed from Analise Merlo, County of SB, Planning and Development:
"They are mining in a small area, then they reclaim behind them. The mining hole (mining for flagstone) is open for a couple of years then filled and seeded."

On 1/28/2013 - I was emailed from Gary Kaiser, County of SB, Energy and Minerals Division:
"In 1997, a reclamation plan and "end use" was approved for areas being mined. These areas will be re-countered and re-vegetated to appear natural and will be left in a condition suitable for grazing. In the long term, after mining, the site will be free of scars and stock piles and will be returned to grazing land."

I am attaching photos taken of the site from Highway 1 in 2011 and photos taken the week of 3/25/2019.

After 8 years, I see no filling of holes, no re-countering of scars or any attempt to reclaim behind them. All I see is more scaring and more pilings and failure of a Reclamation Plan.

My point is that the mountain of pilings are also visible from the East from Highway 246. See attached photos. This is the side where expansion is requested. The appeal request for 28.5 acres on APN 083-060-009 to allow mining expansion should be denied. Lompoc Stone's history of disregarding it's commitment to the Reclamation Plan and the potential for more visual blight is troubling.

Please note that the recent rains have greened up the mountain of pilings. Normally they are big piles of earth colored dirt that are visible not only from Highway 1 to the south but also from Highway 246 from the north and east of the mine.

Someone please care about the entrance to our home. This wouldn't happen if it was at the entry to Santa Barbara.


Best Regards,
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TO HWY 1



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