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Dear Board of Supervisors,

"Save the Cuyama Valley" appellant, request that the appeal date of the Troesh Diamond Rock Mine be extended to the next open north county hearing date of September 23, 2008.

We make this request for the following reasons:

- Baback Naficy our legal counsel has been out of the country since July 22<sup>nd</sup> and is not expected to return until August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Furthermore Planning was aware of his schedule and agended the August 25<sup>th</sup> date anyway.
- 2. "Save the Cuyama Valley" as the appellant was never notified of the set date until after the fact.
- 3. When we appeared before the Board, July 15<sup>th</sup> our request for an extension of time was summarily denied before ever hearing from the appellant.
- 4. "Save the Cuyama Valley" is an all volunteer organization with limited financial resources which precludes us from reacting to the most recent E.I.R., in the time scheduled given the scope of the project.
- 5. After dealing with the Planning Department for the last three years we have been consistently stonewalled in fact it is our belief that the Planning Department has become the spokesperson for the mine proponents.

For all the preceding reasons we respectfully request that this 27 days extension be granted.

Cordially,

Gene Zannon

Spokesperson for "Save the Cuyama Valley"

c.c. Fifth Disctrict Supervisor Joe Centeno

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