

November 14, 2011

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: Revision to the Previously Approved Diamond Rock Mine and
Processing Facility; 11RVP-00000-00032

Diamond Rock Mine Administrative Appeal
November 8, 2011 and continued to November 15, 2011

Dear Members of the Board,

Please consider the following issues concerning Cuyama Valley Conservancy's
Administrative Appeal to the Board of Supervisors.

We have entered into the facilitation process with Diamond Rock Mine but have
yet to agree upon all of the facilitation points or draft a formal agreement.

We are not in a position to give up either the Administrative Appeal with the
Board of Supervisors or the pending legal action with the Court of Appeal for the
Second Appellate District until we have reviewed a copy of the joint venture
agreement between Diamond Rock Mine and GPS Mine and have had our
attorneys review the agreement.

We have submitted to you the report of hydrology and geology expert
Dr. Curry which states that in-stream aggregate mining in the Cuyama River will
compromise recharge of the water table in the Cuyama Valley and Santa Maria
region and future generations will have to pay the price. Agricultural water use in
Santa Maria and lower Cuyama Valley groundwater recharge will be adversely
affected by in-stream mining activities in the Cuyama River as will water storage
capacity of the Twitchell Reservoir.

We have also resubmitted the supporting documentations, which were previously
submitted for the Santa Barbara County Planning Commission hearing of June 8,
2011.

We believe Santa Barbara County has:

- 1) Used incorrect guidelines for river morphology of the Cuyama River and
enforcement of CEQA, and

- 2) Put their stamp of approval on activities, which have damaged the environment and the water supply.

We are asking that Santa Barbara County bring their acts into conformity with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), with the guidelines set out by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) when permitting and monitoring aggregate mining operations within the Cuyama River.

The County does not have the right to approve new projects or allow actions by previously permitted projects, which are disallowed by Federal and State agencies.

We are depending on you, as members of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to do the right thing and protect Cuyama Valley's resources for the future generations to come.

Thank you for the time you have spent on these matters and for giving me the opportunity to participate in the planning process.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Lee