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County of Santa Clara Planning Office
Attention: Gary Rudholm
County Gov. Center, East Wing, 7th Floor
70 West Hedding Street
San Jose, CA 95110-1705

Subject: File Number 3237-66-22-07P, Bella Creek Quarry

Dear Mr. Rudholm:

The City of Gilroy has received the Use Permit request for the Bella Creek Quarry. We have the following comments on this proposed Use Permit:

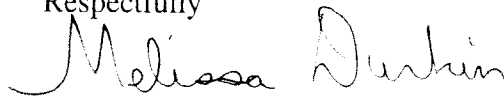
Engineering (Contact John Brice and Don Dey at 846-0450)

1. Provide a detailed, comprehensive traffic study including but not limited to the following intersections:
 - Watsonville Road/Hecker Pass Highway
 - Hecker Pass Highway/Santa Teresa Boulevard
 - Day Road (west)/Santa Teresa Boulevard
 - Day Road (west)/Watsonville Road
 - Day Road (east)/Santa Teresa Boulevard
 - Day Road (east)/Monterey Road
 - Monterey Road/First Street
 - Monterey Road/Leavesley Road
 - Leavesley Road/US 101 interchange
2. The traffic study and Use Permit need to consider that there are only two (2) routes to and from the proposed site to US 101:
 1. Day Road (west), which is site of new high school at Day Road (west) and Santa Teresa Boulevard
 2. Hecker Pass Highway/First Street
3. The traffic study needs to estimate that there will be 50 trucks per day with the greatest percentage in the AM peak hour.
4. Roadways in this area of Gilroy were not designed for this anticipated additional truck traffic (heavy weight on City streets to US 101).

5. The City has safety concerns about the driveway access point with Watsonville Road, where trucks are required to drive on the left side of the driveway.
6. The County report states three different locations – south of 152; located 2 miles west of Gilroy on USGS Quadrangle Uvas Map; and located 7 miles west of Gilroy on the USGS Quadrangle Mt. Madonna Map. Which one is the correct location?

We respectfully request that these comments be addressed prior to taking action on the Use Permit. Please contact John Brice and Don Dey directly at 846-0450 to discuss these comments. Should you have any other questions, please call me at (408) 846-0440.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Durkin".

Melissa Durkin
Planner