MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



AGENDA NO. **21.1** (MT 21264)

10:00 a.m. being the time set for public hearing on the recommendation from Transportation And Land Management Agency/Planning regarding the Public Hearing PAR210273 – Robertson's Vesting Mine Determination Request - District 2.

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Gutierrez and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is continued to Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, and Gutierrez

Nays: Absent: None Perez

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order made and entered on —— of Supervisors Minutes.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors

Dated: February 28, 2023

Kimberly Rector, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

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SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 21.1 (ID # 21264) MEETING DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2023

FROM: TLMA-PLANNING:

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY/PLANNING: Public Hearing on PAR210273 - Robertson's Vesting Mine Determination Request - District 2. [\$0] (CONTINUE ITEM TO MARCH 28, 2023)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. **CONTINUE** the item to the March 28, 2023, Board of Supervisors meeting.

ACTION:Policy

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS	Budget Adj	justment: No		
			For Fiscal	Year: N/A

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Robertson's Ready Mix (RRM) operates an aggregate surface mining operation on approximately 135.17 acres of land located immediately east of the Dos Lagos Golf Course and south of Cajalco Road, along the Temescal Wash. RRM conducts these operations on land leased from Corona Road Quarry, LLC and Corona Cajalco Road Development LP and also conducts operations on parcels owned by third parties. The mining operation includes extraction of aggregate material from the hillside and conveying the excavated and initially crushed material to the existing processing area. Aggregate material is then fed to the crushing and screening plant for sorting, sizing, crushing of oversized rock, and stockpiling of the finished materials. Equipment used at the site in the mining operations includes mobile equipment such as dozers and front-end loaders as well as the fixed processing plant. This operation has an approved Reclamation Plan 118 (as amended in 2020 by Substantial Conformance 4).

In December 2021, RRM applied to the County for a Determination of Vested Rights (Application) under section 2776 of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act and Riverside County Ordinance No. 555. RRM requests that its "previously confirmed vested right (to mine aggregate and conduct related surface mining operations, across approximately 132 acres of RRM's property) be confirmed to include the remaining area of RRM's contiguous mining property, which encompasses approximately 792.22 total acres of land, colloquially known as the Hubbs Harlow Quarry ('HH VRA'), inclusive of the previously confirmed 132 acre vested right area."

More specifically, RRM seeks a determination that:

1) RRM's previously established vested mining rights, previously confirmed by the County on multiple occasions with respect to the 132 acres within the [Reclamation Plan 118, Substantial Conformance 4] area (S-4 VRA), apply to and encompass the entire 792.22 acres of land within the HH VRA, as depicted in Figure B-1.2 [in Appendix B to the Application].

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- 2) RRM's previously established vested mining rights within the S-4 VRA to utilize equipment as reasonable and necessary to blast, excavate, crush, wash, sort, stockpile, load, transport and otherwise manage commercial rock products operations be confirmed for the entire HH VRA.
- 3) RRM may continue surface mining operations, currently ongoing within the S-4 VRA, within the [792.22] HH VRA on the basis of RRM's confirmed vested rights and a valid, approved, reclamation plan.

The complete staff report and analysis, along with the accompanying exhibits, are included in this Board of Supervisor's report as Exhibit A. The Application is attached hereto as Exhibits B through BB. Public comments received as of February 21, 2023, are attached as Exhibit CC.

The Application with exhibits is also available at: https://planning.rctlma.org/Home/Planning-Notices/Robertsons-Ready-Mix-Vesting-Determination-Request.

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit A: Staff Report

Exhibit B: RRM Request for Determination of Vested Rights ("Application")

Exhibit C: RRM General Application Forms
Exhibit D: RRM Letter to Charissa Leach

Exhibit E: RRM Appendix B (and Figures B-1.1 through B-7.4.2)

Exhibit F: RRM Appendix C
Exhibit G: RRM Exhibits C-1

Exhibit H: RRM Exhibits C-2 (1 of 2)
Exhibit I: RRM Exhibits C-2 (2 of 2)

Exhibit J: RRM Exhibits C-3.1 through C-3.30 Exhibit K: RRM Exhibits C-3.31 through C-3.60

Exhibit L: RRM Exhibits C-3.61 through C-3.90

Exhibit M: RRM Exhibits C-3.91 through C-3.114

Exhibit N: RRM Exhibits C-4

Exhibit O: RRM Exhibits C-5

Exhibit P: RRM Appendix D

Exhibit Q: RRM Declaration of John McKeown

Exhibit R: RRM Errata Table B-1

Exhibit S: RRM Exhibits A-1 through A-34

Exhibit T: RRM Exhibit A-11

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Exhibit U: RRM Supplemental Memorandum

Exhibit V: RRM Supplemental B Figures

Exhibit W: RRM Letter re Supplemental Information

Exhibit X: RRM Supplemental Table A

Exhibit Y: RRM Exhibits S-1 Exhibit Z: RRM Exhibits S-2 Exhibit AA: RRM Exhibits S-3 Exhibit BB: RRM Exhibits S-4

Exhibit CC: Public Comments (received as of February 21, 2023)

Jason Farin, Principal Management Analyst

2/23/2023

Aaron Gettis, Deputy County Sounsel

2/22/2023



PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Charissa Leach, P.E. TLMA Director

DATE: January 24, 2023

TO: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Planning Department - Riverside - Darren Edgington, Environmental Project Manager,

2459 (BOS date 2/28/2023)

SUBJECT: Robertson's Ready Mix Vesting Rights Determination Request - PAR210273
(Charge your time to these case numbers)

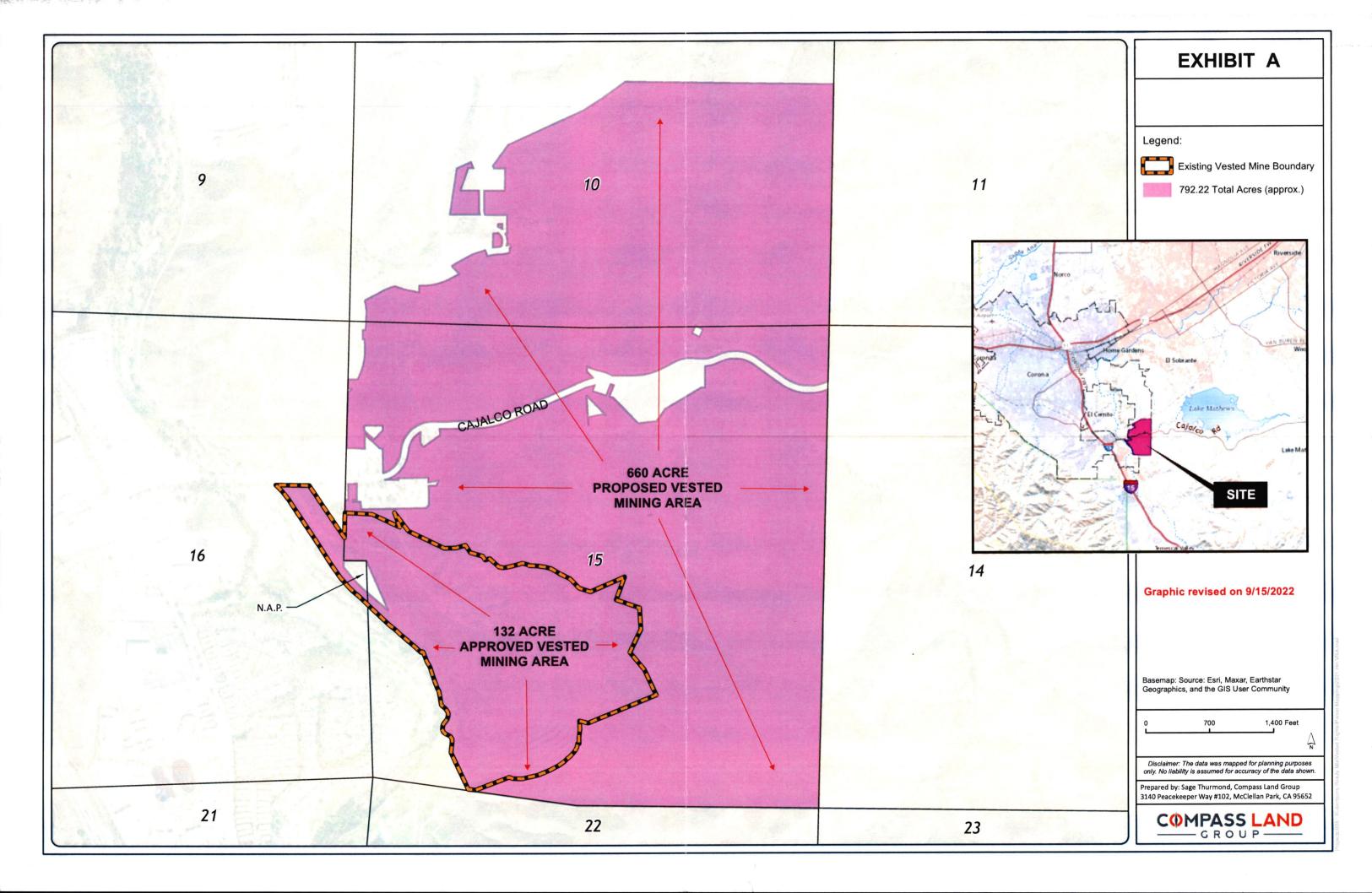
TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY/PLANNING: Public Hearing on Robertson's Ready Mix Vesting Rights Determination Request - PAR210273 - A PUBLIC HEARING has been scheduled before THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE to consider Robertson's Ready Mix's (RRM) Request for a Determination of Vested Rights pursuant to Riverside County Ordinance No. 555 and Section 2776 of the California Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA). - Applicant: Robertson's Ready Mix, 200 South Main Street, Suite 200, Corona, CA 92882. RRM has applied for a vested rights determination on approximately 792.22 acres located one mile east of the Interstate 15 and north and south of Cajalco Road, as shown in Exhibit "A". RRM mines aggregate and conducts related surface mining operations on approximately 132 acres (of the total 792.22-acre area), which are located south of Cajalco Road and east of the Dos Lagos Golf Course, and which are subject to a previously recognized vested right. RRM applied for the Board of Supervisors to determine whether RRM has demonstrated its claim for a vested right to mine the remaining adjacent property. A public hearing shall be held on February 28, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, before the Board of Supervisors to consider the request for determination of a vested right and determine whether RRM has demonstrated its claim for a vested right. The record before the Board of Supervisors shall consist of the written materials received by the Assistant TLMA Director (or designee), as well as any relevant written comments on the request for determination and any relevant testimony received at the hearing. Written comments and oral testimony other than that related to demonstrating or delimiting the existence, nature, and scope of the claimed vested rights shall not be considered by the Board of Supervisors in making the vested rights determination.

The attached item(s) require the following action(s) by the Board of Supervisors:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY VESTING RIGHTS DETERMINATION REQUEST, SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing at which all interested persons will be heard, will be held before the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County, California, on the 1st Floor Board Chambers, County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. or as soon as possible thereafter, to consider Robertson's Ready Mix's (RRM) Request for a Determination of Vested Rights pursuant to Riverside County Ordinance No. 555 and Section 2776 of the California Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA). Robertson's Ready Mix, 200 South Main Street, Suite 200, Corona, CA 92882. RRM has applied for a vested rights determination on approximately 792.22 acres located about one mile east of the Interstate 15 and north and south of Cajalco Road in the Second Supervisorial District. RRM mines aggregate and conducts related surface mining operations on approximately 132 acres (of the total 792.22-acre area), which are located south of Cajalco Road and east of the Dos Lagos Golf Course, and which are subject to a previously recognized vested right. RRM applied for the Board of Supervisors to determine whether RRM has demonstrated its claim for a vested right to mine the remaining adjacent property. The request materials will made available online through the Planning Department website: https://planning.rctlma.org/ FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS REQUEST, PLEASE CONTACT DARREN EDGINGTON, PROJECT PLANNER, AT (951) 955-2459 OR EMAIL

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01/28/2023

I certify (or declare) under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: January 28, 2023. At: Riverside, California

Signature

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY VESTING RIGHTS DETERMINATION REQUEST, SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing at which all inferested persons will be heard, will be heard, will be heard of Supervisors of Riverside County, California, on the 1st Floor Board Chambers, County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. or as soon as possible thereafter, to consider Robertson's Ready Mix's (RRM) Request for a Determination of Vested Rights pursuant to Riverside County Ordinance No. 555 and Section 2776 of the California Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA). Robertson's Ready Mix, 200 South Main Street, Suite 200, Corona, CA 92882. RRM has applied for a vested rights determination on approximately 792.22 acres located about one mile east of the interstate 15 and north and south of Calaico Road in the Second Supervisorial District. RRM mines aggregate and conducts related surface mining operations on approximately 132 acres (of the total 792.22-acre area), which are located south of Calaico Road and east of the Dos Lagos Golf Course, and which are subject to a previously recognized vested right. RRM applied for the Board of Supervisors to determine whether RRM has demonstrated its claim for a vested right to mine the remaining adjacent property.

The request materials will made available online through the Planning Department website: https://planning.rctima.org/

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS REQUEST, PLEASE CONTACT DARREN PROJECT PLANNER, AT (951) 955-2459 OR EMAIL DEDGINGT@RIVCO. ORG.

Any person wishing to testify in support of or in opposition to the request may do so in writing between the date of this notice and the public hearing or may appear and be heard at the time and place noted above. All written comments received prior to the public hearing will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Supervisors will consider such comments, in addition to any oral testimony, before making a decision on the request.

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oral, the Board of Supervisors may amend, in whole or in part, the determination. Accordingly, the determination may be changed in a way other than specifically proposed.

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Dated: January 25, 2023 Kimberly Rector, Clerk of the Board By: Zuly Martinez, Board Assistant The Press-Enterprise Published: 1/28/23 From: Michele Haefner < michele m323@msn.com >

Date: February 27, 2023 at 8:38:05 PM PST

To: cob@rivco.org

Subject: Potential Mining Expansion from 132 to 792 acres

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a life-long resident of Corona. My family moved here when I was five in 1975. It was a small, quaint town with endless rows of orange trees and palm trees lining every street. It was surrounded by mountains and lovely rolling hills.

As the years passed, I have watched many of Corona's lovely attributes fade away. The trees have been removed, and the surrounding hills have been carved into ugly, scarred terraces. The view from many residents' homes has been destroyed, and their property values have been affected. From many vantage points, Corona looks like an old mining town. It's tragic, and it should never have been allowed to occur.

Now Robertson's wishes to expand their mining operation from 132 acres to 792 acres. This can only exacerbate the many issues that already plague Corona due to this company's mining operations. The air quality in Corona has been negatively impacted due to the mining operations and the endless line of trucks traveling on the streets of Corona and on the 15 Freeway. Dust can frequently be seen rising from their operations and drifting over the area. Many residents have complained about the dust in the air from the operations making solar power for their homes impractical and causing asthma and breathing problems for their family members as well.

Traffic is already severely impacted by the continuous stream of trucks traveling back and forth to the mining area. Increasing the mining operation will only serve to make the traffic congestion that much more severe. The 15 freeway's congestion already negatively affects the residents and families of our city and surrounding areas. Why would we, as residents of this area, allow it to become even worse?

Additionally, as a state that is entrenched in a major drought, the use of water for dust control is a major concern. An operation of such an immense size would definitely require a large amount of water, which our region really can't afford to waste. Residents are also raising questions regarding the safety and protection of our current groundwater supplies.

Lastly, Robertson's is a for-profit company, not a government agency. Therefore, we are allowing the profits of a privately owned company to come before the needs of the residents of the city they wish to further infiltrate. Why should their financial benefit be allowed to further disrupt and destroy what was once a beautiful city? We, as residents, say that they shouldn't. A much closer look needs to be taken at the significant, irreparable harm this private company has done, and will continue to do, to Corona.

I appreciate the opportunity to voice my concerns regarding this most alarming issue. Thank you.

Sincerely, Michele Massey Haefner

From: Ebru Ozdil <eozdil@pechanga-nsn.gov>

Monday, February 27, 2023 3:15 PM

Sent: To:

Edgington, Darren; COB

Cc:

Gary Dubois; Cole Bauman; Tina Thompson Mendoza; Molly Earp

Subject: Pecha

Pechanga Cultural Department BOS Letter for Robertson Ready Mix Vested Rights

Request

Attachments:

RRM Vested Mining Right Pechanga Cultural Comments to BOS 2.27.23.pdf

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Dear Mr. Edgington,

This letter is written on behalf of the Pechanga Band of Indians (hereinafter, "the Tribe") a federally recognized Indian Tribe and sovereign government in response to Board of Supervisor Hearing Notice we had received for Robertson Ready Mix Vested Rights request. Pechanga reserves the right to submit additional comments on this agenda item. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you

Ebru T. Ozdil Cultural Analyst Pechanga Cultural Resources Department P.O. Box 2183 Temecula, CA 92593

Office: (951) 770-6313 Fax: (951) 693-2314

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February 22, 2023

Mr. Darren Edgington Project Planner Riverside County Planning Department 4080 Lemon Street, 9th Floor Riverside, CA 92502 Chairperson: Neal Ibanez

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Director: Gary DuBois

Coordinator: Paul Macarro

Cultural Analyst: Tuba Ebru Ozdil

Re: Pechanga Band of Indians Concerns Regarding Robertson's Ready Mix (RRM) Request for a Determination of Vested Rights for Approximately 792.22 Acres

Dear Mr. Edgington:

This correspondence is submitted by the Pechanga Band of Indians (hereinafter, "the Tribe"), a federally recognized Indian tribe and sovereign government, in response to the County's public hearing notification for the Board of Supervisors. The Tribe requests consultation with the County of Riverside concerning the cultural and environmental impacts of the above listed Project and would like to submit this letter as a written comment to the Board of Supervisors.

We request that this correspondence be part of the official record for this Project.

THE RRM VESTED RIGHTS REQUEST FOR 792.22 ACRES PROJECT AREA IS WITHIN THE PAYÓMKAWISH TRIBAL TERRITORY, THE TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTY (TCP) AND TRADITIONAL CULTRUAL LANDSCAPE (TCL) OF THE PECHANGA BAND OF INDIANS

Numerous known cultural resources and village sites significant to the Tribe's cultural heritage and history, and deemed significant under California and federal law, are located within and adjacent to the proposed vested rights area, which encompasses approximately 792.22 acres. While historic accounts and anthropological and linguistic theories are important in determining traditional *Payómkawichum* (Pa-YOM-kah-whichum, Luiseño) territory; our songs and oral traditions are our primary source of information. They define our identity, beliefs, and traditional territories. Our songs and oral accounts have transferred history and knowledge through the generations for thousands of years.

As defined in our Creation Account and oral tradition, the *Payómkawish* Ancestral Territory encompasses approximately 2,000 square miles, which includes all of Western Riverside County and northwestern San Diego County. The northern border follows the Santa Ana River and covers the western slopes of the San Jacinto Mountains to the east. At Idyllwild, the boundary turns to the south, including Aguanga, and then extends east again to the middle of San Jose de Valle (Warner Valley). At Lake Henshaw it turns southwest, and incorporates Escondido, all of San Marcos, and Bataquitos Lagoon. The Pacific Ocean and the southern Channel Islands create the western border. The mainland coastal areas of Carlsbad, Oceanside, and all of Camp Pendleton are also included. At the northern border of Camp Pendleton, the territory curves east and skirts the ridgeline of the Santa Ana Mountains up to the northern boundary, the Santa Ana River.

The 792.22-acre area proposed for a vested rights determination lies directly within the area called $T\dot{u}u'uv$, a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) located near the intersection of Cajalco Road and the I-15 interchange. In the early 1930's, John P. Harrington, linguist and ethnographer for the Bureau of American Ethnology, accompanied $Pay\acute{o}mkawish$ consultants from Corona to Temecula on a place name trip. They identified several $Pay\acute{o}mkawish$ villages and places along Temescal Canyon Road, which closely parallels Interstate 15. $T\acute{u}u'uv$ is chronicled in traditional songs and is named in a long list of places located within the Ancestral $Pay\acute{o}mkawish$ territory. One of Harrington's consultants remembers stopping there with her parents to gather cactus fruits. This area is generally considered to be more ancient than the surrounding areas.

Another named place to the south of *Túu'uv* is 'Anóonga. This place name is derived from the word 'anó meaning coyote, and is to the east of Paxávxa. The ancient trail which stretched from the coast to the San Jacinto Plain connected Paxávxa, 'Anóonga, and Túu'uv with the large villages in the Lake Matthews/Qaxáalku region and the villages further east. This trail became the present-day Cajalco Road. This main artery, now named Cajalco, derives from our language's term Qaxáalku, meaning "at the quails."

THE PROJECT IMPACTS TO CULTURAL RESOURCES

The proposed expansion of the mining rights is located in a highly sensitive region of *Payómkawichum* territory. The Tribe understands that Robertson's Ready-Mix ("RRM") claims a recognized vested right to mine a 132-acre portion of the Hubbs Harlow Quarry without a permit and is seeking a determination from Riverside County that its true vested mining rights actually consists of 792.22 acres within Hubbs Harlow Quarry. The Tribe is very concerned about both the protection of unique and irreplaceable cultural resources, such as *Payómkawichum* village sites, cultural resources,

Sacred Is The Duty Trusted Unto Our Care And With Honor We Rise To The Need

¹ John Peabody Harrington. 1986. The Field Notes of John Peabody Harrington in the Smithsonian Institution 1907-1957. Kraus International Publications, White Plains, NY. Microfilm Edition. Volume 3, California / Great Basinh Region Cultum Edition. Volume 3.

² Id. Post Office Box 2183 • Temecula, CA 92592

sacred sites, and possible ancestral remains that may be impacted by the mining activities. The Tribe believes the proper and lawful assessment and treatment of cultural resources needs to be conducted to preserve and protect Ancestral remans and sacred items likely to be discovered in the course of the work.

The Tribe requests County of Riverside require the applicant adhere to the proper permitting process to ensure appropriate environmental assessments can be undertaken for CEQA, NEPA, and Section 106 and other applicable federal and California law.

We thank you for the opportunity to submit this information. The Tribe looks forward to participating in the environmental review process and working with the County of Riverside to protect the invaluable Pechanga village sites and cultural resources. If you have any questions, please contact Ebru Ozdil, Pechanga Cultural Analyst, at (961) 770-6313 or at eozdil@pechanga-nsn.gov.

Sincerely,

Gary DuBois, JD, MSW

Director, Cultural Resources Department Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

From: Nicole Copeland <ncopeland34@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 1:22 PM

To: COB

Subject: Robertson's Off Cajalco

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing to you to bring attention to the Robertson's mining location off Cajalco Road.

This company has been a huge issue to our community in Dos Lagos for several years. The continued blasting multiple times a week has caused lots of structural damage to homes here in Temescal Heights including but not limited to foundation and structural cracks, major leaks, failure of equipment, and major cosmetic damage. When the blast occurs, it feels like an earthquake. On top of the structural issues, the dust is out of control. There are a pillows of dust during a blast, and then continuous dust when they crush the rocks. We are unable to open up windows and doors of our homes because of the amount of dust. Many have also developed allergies and compromised health issues as a result, including one of my own children.

I have been a homeowner here at Temescal Heights of Dos Lagos since 2009 and the mining has only gotten significantly worse over the past few years.

With the proposed expansion of the mine, it will only create more and more problems.

Please let me know what we can do to help prevent further damage to our community.

Thanks!

Nicole Copeland 951-805-4455

From: Lorie Deem <ldeem@legacyhomesusa.com>

Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 12:00 PM

To: COB

Cc: Lorie Deem

Subject: Opposition to Robertson Ready Mix expansion

Attachments: Opposition to Robertson Ready Mix expansion 2023 02 27.pdf

Importance: High

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Thank you.

President

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Lorie Deem 4377 Cabot Drive Corona, California 92883

2/26/23

To: Board of Supervisors of Riverside County

Re: Robertson Ready Mix and Mining expansion proposal

Dear Sirs/Madams,

I am adamantly opposed to this expansion. As a resident on Cabot Drive with a home that backs up to the current operation, I am frankly surprised the county allows Robertson Ready mix to operate as it does. This is a "construction" process that is allowed (outside of your county regulations) to operate 14 hours creating noise and debris for the entire Temescal Heights community. Monday through Saturday it is virtually impossible to enjoy your rear yard along Cabot or Altivo drive due to the noise and dust that is created up until 9pm at night (and often later)! How is this acceptable and how does our county allow it?

The board should also be concerned about the unprecedented settling in the homes caused by blasting so close to a residential community. The homeowners continue to document this and have had inspectors out to review/document the effects this continuous blasting on homes in our community.

Air quality is another main concern for all residents. Our homes, roofs, patios, yards, planters and flatwork are covered in the dust/dirt from this operations continually. Not to mention the concerns every family has regarding breathing this debris daily.

If the County allows and approves this expansion, they are also liable for the damaging effects this operations continues to have on all homes and residents in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lorie Deem

4377 Cabot Drive

Corona, Ca 92883

From: Cyn Hutch < cynarahutch@gmail.com> Sent: Monday, January 30, 2023 7:21 PM

To: COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>; Edgington, Darren <DEdgingt@rivco.org> **Subject:** OPPOSITION to Robertson Ready Mix Blasting and vesting rights

Justin Hutchinson

Cynara Hutchinson

Cabot Dr. Corona, 92883

cynarahutch@gmail.com

This is in **OPPOSITION** to Robertson's Ready Mix's (RRM) Request for a Determination of Vested Rights.

OPPOSITION TO PUBLIC NUISANCE

As homeowners in Dos Lagos Golf Course property area, we are in strong opposition to Robertson's Ready Mix's (RRM) Request for a Determination of Vested Rights as this expansion, mining and explosion causes a *Continuing, Recurring Public Nuisance*.

INTERFERENCE WITH USE AND ENJOYMENT

The mining and explosion unreasonably interfere with the health, safety, welfare, use, and enjoyment of our property and the surrounding public at large. The mining and explosion violate my right to quiet enjoyment of my land and have caused severe damage to my property, broken windows in my courtyard area, and an exterior crack on my exterior. When we first purchased the home, we were told they would only be mining once a month, yet Robertson's Ready Mix oftentimes mines and creates explosions several times a week. My wife and I work from home and this disturbance substantially interferes with the enjoyment and use of my property.

UNREASONABLE AND SUBSTANTIAL

The area is alerted with an unreasonably obnoxious loud siren that continuously goes off several times before the mining and explosions occur. The alerts are loud, startling, and heard throughout the house much like a tornado warning several times before the blasts occur. Once the explosions start, they are unreasonably loud, powerful, and earth-shattering, and they rattle and shake our house like a 5.0 close earthquake. It can last longer and be more powerful than earthquakes, because of the proximity of the explosions. It frightens my elderly grandmother and my small young children who cry, run, and hide and get scared every time it occurs. It takes time to calm everyone down and bring their anxiety down after these explosions occur and we are unable to enjoy our property on those explosion days. It was not reasonably expected that as a homeowner buying our home, we would be unreasonably and substantially burdened with mining and explosion exercises on an ongoing continuous basis.

BENEFITS TEST

Robertson Ready Mix is in Corona, and there are 45 miles of Santa Ana mountains and hillside in more remote areas where mining and explosions will not cause Public Nuisance instead of being close to homeowners where it unreasonably and substantially interferes with the use and enjoyment of their property. Therefore, the benefit of expanding while already being close to Dos Lagos Golf Course and the homes therein do not outweigh the substantial burden the Public Nuisance causes the homeowners.

PUBLIC NUISANCE

Imagine being in the comfort of your own home working or on an important county zoom call, or conference call and loud sirens that sound like the purge going off several times startling you and scaring you. On top of the distress and angst your small children and 85-year-ol grandparent are startled to their core at the loud purge sirens. Then what feels like a Mack truck ramming into your house shakes your entire house, walls bed, furniture, and windows and is worse than an 5.0 earthquake because of the proximity of the explosion. Now you have an entire house full of nervous, anxious, distressed people. And not only that, the blast is so strong it shattered your window, cracked the exterior of your house, and is causing foundation issues. The ground continuously shifts and causes problems in your home.

Imagine having a 5.0 earthquake several times a week and running for cover several times a week and being in distress and suffering mental anguish...that's what we go through.

This was suppose to be a temporary thing and it's been years. They initially said such mining would be a temporary thing, but it's gone on far too long and the company has try to stay to exercise vesting rights when we were led to believe it would be temporary and we reasonably relied on this to our detriment. They were not forthcoming and their license should end.

It is time for Robertson Ready Mix to discontinue its blasting in this area as it is causing a wide-spread Public Nuisance that is actionable by law. We pray for the relief of removing Robertson from blasting in the area. Their license is over.

DAMAGES

The explosions cause distress, mental anguish, anxiety, and discomfort to our family

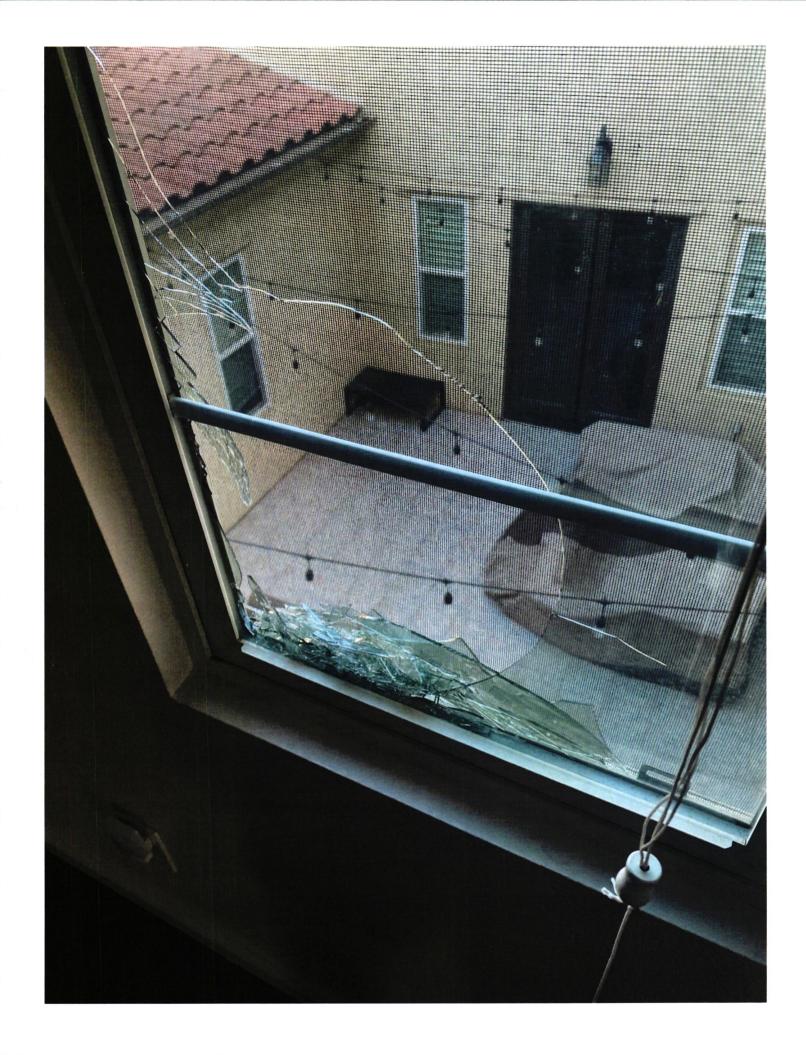
The explosions have caused foundation problems and cracks on the side of our exterior walls

The explosions have cause damage to the windows in our courtyard area due to the blasting

Respectfully

The Hutchinsons

Cc: USPS Mail



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From:

edgardesigns4388 < edgardesigns4388@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, February 20, 2023 9:04 PM

To:

COB

Subject:

Stop quarry

Attachments:

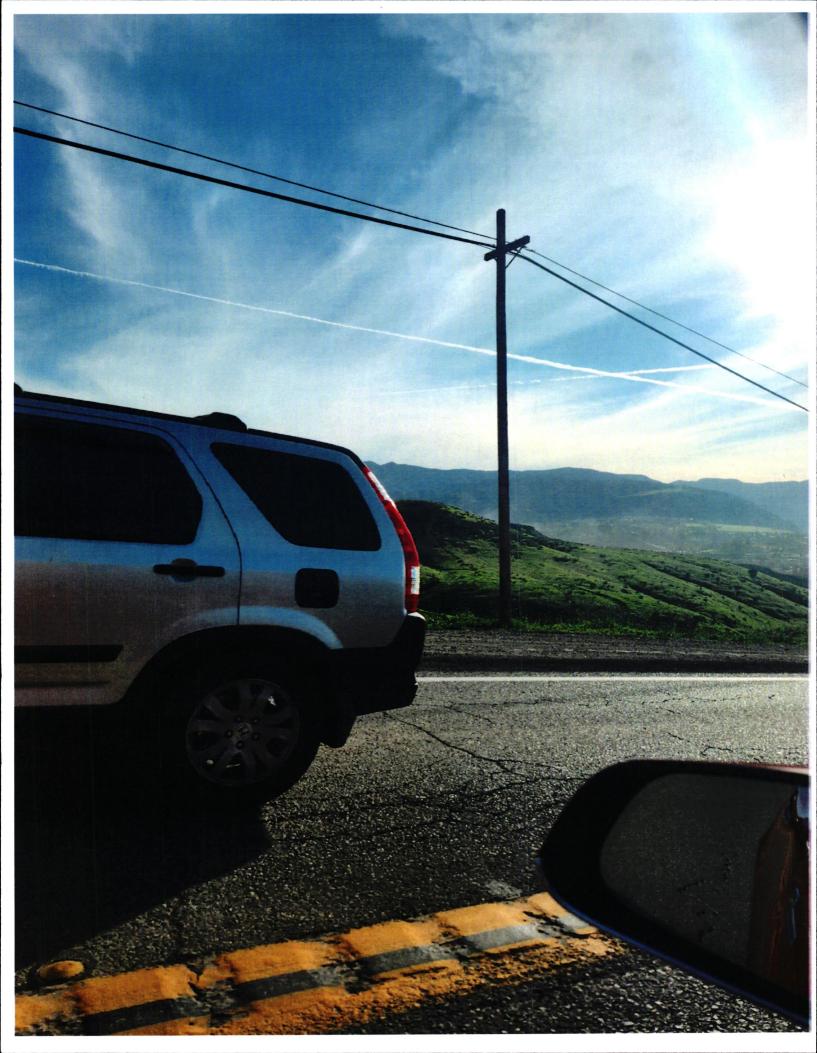
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Please stop the expansion of the quarry. Rather STOP the quarry as a whole. Attached are a couple of picture of what is an everyday occurrence of dust particles floating all around this operation. This clearly looks like a health and environmental issue/ emergency.

Regards Edgar Gomez 9099103492





From: Vikas Ganju <vikasganju@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 12:06 PM

To: COB

Subject: RRM Vested Rights

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Respected Board of Supervisors,

As a concerned resident of a society that is located in close vicinity of this mining area, I would like to oppose this expansion request from RRM. The mining blasts have taken a toll on all the housing structures of our society. The damage to the concrete backyard, driveways is quite visible in terms of the cracks that have appeared over a period of time. I actually ended up doing costly plumbing repairs to plug an internal pipe leak which later pointed to being an after effect of the strong tremors felt after every mining blast. The same issues have been repeatedly faced by other residents as well. The other major issue we consistently face is air quality deterioration, these mining operations lead to a lot of dust in our area and that has caused frequent breathing related health issues. I moved to Corona with my family for a better, healthy life however, if this expansion request is approved, we all stand to lose as the residents of these nearby areas.

It is my humble request to the esteemed board of Supervisors, that the people of this entire neighborhood be saved from the ill effects of this expansion. I'm not against making progress but that should not be at the cost of well being of the very people the progress is intended for.

Respectfully, Vikas Ganju

From:

Valentina Petrina Gipson <valentinapetrina@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 1:21 PM

To:

COB

Subject:

County Quarry Expansion - RRM

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Hello,

With this email I would like to make you aware that I am in opposition/against the Robertson's Ready Mix's (RRM) quarry expansion in City of Corona, located on Cajalco Road and Dos Logos Golf Course.

The air quality from the existing quarry is severely compromising our respiratory system and our heath in general.

Thank you,

Leroy & Valentina Gipson 4318 Altivo Lane, Corona CA 92883 909-455-4488

From:

bill bess

billbess22@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 3:43 PM

To:

COB

Subject:

Robertson's Ready Mix Expansion - Dos Lagos

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Dear Sirs:

I am writing in opposition to the expansion of the surface mining application of Roberson's Ready Mix at Dos Lagos prior to meeting on February 28, 2023.

I am a resident of Temescal Heights at Dos Lagos and I oppose the expansion for many reasons including the following:

- The noise of the operation 24/7
- The blasting that shakes my house and I believe has been at least a contributing factor in plumbing leaks, cracks in my stucco, and other issues.
- The particulate matter that is generated by the quarry which is unhealthy to breath and coats interior and exterior surfaces with very fine coating regularly

While the quarry was here when I moved in the expansion is a new issue and I am opposed to it.

FYI, while some of my neighbors received the notice that I am responding to I never received any notice.

Additionally as a member of the HOA board I believe some of the damage/cracks in our street are made worse by the operation of the surface mine. If the dramatic expansion of the surface mine is approved I expect these issues will become significantly worse.

Sincerely,

Bill Bess 4322 Palazzo Ln, Corona, CA 92883

From:

Russell Packwood <russell@inlandenvelope.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 3:52 PM

To:

COB

Subject:

Rock Quarry Issues

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To Clerk of the Board,

My name is Russell Packwood and I am an homeowner at 4316 Cantada Drive in Corona 92883. My home is located in the Temescal Heights at Dos Lagos. We are having major issues with shaking, water leaks and air quality coming from the Robertson's Ready Mix rock quarry. Please stop the proposed expansion of the quarry as it's costing me as a homeowner financially and emotionally. Thank you for your consideration and help.

Thank you!
Russell Packwood

4316 Cantada Drive, Corona, CA 92883 | 2: 951.315.7864

From: Rachel Fieldhouse <rfieldhouse13@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 11:06 AM

To: COB < COB@RIVCO.ORG>

Subject: Opposition Letter to RRM's Expansion Request

Rachel & Casey Fieldhouse 2921 Verdino Cir Corona, CA 92883 714-474-5865

Dear Kimberly Rector, Clerk of the Board

I am writing in **opposition** to the request made by Robertson's Ready Mix for a determination of vested rights. As a resident of Corona who owns a home in the Dos Lagos, Temescal Heights community, I would like to voice my deep concerns about the expansion of RRM's mining area.

Corona has become a thriving city, attracting residents from near and far because of its adjacence to Orange and LA counties, its beautiful residential communities, its esteemed school system, and its focus on bringing new and desirable infrastructure to the area. Corona and its surrounding cities have become prospering suburban areas. These cities are **not** (and should not agree to become) "mining towns". There is plenty of undeveloped land deep in the heart of the state that is far better suited for this type of business. The growth and progress that South Corona has made towards becoming a safe and welcoming community is something that the city and its residents are proud of. Unfortunately, **RRM's invasive and often out-of-compliance methods of mining have created an eye-sore in our city that has simultaneously produced lasting damage to the landscape, air quality, environment, and biodiversity.**

RRM produces **mining blasts** that are often much stronger than legally allowed (they are acutely aware of when they are being surveyed and adjust the power of their blasts accordingly). These man-made earthquakes often measure at a **magnitude of 2.0 or higher** and have created significant damage to the surrounding properties in the form of **slab leaks**, **slab damage**, **and structural damage**.

There is also **noticeable damage to the surrounding streets and highways** due to the onslaught of big-rig vehicles coming in and out of the quarry at all times of the day and night. There are piles of **loose rocks littering our city streets** because the trucks do not secure their containers appropriately. Additionally, the disproportionate number of trucks needing to use Cajalco and the 15 Fwy has significantly **increased the amount of traffic** in our city. And equally concerning is the negligence shown by the truck drivers who **regularly run red lights, at high speeds**, through the intersection of Cajalco and Temescal Canyon Road, posing a serious safety risk to the residents of the city.

There are hazardous health effects and significant conservation concerns that need to be taken into account, as well. The dust and debris that is produced by both the mining process and subsequent transportation of dirt has had devastating effects on the health of many residents who suffer from asthma and other respiratory conditions. Furthermore, the wildlife in the surrounding hills has been severely affected due to the disruptions in their habitat, resulting in their risk of eradication, and in some unfortunate cases, their extinction.

It is imperative that the county put the safety and well-being of its residents (human, flora, and fauna) at the top of their priority list rather than choosing to support an environmentally destructive business whose only concern is to further increase its profits. RRM certainly has the funding to create a legal headache for the county, but the county's residents, who do *not* have the influence or funding, *need* the county to fight on their behalf. We beg this of you.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns.

Sincerely,



Rachel Fieldhouse

Educator (M.S.Ed) & Realtor Corona High School | Reason Real Estate

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From: dkex34@yahoo.com

Sent: Monday, February 20, 2023 9:16 PM

To: COB

Subject: STOP THE ROBERTSON'S QUARRY EXPANSION!!!

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To whom this may concern,

We are writing this to get the expansion of the ROBERTSONS quarry in corona, ca behind dos Lagos halted. We live in temescal heights behind this disaster and it's absolutely ridiculous what it does to this community. We have had multiple interior and exterior wall cracks repaired caused by the shaking of the blasts. Our backyard is destroyed by dust on a weekly basis. If we wash out cars on a Monday it has to be done again on Wednesday due to the overwhelming amount of dust. We are amazed they get away with this. Expanding isn't going to help it's going to be a bigger eye sore from the freeway. Bring home values down and cause more damage to our houses and vehicles.

PLEASE STOP THR EXPANSION of the Robertson quarry in corona behind dos Lagos.

Sincerely,

Daniel Eckardt

Temescal Heights Resident

From: Michael Bognacki <mbognacki@att.net> Sent: Monday, February 20, 2023 3:31 PM

To: COB < COB@RIVCO.ORG>

Subject: Robertson's Ready Mix Vesting Rights Determination Request

Feb 20, 2023

Clerk of the Board

4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor Post Office Box 1147 Riverside, CA 92502-1147

Dear Kimberly Rector,

I am emailing you to strongly oppose the proposed expansion of the rock quarry that your board has planned off Cajalico Road near south Corona. As multi-decade resident of Riverside County, with 17 years here in Dos Lagos, Corona, I along will all the other residents of the south Corona /Temescal Valley area believe that this quarry expansion will have continued detrimental impact on the surrounding environment and the community as a whole. 18 years ago, before I put a deposit on a new house in Dos Lagos, I had a conversation directly with the developer, Ali Sahabi of SE Corp. He told me that the quarry (which was much smaller at the time) had 18 months left on a federal mining rights. With that assurance from the Dos Lagos developer himself, I put my deposit down and proceeded with the purchase. 18 years later, that quarry (now owned by Robertson's Ready Mix) is still in operation and is looking to expand. The quarry is the eyesore of the entire valley. The amount of damage that operation has caused is immense and has also been a major reason for keeping our property values down. All the homes in Dos Lagos have been damaged. The continuous blasting has caused stucco cracks, foundation cracks, broken pipes, slab leaks, and more. Even though my house itself has not yet experienced a slab leak, many of my neighbors have and this has caused homeowners insurance in the entire neighborhood to double in recent years. Besides the eye pollution and physical damage, the existing quarry operation has created horrific air quality causing respiratory issues with most all residents. Potentially causing long team health problems for the residents, even if and after they move. Thick dirt and dust everywhere, constantly, with seismic events occurring sometimes multiple times per day.

The current quarry also has been operating before sunrise and well after dark for several years now, not keeping to daylight hours operation six days a week.

The proposed expansion will result in continued and increased air pollution, noise pollution and heavy truck traffic in the area, which has already ruined the local streets and many vehicles windshields and paint. This quarry will not only continue and make worse the quality of life for residents in the vicinity of the quarry, but also continue to have negative impacts on wildlife, flora and fauna and their habitats.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to reconsider this expansion and instead work towards completely closing this quarry operations. The negative impacts on the environment and community are overwhelming. Having major quarry operations so near to high density population areas is a bad idea.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. I look forward to hearing from you about this matter in the near future.

Sincerely,

Michael Bognacki

4482 Cabot Drive Corona, CA, 92883

From: Caroline Hulshof <caroline.ctoc@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, February 20, 2023 8:37 PM

To: COB

Subject: Expansion/ Robertsons Quarry- Temescal Canyon/Cajalco

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To whom this may concern,

I live at 4446 Cabot Drive and I am 100% against this proposed expansion. Not only is this expansion a health hazard, it is also detrimental to our neighborhood. The dust from the explosions which measure on the earthquake scale multiple times a week, is contributing to our health concerns. Asthma and allergies are present and getting worse.

In addition, almost every neighbor in our community has experienced some type of leak in their home. This includes, slab leaks and/or pipe leaks. We've experienced two, which we ran through insurance. Insurance premiums have gone up significantly because of this.

For esthetic purposes for our city of Corona, this would be horrible. It already looks bad when you are east on Cajalco driving towards Temescal Canyon. Looking at a quarry and its machines is not ideal and would certainly not be ideal looking at a quarry 7 times larger.

Regards,

Caroline Hulshof 4446 Cabot Drive Corona 92883 951-818-2332 From: Brad Rippe <bri>
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2023 12:29 PM

To: COB < COB@RIVCO.ORG>

Subject: Robertson's Ready Mix Vesting Rights Determination Request

Brad Rippe 4467 Cabot Drive Corona, CA, 92883 2/20/2023

Clerk of the Board 4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor Post Office Box 1147 Riverside, CA 92502-1147

Dear Kimberly Rector,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed expansion of the rock quarry that your board has planned. As a concerned citizen, I believe that this expansion will have a detrimental impact on the surrounding environment and the community as a whole.

The proposed expansion will result in increased noise levels, air pollution, and heavy truck traffic in the area. This will not only affect the quality of life for residents in the vicinity of the quarry, but also have negative impacts on wildlife and their habitats.

In addition, the expansion could potentially compromise the integrity of the local water runoff and groundwater, which is vital for maintaining the health of the local ecosystem. This is of particular concern given the fragile nature of the environment in the area that includes the California Poppies and the California Coyotes.

Further, I'd like to express my concern for the amount of air pollution that is absorbed by the local residents in surrounding communities, the noise we endure from the quarry's consistent blasting, and an unusual amount of slab leaks in our community of Temescal Heights. In some cases residents have experienced multiple slab leaks which are costing residents time and money to make repairs to the damage that is caused to our homes from the constant shaking of the ground.

I urge you to reconsider this expansion and instead work towards sustainable and responsible quarrying practices that minimize negative impacts on the environment and community. Alternatives such as relocation, reducing operations, or finding new sources of construction materials should be explored.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. I look forward to hearing from you about this matter.

Sincerely,

Brad Rippe

From:

Janice Takada < JTakada@247hotels.com>

Sent:

Friday, February 10, 2023 10:32 AM

To:

Edgington, Darren

Cc:

COB; jtakada@netzero.com

Subject:

Robertson Ready Mix Mining Proposal

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Good Morning,

Pursuant to my voice message, I would like to clarify the boundaries of the proposed project. The map provided illustrates the area with arrows and does not show a definite boundary. This is of concern to me, as my family owns property on the opposite side of Cajalco Road from the present Robertson facility.

Your assistance will be very much appreciated.

Kind Regards,

Janice Takada Sales Manager Hampton Inn & Suites Ontario

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From:

della sewell <dellagate@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, February 8, 2023 1:43 PM

To:

COB

Subject:

Notice I received

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I am writing to oppose the request to mine in the Cajalco, dos Lagos Golf course area. I am a home owner whose back yard backs into the golf course. We have had several problems and damages to our home due to the current mining which include a \$10,000 bill due to broken water pipes. There are several cracks in concrete due to mining in this area, not to mention the monthly earthquakelike activity. If they continue to mine in this area it would be disastrous not to mention unhealthy for home owners. I plead with you to not grant their request. Respectfully, Della Sewell

From: Bob Schuch <Bob@BuysurplusIT.com>

Sent: Friday, February 17, 2023 11:34 AM

To: COB

Subject: Vesting rights determination request for RRM

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Clerk of the Board/Darren Edgington

We are original homeowners at Dos Lagos and have had to tolerate and endure RRM's mining business for 16 years. The mines blasts have cracked our concrete, stucco, pipes and have caused considerable damage to our homes, The constant dirt we breath in, the construction noise around the clock is nonstop. It was never brought to our attention when we purchased our home that this could possibly expand, let alone to 792 acres. This is completely absurd to even begin to think that the county would even consider this unless their pockets are getting greased. Otherwise, you would have to be fools to allow this to happen. What happen to the protection of the kangaroo rat. The tax paying public has been banned from even using or hiking on this land for the last ten years for the sake of protecting the kangaroo rat along with other species. Once again the wool was pulled over our eyes. We vehemently oppose any expansion of this mine it all its form. The county needs to find other resources as we are already getting screwed on our property taxes and now this. Perhaps RRM should offer to purchase any original homeowner's home for 150% of it's value? As homeowners why shouldn't we share in some of the mine's fortune, Not just RRM and the County of Riverside.

Original homeowner in Dos Lagos

From: Michele Haefner <michele_m323@msn.com>

Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 8:38 PM

To: COB < COB@RIVCO.ORG>

Subject: Potential Mining Expansion from 132 to 792 acres

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a life-long resident of Corona. My family moved here when I was five in 1975. It was a small, quaint town with endless rows of orange trees and palm trees lining every street. It was surrounded by mountains and lovely rolling hills.

As the years passed, I have watched many of Corona's lovely attributes fade away. The trees have been removed, and the surrounding hills have been carved into ugly, scarred terraces. The view from many residents' homes has been destroyed, and their property values have been affected. From many vantage points, Corona looks like an old mining town. It's tragic, and it should never have been allowed to occur.

Now Robertson's wishes to expand their mining operation from 132 acres to 792 acres. This can only exacerbate the many issues that already plague Corona due to this company's mining operations. The air quality in Corona has been negatively impacted due to the mining operations and the endless line of trucks traveling on the streets of Corona and on the 15 Freeway. Dust can frequently be seen rising from their operations and drifting over the area. Many residents have complained about the dust in the air from the operations making solar power for their homes impractical and causing asthma and breathing problems for their family members as well.

Traffic is already severely impacted by the continuous stream of trucks traveling back and forth to the mining area. Increasing the mining operation will only serve to make the traffic congestion that much more severe. The 15 freeway's congestion already negatively affects the residents and families of our city and surrounding areas. Why would we, as residents of this area, allow it to become even worse?

Additionally, as a state that is entrenched in a major drought, the use of water for dust control is a major concern. An operation of such an immense size would definitely require a large amount of water, which our region really can't afford to waste. Residents are also raising questions regarding the safety and protection of our current groundwater supplies.

Lastly, Robertson's is a for-profit company, not a government agency. Therefore, we are allowing the profits of a privately owned company to come before the needs of the residents of the city they wish to further infiltrate. Why should their financial benefit be allowed to further disrupt and destroy what was once a beautiful city? We, as residents, say that they shouldn't. A much closer look needs to be taken at the significant, irreparable harm this private company has done, and will continue to do, to Corona.

I appreciate the opportunity to voice my concerns regarding this most alarming issue. Thank you.

Sincerely, Michele Massey Haefner