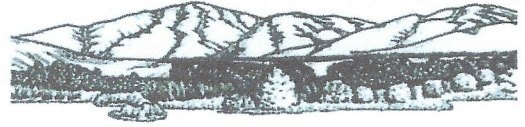


SPRING VALLEY COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

P.O. Box 1637, Spring Valley, CA 91979-1637



January 16, 2022

From: Spring Valley Community Planning Group

Re: Opposition to the Proposed Cottonwood Sand Mining Project

At the regularly noticed meeting of January 11, 2022, the elected members of the Spring Valley Community Planning Group (SVCPG) voted to oppose the proposed Cottonwood Sand Mining Project.

Although the Cottonwood Sand Mining Project is not within our planning area, the project has the potential for increased traffic congestion on Jamacha Blvd and State Route 94 caused by frequent sand truck trips throughout the week. The additional noise from this project on these and adjacent roads and the project's trucks potentially damaging the local roads are significant factors that could harm local communities for many years to come.

The resulting excavated pit from the mine could produce significant environmental impact to wildlife, erosion to the Sweetwater River effecting water quality downstream, operational noise and dust disrupting wildlife well beyond the immediate project area, and other environmental concerns. Local air quality could significantly deteriorate and the resulting pit may require massive remediation for years after the project is complete, with potentially little guarantee that the scarred watershed would not be permanently damaged.

The Spring Valley Community Planning Group unanimously opposes this project.

Sincerely,

Tim Snyder, Chair
Spring Valley Community Planning Group