

ROSEMARY'S MOUNTAIN QUARRY

Monthly Facilitated Dialogue

September 3, 2008

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Rancho Monserate Clubhouse

MINUTES

Neutral Facilitators: Susan Garrett, Dennis Sharp and Gail Nugent of Sharp Resolutions

The meeting began with a brief overview by Gail Nugent of Sharp Resolutions (neutral facilitators) regarding what has occurred since February 2008. Each monthly dialogue begins with an overview to provide background to those new to the dialogues.

Then, Susan Garrett facilitated a discussion regarding how to increase community participation in the dialogues. Rachel Bishop volunteered to help promote the dialogues and disseminate information to the Rice Canyon residents. Also, the group agreed that an independent community-based website should be considered so that information regarding the Rosemary's Mountain Quarry dialogues, public information meetings, working groups and other quarry-related information can be made available to the community. Ms. Garrett will follow up with the group to solicit help with creating this website. Anyone interested in assisting with this effort is requested to contact Sharp Resolutions.

Next, there was an overview of the meeting of the Dust Monitoring Working Group on August 19th by facilitator Dennis Sharp and participants from the Working Group. It was reported that during the August working session air experts from Tracer Environmental Services and Kleinfelder answered questions relevant to the development of a dust monitoring system and plan. The Working Group, which is made up of community members and Granite

representatives, are working to develop a monitoring system and written plan to monitor the various forms of dust created by the quarry (crystalline silica particulates, the chemical toluene from the asphalt plant and fugitive dust). The Working Group is focusing on the development of a plan that addresses the concerns of the community utilizing an independent, trustworthy and experienced company to measure the impact of the quarry on the health of residents. A draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for independent monitoring contractors to bid on the work will be drafted by Granite Construction Company and circulated to everyone on the monthly dialogue email list; the Working Group requests that the community provide comments and feedback regarding this document to Sharp Resolutions who will forward them to the Working Group. The Working Group will report on their progress in revising the draft RFP at the next dialogue meeting in October.

Next, Mark Phelan, Project Manager with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) provided an overview of the plans for the 58 miles of the Highway 76 corridor from Oceanside to just east of Rosemary's Mountain Quarry. Also present at the meeting from Caltrans was Rahim Akhondzadeh, the Resident Engineer for the quarry portion of the Highway 76 modifications. Mr. Phelan explained that planning for new highways and freeways starts with the development by Caltrans of a Transportation Concept Report that projects the traffic infrastructure needs for the upcoming 20 year period (with updates every 2 years). This analysis includes a review of the potential development in the area as provided by the county.

Mr. Phelan then addressed the community's questions (in bold and captured from previous meetings):

1. What is the current plan for the highway?

There are 3 phases of modifications to Highway 76 currently in construction, planning or development. The quarry portion is currently under construction. The other 2 phases are: (1) from Melrose to South Mission which is set to begin construction in 2010. This project is fully funded (at a cost of approximately \$615 million) for 11 miles of road; (2)

from South Mission to I-15 which is set to be completed by 2014. In October 2008 (no specific date was known), there will be a public meeting regarding the South Mission to I-15 phase and the public is invited to attend and view the proposed changes (more information regarding this meeting and the proposed road construction at website is set out at the end of these questions).

Regarding how Caltrans generally develops highway and freeway projects, Mr. Phelan explained that when new private development is being proposed (such as the quarry), the plans must be approved by the county in which new or enhanced roadways may be needed, in this case the County of San Diego. The County then contacts Caltrans to find out how the development will impact traffic and transportation. At this point, Caltrans makes recommendations for actions which a developer needs to take to mitigate the effects of its project. Caltrans worked with Granite for 6 years in developing I-76 modifications for the portion from the quarry to I-15. Granite is required to make the changes mandated by Caltrans following these discussions.

Additionally, the County has reached an agreement with the Pala and Pauma Reservations to provide additional improvements (in the range of \$20 million) from Rice Canyon Road to Valley Center Road. These will consist of operational improvements only and the highway will remain two lanes in this stretch.

2. How can traffic patterns be improved on the off ramps of I -15?

Caltrans determined that the current configurations of the off-ramps (south and north bound) are adequate to handle the anticipated additional traffic, including when the quarry becomes fully operational. A potential expansion of the bridge to 6 lanes is being considered to help the flow of traffic through the intersection.

3. Has the design of the realignment of Highway 76 considered the long term impact of the quarry and the other community developments?

Yes, Caltrans has taken the quarry and all of the traffic it will generate when it becomes fully operational into account as well as all currently proposed development in the area.

4. Do the specifications for the highway address the load weight of all of the trucks?

Yes, when designing the modification to Highway 76, like any highway, Caltrans is required in the design to take into account the full load weights and the number of trucks and other vehicles before it can approve the plans.

5. Can Cal Trans review the traffic study?

Yes, Cal Trans does review traffic studies when warranted.

Both Caltrans representatives are available to answer other questions not raised at this dialogue or to provide further information. Mr. Phelan may be contacted at 619-688-6803 and Mr. Akhondzadeh at 858-688-1318.

Information regarding the Highway 76 improvements may be found at www.keepsandiegomoving.com under the tab for Highway 76.

Next, it was suggested that trucks be required to be tarped, which is not required by the State of California. Gary Nolan reported to the group that Granite Construction cannot require the tarping of the trucks leaving the quarry, but they do attempt to work with reputable customers that routinely tarp their trucks.

Mr. Nolan added that Granite cannot fill trucks beyond 6-8 inches of the top and they will be using automated loaders that provide an even dispensing of the product followed by a spray of a mist of fog over the top. It was discussed that the trucks be required to display a phone number in case of window breakage. It was agreed that discussion regarding the issue of

tarping needs to be continued at a future meeting.

Lastly, Chris Kiser distributed an article on safety and explosives and another article on a quarry's operation in Utah.

**The next monthly dialogue meeting will be held
On Wednesday, October 1, 2008 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
at Rancho Monserate Country Club.**

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