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May 21, 1998

Laura Stein
Mid-Coast Community Council
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Dear Ms. Stein:

I am writing regarding a recent request by the Pilarcitos Quarry to alleviate truck traffic impacts until CalTrans has completed its work on Highway 92. I am referring this request to the City of Half Moon Bay and the Mid-Coast Community Council for the purposes of getting feedback regarding the quarry's proposal as well as suggested mitigations before the County responds. County staff believes the quarry's proposal would benefit the overall daytime traffic impacts while CalTrans is completing their work on Highway 92. I would appreciate it if you could respond by June 11, 1998. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 650/363-1823.

Sincerely,

Samuel Herzberg
Project Planner

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cc: Paul Koenig, Director of Environmental Services
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May 12, 1998

Mr. Terry Burnes, Planning Director
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Re: Pilarcitos Quarry (SMP 84-1, CDP 84-83)


Dear Mr. Burnes:

This will confirm that we have adjusted the truck release procedures at the Pilarcitos Quarry so that the required spacing between trucks is now measured at the time a truck enters the eastbound travel lane on Highway 92 rather than at the time each truck is allowed past our on-site stop sign. We expect that this will increase to 6 or 8 minutes the interval at which any one truck can actually enter the roadway during heavy commute times.

CalTrans is continuing its project of widening and adding passing lanes on Highway 92 eastbound from Half Moon Bay to the summit. However, the project is not expected to be completed until later this year and the general public has grown exceedingly weary of continuing traffic delays. We are aware that some commuters view trucks as the reason for their delays. The focus on quarry truck traffic, in particular, has reached emergency proportions. Accordingly, we request that you provide written approval to implement the following measures in the context of an emergency until the CalTrans project is completed:

1. We propose to begin shipping as early as 5:30 a.m., when possible, in order to get the first group of trucks out before the main part of the commute begins.
2. We propose to ship at night for the grade-crossing project (Harbor, Ralston, Holly) in order to avoid conflicts with both the Highway 92 and Bayside commutes.
3. We propose to ship on Saturdays, from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., when possible, in order to reduce the pressure to ship during the weekday commute. We will coordinate with Half Moon Bay to avoid days that might conflict with any community festival or special event.

Sincerely,


Richard O. DeAtley
General Manager