From: Charley Mitchell
To: Tatiana Burgess

Subject: Hearing for Proposed mining project

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Hello Tatiana,

Ben Mitchell here representing Agreserves (treasure valley farms). I would like to give some of our concerns our farm has for the proposal. If given the opportunity I would like to add a few words in opposition to the mining project tonight. I will be present at the meeting but if there's not sufficient time to speak I'd like to add our concerns to the project.

Agreserves (Treasure Valley Farms) have discussed our concerns and reasons in objection to the proposed mining and wanted to share them with you all.

- 1. Open canal shown in section 1 is not lined. Water seepage will occur around the canal with digging.
- 2. Canal crossings may not be rated/built to withstand heavy equipment and trucks.
- 3. Mining right up to the canal would degrade its integrity.
- 4. Underground pipe in section 2 is not deep. We are concerned about heavy equipment/trucks over the top.

Our whole operation depends on the water we get from that pipeline and canal. If something happens in the span of the 7 months of irrigation in a year it can be detrimental to our crops growing and yield.

I would add that we need to also take into account the opinions and concerns of our neighbors and the direct impact it will have on them as well.

Thank you!

Ben Mitchell