

TO THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RE FAST TRACKING THE EXPANSION OF THE HARRIS QUARRY AND BUILDING AN ASPHALT PLANT AT THIS LOCATION. June 16, 2019.

I am a 3 year resident of Golden Rule Mobile Village on Ridgewood Ranch. Our senior mobile home park has been fighting expansion of the Harris Quarry and building an asphalt plant at this location for 14 years with the help of Keep The Code.

This is the reason we do not have an asphalt plant to add to the problems we already have with the Harris Quarry....dust, noise, explosions, traffic, lack of enforcement by the Mendocino County of environmental permits or regulations including over extraction of quarry materials.

We do not want expansion of the Harris Quarry or construction of an asphalt plant at the Harris Quarry site. This land is zoned Rangeland, and the Mendocino County Zoning Code does not permit construction of Asphalt Plants on Rangeland. Asphalt plants need to be built on land zoned for Industrial uses. Northern Aggregates has 3 local businesses in Willits, which are appropriately sited on land zoned Industrial. These sites should be considered as potential building sites for their asphalt plant.

They are located on Cropley Lane west of Willits with access to Hwy 20 in an flat industrially zoned area which also sites other local industrial businesses including : The Willits Solid Waste Plant, a Towing and Auto wrecking service, commercial storage units, and flat open space to serve as a buffer zone to mitigate potential conflicts with residential, commercial or rangeland programs.

During the last court battle we had with Northern Aggregates they were denied a permit, and told to seek other appropriate sites for the Asphalt Plant.

Northern Aggregates has chosen to ignore the Court recommendation and to rush through this self-serving and ill advised, ' Urgent, Emergency ' application. There is no emergency. This is a con job and we do not buy it. There are 300 people living or working on Ridgewood Ranch. Their previous testimony is on record in your files stating opposition to this expansion of Harris Quarry, or construction of an Asphalt plant at the Quarry.

The residents who rely on Black Bart Road as their only emergency exit to Hwy 101 have told the Supervisors previously do not want this for traffic and safety reasons. This is in your records of public testimony. Have you considered how they will be affected ? There are 360 residents relying on this road.

Ridgewood Ranch provides education, employment, tourism, unpolluted watershed, services for the handicapped, residences for seniors, organic gardens, orchards, rangelands, nature tours, Heritage sites, Land trusts, stream reclamation, vocational training, and fire protection to its residents and the Little lake fire district.

Ridgewood Ranch and Church of the Golden Rule programs include the La Vida K-12 Charter School, the Therapeutic Horseback Riding program for mentally and physically handicapped children and adults, the Seabiscuit Heritage

Foundation tours, the Adaptive Agriculture Farm School, the Organic Intensive Garden training program, and the new 23 unit assisted living program for frail elderly targeted to begin construction in November 2019 at the corner of Black Bart Road and Hwy 101, at the location of the now defunct motel and restaurant across the street from the proposed site asphalt site.

All are incompatible with an Asphalt Plant at the Harris Quarry site. Please consider the concerns of all citizens of Mendocino County in your job as our representative. We rely on you to look at all sides of decisions that will affect us now and in the future. Supervisors need to rely on the Planning Commission, the Zoning laws, participation of people who will be affected by your decisions.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this request. I hope you will vote to deny this 'Original Jurisdiction of Land Use Application'.

We are Douglas and Chela Pollard, 3 year residents of Mendocino County, 14 year resident of: Golden Rule Mobile Village, Ridgewood Ranch, Willits, CA.