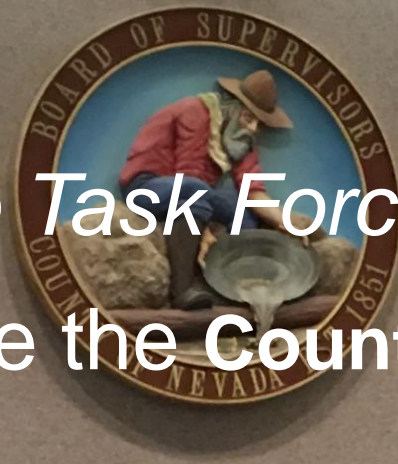


Justice Night

Sept. 27, 6:00 pm

The Stop the Mine Task Force Public Forum

Top Goal: Influence the County Planning Commission



Danny Milman Laura Duncan William Greeno Mike Mastrodonato Robert Ingram



Nevada County Planning Commission



Anyone can sit here for public comment

950 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City

Introduction



Jim Bair

**Leader, Stop the Mine Task Force
Justice Committee**

***Unitarian Universalist Community of the
Mountains (UUCM)***

Agenda for tonight

- 6 pm Jim Bair, Moderator: 5 minutes each panelist; then attendee questions.

We are on TV, Zoomed and recorded. 3 Exits.

- 6:05 Chris Newsom, MD
- 6: 10 Jeff Kane, MD
- 6: 15 John Vaughan, CIO
- 6: 20 Sharon Delgado, Reverend
- 6: 25 Tim Ogburn, CMO
- 6: 30 Questions -- less than “3 minutes” – for the panelists
 - Wait for the mic!

Update











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- DEIR has been sent to Sacramento consultants to respond to “every” Comment
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DEIR (Draft Environmental Impact Report) public Comments Database

Files Currently on the Disc (10)

2853

 Agency Comment Letters	15
 <u>Form Letter A (Unitarian) Comment Letters</u>	40
 <u>Form Letter B (Not Unitarian) Comment Letters</u>	319
 <u>Form Letter C (Subject Line Only) Comment Letters</u>	54
 Form Letter C Comment Letters	340*
 <u>Form Letter D Comment Letters</u>	14
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IMM Project Support Cards (1132)

I support re-opening the Idaho-Maryland Mine

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Name(s) _____

Address _____ **ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS** _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ **111 Bank Street #208** _____

Email Address _____ **Grass Valley, CA 95945** _____

Support Form Letter C (54)

- All exact same wording
- Sender works for Rise Gold Mine
- From Huntington Beach, CA

From: [Jarryd Gonzales](#)
To: [Matt Kelley](#)
Subject: I support the re-opening of the Idaho-Maryland Mine
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 7:59:23 PM

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Sincerely,
Jarryd Gonzales
jarrydgonzales@yahoo.com
17011 Beach blvd. #900 Huntington Beach, CA 92647 Constituent
This contact information has been verified

Duplicate Form Letter

- **Stuffing** by contractor
in Wash. D.C.
Oneclickpolitics.com
- 340 in database,
Many duplicates and
triplicates

Elijah Bloom

From: Jarryd Gonzales <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>
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Fake email

- From No Mine but Subject changed to “support mine”!
- Many individuals

All in the database

From: [No Mine!](#)
To: [bdofsupervisors](#)
Subject: I support the re-opening of the Idaho-Maryland Mine
Date: Friday, February 11, 2022 8:27:11 AM

Dist 1

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Re: I support the re-opening of the Idaho-Maryland Mine

Dear Board of Supervisors County,

Sincerely,

No Mine!

jreynoldsbotany@aol.com

14201 Idaho Maryland Road Nevada City, CA 95959

Chris Newsom, MD

Community Leader

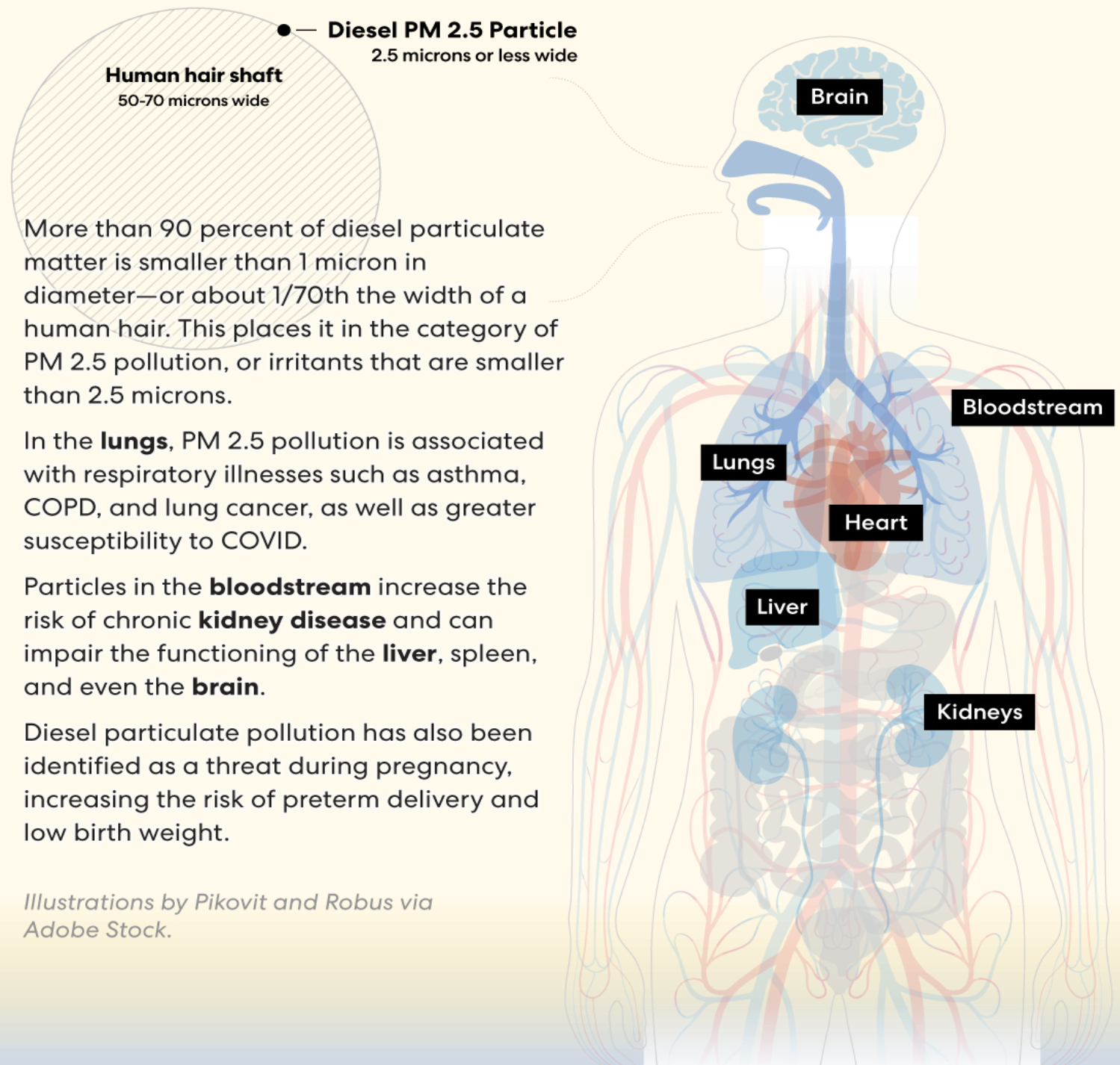
POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH
EFFECTS OF ACTIVATING THE
IDAHO-MARYLAND MINE

2019 COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

	NEVADA CO.	STATE OF CA	
MORTALITY-C.L.D. (chr. lung disease)	69/ 100K annual	35/100K annual	
ASTHMA prevalence	12% (15.4% Trkee)	8.7%	
MORTALITY-Ht. Dis.	224/100K annual	157/100K annual	

Diesel: An Assault On the Entire Body

Particulate matter isn't made up of any one chemical or compound. It is instead a "mixture of mixtures," in the words of the EPA.



Illustrations by Pikovit and Robus via Adobe Stock.

POSSIBLE MINE MITIGATION STRATEGIES:

Proposed:

- Tier 4 Diesel Engines (regulate the amt of Particulate Matter and NO₂ gas that can be emitted)
- Filters on the mine ventilation fan(s) for the smallest particles
- Keep the mine dust wetted down
- Rinsing truck tires before leaving the work sites
- Tarps to cover extracted material

“Will they work?”

2019 Community Health Needs Assessment

	Nevada County	State of CA
Depression	26.8%	19.2%
Suicide Mort. Rate	20.22/100K annual	10.78/100K annual
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Potential Psycho-Social Risks:

Increased anxiety over
property values

Increased anxiety over
de-watering of wells

Increased frustration
and depression over
noise

Increased frustration
and depression over
worsening of respiratory
status of self and loved
ones

Decreased pride and
cohesiveness in
community

Frustration that little to
no economic return will
come to the community

CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

- “ Section 41700 of the CA Health and safety Code states that a person must not discharge from any source whatsoever quantities of air contaminants or other material that cause injury, detriment, nuisance, or annoyance to any considerable number of persons or to the public; or that endanger the comfort, repose, health or safety of any of those persons or the public; or that cause or have a natural tendency to cause, injury or damage to business or property. Section 41700 also applies to sources of objectionable odors.”

Jeff Kane, MD

Concerned Citizens Roundtable

MITIGATED DAILY AIRBORNE EMISSIONS

DEIR TABLE 4.3-19, P. 366

YEAR 1 OF OPERATION

Reactive organic gas (ROG)	8.50 lb/day
Oxides of nitrogen (NOX)	35.82
Carbon monoxide (CO)	90.46
Oxide of sulfur (SOX)	0.28
Particulates <10 microns (PM10)	13.23
<u>Particulates <2.5 microns (PM2.5)</u>	<u>4.87</u>
Total airborne toxins and carcinogens:	108.84 lb/day

YEAR 1	108.84 lb/day X 300 days	=	32,652 lb
YEAR 2-6	341.61 lb/day X 300 days X 5 years	=	512,415 lb
YEAR 7-12	332.4 lb/day X 300 days X 6 years	=	598,320 lb
YEAR 13-80	292.83 lb/day X 300 days X 68 years	=	5,973,732 lb

Total airborne toxins and carcinogens, 80-year project:
7,117,119 lb = 3600 tons

Note: Does not include emissions generated in post-mining reclamation, 200,000 annual minutes of diesel idling, or greenhouse gases.

John Vaughan, CEO

Grass Valley Group, Pride Industries, etc.

Rise Gold “Economics 101”

- 1) Economic studies often present an incomplete picture.**
- 2) The modeling software used in the Rise study is frequently used.**
- 3) The Rise study and the County’s independent study (RDN) use the same software.**
- 4) I am not saying the County did anything wrong in selecting RDN.**
- 5) The software is broadly used in the industry and RDN has an excellent reputation.**
- 6) People need to know how the software impacts what the studies show.**

Key Economic Software Issues

- 1) The software is designed to make project proposals look good.**
- 2) The software is designed NOT to show economic risk.**
- 3) The software has a bias towards applicants.**
- 4) By design, the outcomes are always positive.**
- 5) “Indirect jobs” may be part-time and full-time jobs.**
- 6) Revenue and other economic benefits are all treated as if they were “Spent” in Nevada County.**
- 7) In reality a large percentage of revenue and benefits will NOT be “Spent” in Nevada County.**

**“In Nevada County” means dollars that are
“Generated” in Nevada County.
It does not mean “Spent” in Nevada County.**

**FIGURE 6
TOTAL ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE IDAHO-MARYLAND MINE
IN NEVADA COUNTY**

	Output	Jobs	Labor Income
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**FIGURE 6 includes at least ~\$55million in spending
that DOES NOT STAY IN NEVADA COUNTY**

**Note: there is at least another \$50million in other parts
of the economic plan that does not stay in Nevada County**

Total Annual Economic Impact	<u>\$211,301,000</u>	612	\$50,834,000
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Rise Economic Plan is Misleading & Inaccurate

- 1) Revenue (\$159million) based on historical models from the 1940's and 1950's.**
- 2) “In Nevada County” does not mean \$'s are spent in Nevada County.**
- 3) “Supplier Spending” of \$12.5 million “In Nevada County” is overstated by at least half.**
- 4) Claim of 300 “Indirect jobs” and associated benefits are overstated, again by probably half.**
- 5) Projected Total Annual Economic Impact “In Nevada County” represent dollars “Generated” in Nevada County but are overstated by at least half.**

Benefit vs. Risk

Sound Economic Analysis

SEEN

Revenues
associated with
the Project

Jobs and some
downstream
benefits from
local spending

Economic Modeling
Software is
specifically designed
to show Benefits

UNSEEN

Cost, Risk,
Opportunity
Cost, Diminishing
Returns, Value of
alternate uses

- Overnight impact, e.g. Siskon Mine
- Increased County costs (poverty wages)
- Variability of the price of Gold
 - Cost controls and layoffs
- Trustworthiness of RYES
- Cost of Bonds and Mitigations
- Liability insurance & Legal costs
- Climate change not included in models
- Loss of County Control
 - Who's in charge
 - 312 people out of work
 - \$50M loss (assuming #'s from Rise advertising)
- Water availability
- Air & water quality
- Property values
- Diesel emissions threshold
- Carbon offsets

Economic Modeling
Software is
specifically designed
NOT TO SHOW
Risk and Cost

Sharon Delgado, Reverend

Earth Justice Ministries

Fake email to County

- My name on 3 emails supporting the Mine!
- How many?...

From: [Sharon and Guari Delgado](#)
To: [Matt Kelley](#)
Subject: I support the re-opening of the Idaho-Maryland Mine
Date: Friday, February 11, 2022 8:26:41 AM

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Sincerely,
Sharon and Guari Delgado
sharondelgado@earth-justice.org
11328 Red Dog Road Nevada City, CA 95959 Constituent

Tim Ogburn, CMO

Concerned Citizens Roundtable

Actions to take now

- Attend Nevada County Planning Commission Meetings to support our speakers
- Speak in the 3 min. comment period at Planning Commission meetings
 - “I am against approving the DEIR (Findings and Recommendations from the Planning Dept.)
 - Recirculate the DEIR because there are too many unmitigable negative impacts
 - “just show up and sit in the chamber to support those who speak... and/or after a speaker, go up and say you agree with what was just said/presented and I am against the reopening of the mine.”

Contact your Planning Commissioner:

Find your Supervisor:

Heidi Hall

Ed Scofield

Hardy Bullock

Sue Hoek

Dan Miller

Your Planning Commissioner:

Danny Milman

Laura Duncan

William Greeno

Mike Mastrodonato

Robert Ingram

Addresses for County Officials:

<https://www.uugrassvalley.org/justice/stop-the-mine-task-force/>

Anyone can sit here for public comment

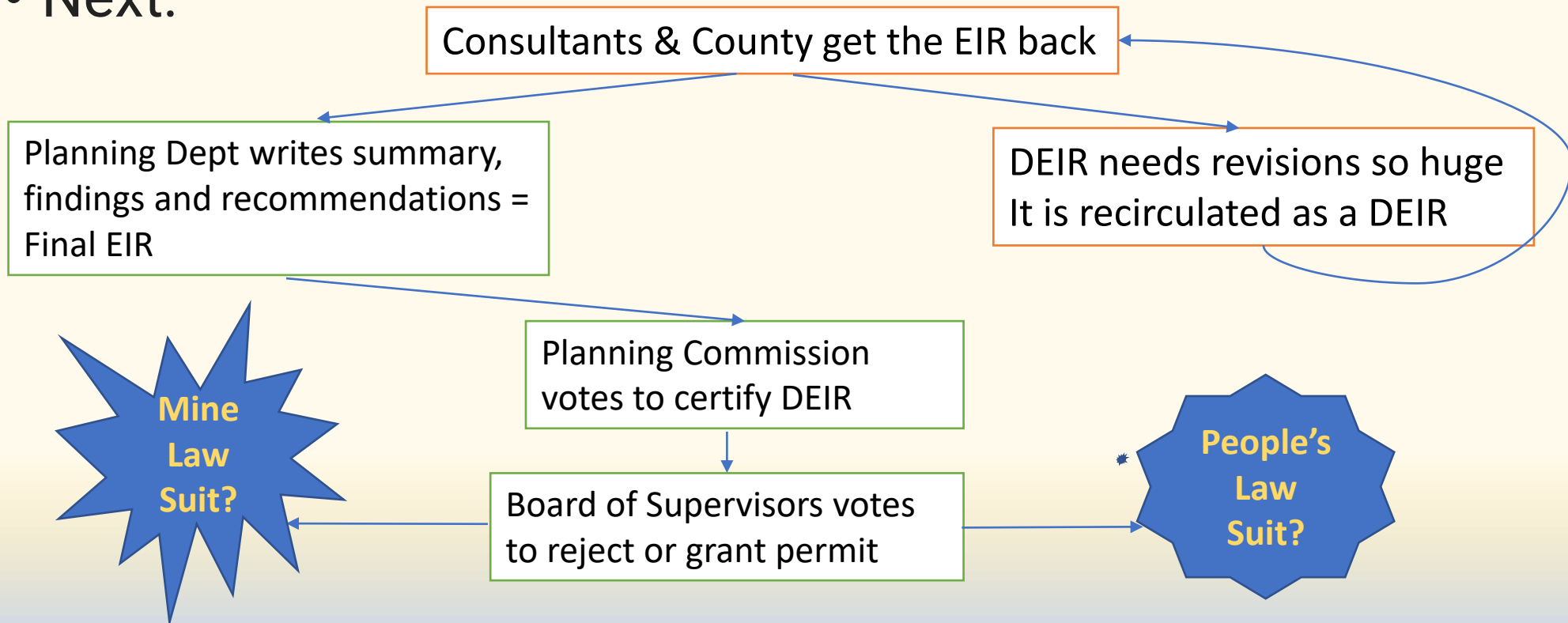
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On the way to the Forum -- thanks!

- The Justice Team: especially **Bob Miller** (audio-visual setup and operation!), **Keith Johnson** (setup and management) (co-Chairs of Justice Cte.)
- The Stop the Mine Task Force, especially **Kathy Ogburn**, Steve Temple, Marion Blair, Anita Wald Tuttle, Gail Johnson Vaughn
- The Panelists
- Sponsors: Elders Action Network of the Foothills, Earth Justice Ministries, Concerned Citizens Roundtable (especially Jeff Kane, Tim Ogburn and Rondal Snodgrass), and UUCM Stop the Mine Task Force.
- UUCM staff: Reverend Kevin Tarsa, Carol Fulkerson, Mary Lindsay
- All the many UUCM potluck contributors
- Laurie Bell
- Carra Wasalewski (FB social media)
- Supporters: Briar Patch, Communal Coffee, Peaceful Valley, SPD, (they accepted flyers for their location bulletin boards), KNCO, The Union, Jonathan Keehn, Wolf Creek Community Alliance
- Individual supporters: Bill Lawrence, Rondal Snodgrass

Appendix Update

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- DEIR has been sent to the originators (Sacramento consultants) to respond to “every” Comment
- Next:



Appendix: Background

- **Rise Gold Corp. (RYES) – SEC FORM 10-Q | Quarterly Report**

- 1) County planning staff and Raney prepare a Draft EIR (Completed on January 4, 2022);
 - 2) Draft EIR is published for public comment; (Completed on April 4, 2022)
 - 3) Raney publishes a Final EIR which includes responses to public comments on the Draft EIR; and
 - 4) County decision makers review the Final EIR, certify the environmental document and consider approval of the Use Permit and Reclamation Plan at a public hearing.
- “Approximately 300 employees would be required **if** the mine reaches full production.”

SEC info link:

<https://seekingalpha.com/filing/6515845>

Appendix: Computer Emails from Suspicious Persons

- 7 exact copies from John Morton, exact pro-mine content as the Rise Gold form card



John C Morton1

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John C Morton2

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