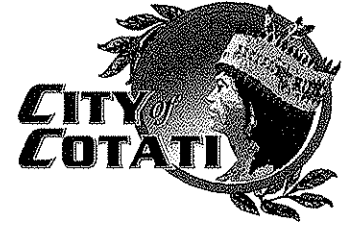


City of Cotati  
Sonoma County, California



October 4, 2010

Chairwoman Brown and Members of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors  
County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors  
575 Administration Drive, Room 100 A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
Via U.S. mail and E-mail

Re: Roblar Road Quarry Impacts and Indemnification

Dear Chairwoman Brown and Members of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors,

On September 22, 2010, the City of Cotati City Council adopted a resolution protesting the Roblar Road Quarry application. We are extremely concerned with the potential Quarry's impacts to the citizens of Cotati.

This project is part one of several western Sonoma County commercial ventures which must utilize Cotati roads and intersections to gain access to Highway 101. The cumulative impacts from this additional traffic will create the need for infrastructure improvements (both road and green house gas emission-related) that the City of Cotati does not have the ability to fund.

The City also asks that the County require the same indemnification language for the cities of Sonoma County that it has required for itself.

Finally, the City Council also wanted me to express a concern of regional import. We are concerned about the public perception of the County in making unusual and precedent-setting modifications to an existing Open Space easement in order to facilitate a privately-owned project.

Please accept the attached resolution from the City Council of the City of Cotati.

Sincerely,

  
Robert Coleman-Senghor  
Mayor

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-58**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF COTATI PROTESTING THE LOCATION OF A  
PROPOSED ROCK QUARRY ON ROBLAR ROAD**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cotati is located less than five miles from the proposed site for a new rock quarry on Roblar Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Cotati is concerned with the cumulative impacts of locating several rock quarries, and other County industrial activities, within a very small area of Sonoma County because these businesses must pass through the City of Cotati in order to move their product to market; and

**WHEREAS**, Cotati is a small town which cannot afford the kinds of improvements necessary to alleviate the impacts to Cotati streets and air quality from a quarry and other County business operations' truck traffic; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Cotati is particularly concerned with traffic impacts to State Route 116, Old Redwood Highway, West Sierra Avenue and East Cotati Avenue within the City of Cotati. These impacts have not been adequately analyzed nor has any attempt been made to ensure that Quarry-related truck traffic will not use these streets nor have there been any requirements to mitigate to increase pedestrian safety and bicycle safety; and

**WHEREAS**, CALTRANS remains unable to make the necessary improvements to State Route 116 which would increase public safety on a known dangerous highway corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Cotati is concerned that deteriorating Traffic Levels of Service within the City of Cotati from this Project and other projects within the jurisdiction of the County of Sonoma will continue to increase public safety hazards to the citizens of Cotati, as well as to those traveling through the City of Cotati; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Cotati is concerned that Cotati will continue to see increases greenhouse gas emissions caused by uncontrolled regional truck traffic utilizing City of Cotati streets; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Roblar Road Rock Quarry is adjacent to the site of an old closed County landfill which remains unlined and uncapped to this day; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Cotati is concerned about impacts to this Landfill from Quarry Operations that could affect the local water supply of Cotati's neighbors and also leave Cotati exposed to liability due Cotati's historic use of the old Landfill.

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**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Cotati does hereby formally protest the current North Bay Construction, Inc application for a Rock Quarry to be located on Roblar Road due to unresolved impacts to the City of Cotati and Cotati's neighbors.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Cotati does hereby direct the Deputy City Clerk to transmit this resolution to Valerie Brown, Chair of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

**It is hereby certified** that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2010, by the following vote, to wit:

COLEMAN-SENGHOR	<u>Yes</u>
ORCHARD	<u>Yes</u>
GILARDI	<u>Yes</u>
HARVEY	<u>Yes</u>
LANDMAN	<u>Yes</u>

Approved:   
Robert Coleman-Senghor, Mayor

Attest:   
Tamara Taylor, Deputy City Clerk