

From: [REDACTED]
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: Rise Gold Public Comments
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 7:53:57 AM

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Julie,

Please call to confirm receipt of this letter as I have not received an email from you. [REDACTED]

Nora

*******Please include in public comment for the NEXT BOS meeting*****
(It wasn't included verbally November 10th and I was on hold for almost an hour to try and read it myself.)**

Good morning Board Members,

My name is Nora Risen and I am from District One. Thank you for hearing my concerns regarding Rise Gold Corporation and the reopening of the Idaho Maryland mine infrastructure.

One simple but vital question which looms within this community, is how will the reopening of a 24/7 goldmine operation benefit our community? We must weigh benefit against any possible risk. The Board has repeatedly heard from citizens regarding their concerns of increased noise intrusion, air pollution, reduction in real estate property values, compromise of water wells, co2 emissions, excessive energy consumption, traffic created by tons of toxic waste being trucked on public roadways, etc., all within 2 miles of our downtown center. Business commerce along the transit routes will most likely be impacted as well.

On Sept 26, 2019 the Idaho Maryland Mine's potential designation as an EPA Superfund site (along with its federal funds) was **CONDITIONALLY DEFERRED because RISE Gold entered into a "cleanup contract" with the California Department of Toxic Substance Control. This appears to be a conflict of interest to our community, when RISE's core competency is to mine gold but now has been granted sole responsibility to perform sensitive toxic waste cleanup, which they didn't create...at least not here. There is a messy**

toxic lawsuit involving Rise Gold currently being litigated in Canada.

- **Why should we entrust Rise to remove toxins from our backyard, when they left a toxic dump in their own native land?**
- **How can we be assured that Rises Gold clean-up processes will be performed to CDTSC standards and who will hold them accountable?**
- **What are the risks to our citizens, land, water and wildlife?**
- **What happens when best efforts to mitigate, fail?**

As an additional complication, Rise Gold plans to use one of the sites for disposal of 1.6 million tons of mine waste rock and toxic tailings 30 to 70 feet above current grade. The full extent of the contamination within the tailings is not yet clear.

- **When will the level of toxicity in the tailings be clarified and what processes will be set in place to protect our community as they are being moved?**

Again, I ask Board members, where is the BENEFIT to our community? We've heard possibly 70 underground mining jobs might be offered because all the technical positions are spoken for from out of area people. Our community is asking for true transparency to any hidden agendas with Rise Gold so we can weigh any benefits not brought to our attention.

As rock is blasted out of the earth beneath our feet and the gold is extracted, it leaves as profit to Rise Gold and their shareholders but our community is left with a HUGE deficit, living with all the negative impacts and UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES day to day. We have zero motivation to want Rise Gold to reopen Idaho Maryland Mine and Rise should be forced to relinquish its cleanup contract with CDTSC and return IMM to be considered a superfund designation by the EPA.

Nevada County will be Rise Gold's governing body if this mine is approved. It will be up to YOU to oversee mitigation agreements, timelines, violations, remedies and to ultimately protect us, your constituents. Please say NO to a CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND ZONING CHANGES FOR RISE GOLD Corp.

Kind Regards,

Nora Risen

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Public comment for 12/15 meeting
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Hello,

My name is Lila Frisher, and I am a homeowner and resident in District 4 in Grass Valley.

Please do not approve the re-opening of the Idaho-Maryland Mine. I am deeply concerned regarding the environmental impacts associated with gold mining. I believe in green jobs and a future outside of extractive mining. We have more sustainable options for wealth creation in this area (e.g., agriculture).

I am vehemently opposed to this as an environmentalist and a homeowner here.

Thank you,
Lila Frisher