

The Mine

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To: Anita Wald-Tuttle

Dear Board of Supervisors -

Please recirculate the DEIR as there are too many significant negative impacts that cannot be mitigated:

- massive air pollution,
- unacceptable quantities of water needed during a time of extended drought,
- noise and vibration levels way beyond state mandated levels,
- and an earthquake fault running from North to South along the western border of Grass Valley which itself is riddled with a multitude of tunnels just waiting to implode,

And not forgetting that there are probably new, more explosive materials invented since the mine was closed that are waiting to be tested under our beautiful community!!!

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Even in a world that's being shipwrecked,
remain brave and strong.

Hildegard of Bingen

Dear Supervisors, County Council and Staff,

(Happy Fall!) Here I am again with a quick update on Stop the Mine activities even in the midst of (election mayhem). For the record, I'm Jim Bair, 21 year County resident, former Planning Commissioner, and business owner in Grass Valley.

Did you see the front-page headline in The Union on Sept 28? It was, *"They [our children] will be around their whole lives breathing this toxic soup' *: Mine impacts scrutinized during public forum"*.

The headline was based on Dr. Jeff Kane's presentation on 80 years of air pollution after the Mine's mitigation measures. The news article went on to say that we had a standing -room only attendance at the Universalist Unitarian meeting hall. Attendees included government officials and community leaders.

Approximately 100 were in attendance and most stayed until 7:30 with comments and questions. Not one was for the Mine.

We have heard some questions repeatably, for example:

"Why is this project even being considered?"

"I'll certainly vote against it." (They can't).

"It violates CA State code, why isn't that a show stopper?" [Section 41700 of the CA Health and Safety Code presented by Dr. Chris Newsom]

A major action item presented was to request that the County **recirculate** the Idaho-Maryland Mine Project DEIR because there are too many significant negative impacts that cannot be mitigated to safe levels (for example, the air pollution as described by Drs. Kane and Newsom at the Forum)"

The success of the Forum pointed to overwhelming county opposition to the Mine.

Thanks, I sincerely appreciate this opportunity.

To attendees: "Raise your hand if a you are against the Mine.

[Thanks to our panelists: DR. Chris Newsom (MD), Dr. Jeff Kane (MD), John Vaughan (CIO), Reverend Sharon Delgado & Head of Earth Justice Ministry, and Tim Ogburn (retired CA State EPA), moderated by me, who all garnered very complimentary feedback, and the Task Force Teams.]

The **Forum slides**, the Mine Economic Impacts Study, and other really neat docs are on the Universalist Unitarians Web site [<https://www.uugrassvalley.org/justice/stop-the-mine-task-force/>]

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.”