

Good Morning. My name is John Vaughan. I live in District 3.

I'm going to revisit a topic from last week. I noted that the Rise Gold February 2023 Employment Details document has a number of math errors.

A few examples include:

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- The summary in Table 2 which displays 8 job categories at the mine, shows Underground Miners making \$168,000/year while the detail table (Table 3) for NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS shows them making \$113,000/year. All job categories except one are higher in the summary table than in the detail tables.
- Additionally, Total Payroll in Table 2 is wrong in all categories except one.
- For example, if you divide Total Payroll for Underground Miners by the 156 miners shown in the table, then annual salaries for Underground Miners are about \$25,000/year.
- The same process shows Geologists make \$808,000/year
- All clearly incorrect.

I suppose you could write these things off to clerical errors. But given what I've seen in Rise documents, there appears to be a consistent lack of attention to detail and a willingness to spin data vs. publishing facts. If you were a manager doing performance reviews, you would rate their performance as "Needs Improvement".

Think about what that means for regulatory reporting. Most of the regulatory reporting is "self-reporting". Lack of attention to detail and publishing supportive numbers vs. facts is a huge problem for regulatory reporting, especially given the economic study shows no extra labor costs at the County for personnel to monitor the monitors.

Think about the size of this project, with hundreds, if not thousands, of controversial issues and a serious lack of information now vs. information that is promised later.

It defies common sense and basic logic that no environmental issues and none of the negative economic impacts for families, individuals and local businesses will ever occur at any time for 80 years.

I respectfully request you Just Say NO to the Final EIR and the Rise proposal.

Thank you.

John Vaughan, 

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## Idaho Maryland Mine

Good Morning. My name is Beverly Blake and I have been a Grass Valley resident since 1997. I have been a Realtor here for over 20 years. I wanted to share with you the personal impact that the Idaho Maryland Mine has already had on my husband and myself. I am 76 and my husband, who is a retired professional Firefighter is almost 80. We purchased a home on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with several goals in mind. We planned to live in it for a number of years, improve the home and 3 acres with our own labor, and at the appropriate time, downsize and use the profit to fund our retirement. We have a beautiful home and property that we have worked hard to create our own little piece of Shangri La. We have invested hours of labor ourselves and also thousands of dollars making the property attractive and fire safe. My husband has become disabled and is no longer able to help me maintain the property. Three years ago our home insurance was cancelled and we now have to pay \$7000 a year through the Fair (or what we call the Unfair Plan). We would have liked to put the property on the market last summer, but we discovered that with the mine issue hanging over us, no one would even look at it. I have two neighbors who had their properties for sale all summer. As soon as potential buyers heard about the mine, they were no longer interested. These are both very desirable properties and would normally have sold quickly. Now they are waiting for the decision on the mine to proceed. I know that there are many other residents in our situation and we have all been put in limbo by the mine. I personally have

three clients who are waiting for your decision on the mine to decide if they are going to move to Grass Valley or Nevada City. If the mine is approved, they will move to a different foothill town. They have no interest in living in a mining community. Every Realtor I know believes that the mine will negatively affect property values in every part of Western Nevada County, not just the immediate area around the mine. The Economic Report did not include local Realtor's opinions, even though we were surveyed. I believe the probability of diminished property values and taxes would impact the county revenues far more than Rise Gold's inflated promises.

Grass Valley and Nevada City are unique in the Sierra Foothills. No one else has the vast extent of culture, music and the Arts, as well as Sierra College for undergraduate as well as adult education. It seems that every month I read in the paper about a new venue that is being developed to further expand all these resources. I know that our future and many others entirely depends on your decision about the mine. Please do the right thing and just say NO!