

From: [Clay Olson](#)
To: [bdofsupervisors](#)
Subject: I oppose Rise Gold's attempt to reopen the Idaho-Maryland mine.
Date: Saturday, August 21, 2021 11:36:12 AM

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Rise Gold has an history of anti-environmental behavior.

Rise Gold doesn't have enough money (or insurance) to back up environmental damages that may occur, like wells going dry; or their going out of business should they start the mine, go bankrupt (as one of their venture's is now in bankruptcy proceedings) and leave an expensive clean-up requirement to be paid for by taxpayers, or not even cleaned up.

Clay Olson

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From: [Kathy Doty](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: Rise gold Ben Mossman
Date: Monday, August 23, 2021 7:34:37 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors! As a citizen of Nevada county for over 41 years, I urge you to take a good hard look at the 80 years of damage to our beautiful community if this mine is allowed to re open !

Ben Mossman has a toxic history of leaving a toxic mess to be cleaned up by us, the tax payers. What about the power usage of 24/7 underground drilling, water usage in this time of drought, truck pollution resulting in damage to our beautiful community! I can't believe that this is even being considered!

The propaganda letter sent out by Rise Gold is beyond belief! We will not gain Anything but damage to our life of peaceful community ! We live in the area of the mine and are very frightened of what would happen to our water, air pollution, psp's power shut offs, wild fires.....on and on while in this drought and climate change nitemare! Don't throw us to the wolves please!!!!

Ben Mossman has a horrible track record of failure and leaving behind toxic messes for the community to contend with!

Please vote NO!!!!

Kathy Doty

From: alexa@alexarohn.com
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: Comment Regarding Rise Gold's Application
Date: Saturday, August 21, 2021 10:10:05 AM

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** (I left a voicemail too with this comment but wanted to send over a print version as well for your convenience)

Hi Alexa Rohn here, a homeowner in district four. This comment is in regards to Rise Gold's application to reopen the mine in Nevada County.

I received the shiny mine brochure recently and thought, hmm, somethings not quite right. Drive anywhere in Nevada county and everywhere you look are "now hiring" signs. My feed store (I'm a local farmer), my bank, the locally owned hardware store, burger shops and other restaurants I frequent...they're all struggling to find help.

It's becoming harder to run my own business when the shops I frequent close early and lines are long from lack of help. I love this gorgeous area, but it breaks my heart to watch fellow business owners struggle to serve their community because of lack of help.

Pitching "more jobs" as a perk when local businesses that have invested years in supporting our community can't find help is concerning. And you could say that the places I mentioned don't pay as well as the mine will, that's valid. Except, my husband runs a successful handyman business here in town and starts his workers at \$25 an hour.

This is comparable (from what I saw in that shiny brochure), to the rates and physicality of the work the mine will be offering. It's a struggle every day for my husband to find workers who will show up, even at those rates.

This begs the question, where will the mine fill these jobs from? Already our area needs thousands of housing options for our current residents, housing in the price range of people working jobs with rates like the ones projected for the mine. If our current businesses can't find workers I imagine they will have to attract new folks from out of town to fill those vacancies, where will those people live?

We're already crunched with a housing problem, and a problem with finding people to fill the jobs that are already vacant in Nevada County. This makes reopening the mine right now risky for our beautiful community.

I'm not opposed to mining, we need precious metals. But I am opposed to undermining the quality of life for our existing residents by bringing a small, unproven mining company to town.

Countless times small companies like RiseGold, once they get their metals, have been shown to hide their assets and declare bankruptcy. Leaving a town's ecosystem ravaged in spite of their promises to "leave it better" than they found it. From what I hear RiseGold has a track record of using a similar playbook in Canada where they left tribal waters polluted and dipped on the bill.

The bond system with mining cleanup is very broken. If we want to reopen the mine, let's look for someone too big to fail. (No really, bring in Arco and they can't declare bankruptcy and leave us footing the bill, they're too big!)

I encourage you all to vote against approving Rise Gold's application to open the mine. In lieu of that, I'd encourage you to look at the numbers and assess if we *truly* will benefit from even more jobs given our current hiring situation. With the current housing & job troubles we're having in our county it makes us vulnerable to cascading issues with quality of life for our current residents and businesses, not to mention the risk to our environment!

Thanks,
Alexa Rohn

From: [David Myers](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: BOS Meeting Tuesday, 8/24, 2021: Public Comment
Date: Friday, August 20, 2021 2:20:07 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is David Myers. I live in [REDACTED].

I am deeply distressed by the proposed reopening of the Idaho-Maryland Mine by Rise Gold. Please oppose the mine.

I love living in Grass Valley because the beautiful property I have for my family. Reopening the mine will endanger my property and its value.

Millions of gallons of groundwater will be pumped out by Rise Gold. The impact to our wells is lightly understood at best. No one can guarantee that the mine will not significantly deplete if not ruin my well (not to mention the hundreds of people who live directly above the tunnels)!

I also expect the mine reopening will lower my property value. And losing my well will permanently ruin it. The economic risk of reopening the mine, at the expense of your constituents, is unacceptable. Particularly to enrich a foreign company.

You need to give the greatest scrutiny to the upcoming draft environmental impact report to understand the impact to our wells. And the County must do a thorough economic impact study as part of the environmental review process.

I urge you, for the good of your constituents, to oppose Rise Gold's reopening of the Idaho-Maryland Mine. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

David Myers