From:	Nancy Dewey
To:	BOS Public Comment
Cc:	Barney Dewey
Subject:	We are opposed to re-opening the Idaho-Maryland Gold Mine
Date:	Monday, May 24, 2021 4:53:17 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

We have lived in Grass Valley for nearly 20 years. We moved here to enjoy the peaceful beautiful scenery and never would have moved to our home in the Cedars had we known the County would ever consider allowing mining again in the area. We are opposed to re-opening the Idaho-Maryland Gold Mine. The health and environmental impacts associated with reopening this mine will significantly impact the quality of life for the residents of our area and impact tourism, property values, and destroy or disrupt the creeks, terrain, and the wildlife that are the reasons we all live here.

While mining can be lucrative for those who control the operations, the community has to deal with traffic, noise, environmental, and other quality-of-life impacts. Any discussion of potential jobs for local citizens is misleading and does not offset the harm to the community. Can it truly be appropriate land use to have mining operations in any area that for decades has been home to schools, businesses and residences? Who wants to work, live or recreate next to a mine blasting 24 hours a day seven days a week. Our community is already suffering from the toxic legacy of past gold mining in the area, including polluted watersheds and at Grizzly Hill School in North San Juan. We do not want to add additional mining related impacts to our community for years into the future.
Our community has the capacity, resources, knowledge and wisdom to create permanent, sustainable 21st century jobs and to stimulate the local economy in ways that will not negatively impact the health of our community.

This project will:

- Significantly and unavoidably increase local air pollution;
- Increase noise and vibrations in residential areas;
- The de-watering could drain wells and impact their water quality (did the County learn nothing from the San Juan mine fiasco of the 90's);
- Affect water supply - can our resources supply the mine and maintain supply to business and residential communities;
- Inflict incessant blasting on the community, which will significantly impact the quality of life of residents and our property values;
- Unknown impacts of mining operations in long closed tunnels that are known to contain harmful chemicals.

Additional studies needed:

I am concerned that the Rise Gold company has been paying their consultants to produce reports that the County will rely on in the decision making process. How are these reports not biased? I know the County has Consultants who will be reviewing the data submitted but they will not be redoing the actual data collection and analysis in the report.

The county needs additional studies including:

- **Seismic Implications**. It is our understanding that the mine will be in a seismic hazard zone. Groundwater flow is dominated by these fractures and faults. There must be a new report done other than rely on biased reports already submitted by Rise.

- **Property Values**. Impact on the property values of homes affected by the mine opening - which will be far felt in at least a 10 mile radius.

- **Business Implications.** Impact to businesses affected by the mine opening, will these businesses relocate out of the area, and thereby local jobs will be lost.

- **Land Stability and Erosion.** How will this affect the land stability and erosion due to blasting land over an 80 year period.

- **Old and new mine debris and toxic matter.** Studies and reporting on how Rise plans to safely dispose of debris and refuse left in the land from mining activities in the past that may be disrupted in new mining and debris and toxic material disposition going forward.

We ask the Nevada County Planning department, Grass Valley Planning Commission, the Grass Valley City Council, and the Nevada County Board of Supervisors to reject the re-opening of the Idaho-Maryland Mine, the rezoning of the Idaho Maryland Mine site, the project plan and any and all other applications for this purpose.

Respectfully,

Barney and Nancy Dewey

From:	Dora Cividino
To:	BOS Public Comment; Heidi Hall; Ed Scofield; Dan Miller; Sue Hoek; Hardy Bullock
Subject:	Tuesday, May 25, 2021,
Date:	Monday, May 24, 2021 10:40:42 PM

Dist 4

FOR THE RECORD:

Thank you for allowing a public forum at your last meeting. We appreciated it. Some of you have publicly
stated how disappointed the "crowd reaction" was to you. Please undertake an "examin of the conscience" - some of
us do it regularly. You have brought this upon yourselves.

You have continued to keep us under lock and key by your mandates giving some arbitrary date in the future for
possibly opening up the community. We learned a great deal during the open air meeting. We learned that you
are not transparent in the business of running this county. We are appalled at how much money has been
received to the county and how it has been utilized. The numbers are astounding. You have prevented the citizens
of this community to earn a living all the while you never missed a paycheck.

I/we never realized the extend this pandemic has played on our anxiety levels, at times falling into depression. Our children
have lost a year of learning - will they ever regain it? Our teen grandson is seeing a counsellor to combat his fear, his inability
to interact with his school mates, days spent glued to a computer, days on and off school. Have any of you looked at the
"Science" on the effect of masks on the kids? Do you even care? Is control the salve for the ego?

Since illegal immigrants are being transported throughout the States, how many, or do you know, have found their way
to Nevada County? Why are we still in the red zone? Who is responsible for the slight rise in covid cases?
My use of the term is justified, since we, as legal immigrants to this once great nation, went through
channels, had to show we had five (5) months of funds in our bank account so as "not to become a burden on the country."
That said by an immigration official.

We look to you to conduct yourselves with honor, integrity, to walk in the shoes of

those you have injured through mindless
unnecessary restrictions.

WE ARE REGISTERED VOTERS AT THE ADDRESS BELOW.

Dora and Frank Cividino

[redacted]

From:	Tony Lauria
To:	BOS Public Comment
Subject:	Public Comment for 5/25/21
Date:	Monday, May 24, 2021 3:37:04 PM

Dist 1

Please read, or distribute to all board members. Thank You

The title for my comment today is:
Hazards of Gold Mining, especially Where People Live

There is more at stake here than what's contained in the results of the EIR. Deciding the fate of the community on this document alone, is an incomplete assessment of the potential for impacts that will alter the quality of life here forever.

The devaluation of hundreds of properties cannot be overlooked. It is not mere speculation to state, we will suffer significant reduction in the life savings of our homes. That could be a total loss, should our water source be eliminated by the 24/7 pump out of our aquifers. All this in a time of drought and dire need for every bit of our water.

Another concern, not covered in the EIR, is the impact on our area as an environmental oasis for the enjoyment of the outdoors and nature. Residents and tourists alike, revel in the beauty of our trails, lakes, wildlife, rivers, clean air and quiet environment. A full scale 24/7 mining operation, with endless truck and equipment emissions, will cause irreparable damage to all of that. Our town will be transformed from a beautiful foothills getaway to a dry, industrial mining wasteland.

Much more can be said on this subject of extenuating impacts, but lets move on to some final thoughts.

Either the CEO of Rise Gold has never actually operated a mine, and lacks the necessary experience, or he is purposely misrepresenting the scope of their project proposal. Possibly the answer is both. Seeing that he is currently under trial for toxic spills in Canada, he obviously has some experience in operations, and knows the potential for failure. He has publicly repeated the phrases, …there will be no impacts, and, …we have designed it to have no impacts. Is this the type of company official Nevada County wants running a gold mine in the middle of our community? Based on factual evidence, deep bedrock gold mining is absolutely known to cause environmental impact disasters. The facts are written in the gold mining history here.

What is your honest reply if I came to your house and said, "I would like to open a mine in your vicinity. There's a chance I may suck your well dry, and cause a terrible problem with the environment. But I'll be providing some jobs, and hauling a lot of gold out of the ground." Are you willing to take that chance? What is in it for you and our community? Do you need a mining job? Will you see any profit from the gold? How many jobs are worth the loss of your well being and quality of life?

I'll close this comment with one example of the "real world" reach of mining impacts;
According to the mineral rights, and existing tunnel maps, the area of mining in one of the directions, travels all the way under the Brunswick basin. As I was sitting in the dentist's chair at Dr Evan's Brunswick East office, it occurred to me that I would not want to risk having that delicate procedure done while blasting and drilling for gold was happening directly below.

Please oppose this egregious 80 year proposal to devolve our beautiful foothills, back to a destructive time of greed and gold mining.

Submitted By:

Tony Lauria
[redacted]

From: Karishma
To: BOS Public Comment
Subject: Cannabis, dry wells and property values
Date: Monday, May 24, 2021 2:20:20 PM

Dist 4

To Whom it Concerns

I am writing you today to ask for help.

I live [redacted] in Nevada City which has, over that past 8 years, become a haven for cannabis growers. The grows have become larger and larger over the years.
Although no one is completely through the legalizing process, we have two that are in process.

We have a beautiful property overlooking the Yuba with truly spectacular views. Over the past few years growers have moved in making larger operations. Their large trucks damage the roads which are privately maintained by a road association (we are at the very end of the road). Their method of growing causes strong, even eye stinging smell. They put up hoop houses where they use powerful lights that appear like stadium lights at night. One grow currently looks like several football fields of light.

And the most damaging impact is that our well is now only pumping a half gallon of water a minute. It is only May. If these grows are allowed to go forward they will surly deplete the water table. Now, as drought years occur more and more often, this will no doubt leave non-growers home values in ruin.

I implore you to advocate for us--the ordinary homeowners. These growers will cash in on their crop and leave us with property with no water and therefore no value. Please visit our neighborhood and see for yourself. Even an ordinary person without a degree in hydrology can see that this is a dry area on the top of a hill, not appropriate for large scale farming.

Thank you for your help and attention,
Deanna Darby

From: noreply@granicusideas.com
To: BOS Public Comment
Subject: New eComment for Nevada County Board of Supervisors May 25, 2021, Meeting
Date: Monday, May 24, 2021 3:26:32 PM

SpeakUp

Dist 2

New eComment for Nevada County Board of Supervisors May 25, 2021, Meeting

Scott Leaman submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: Nevada County Board of Supervisors May 25, 2021, Meeting

Item: SR 21-0395 Members of the public shall be allowed to address the Board on items not appearing on the agenda that are of interest to the public and are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board during the meeting by using one of the options listed on agenda pages #9 and #10.

eComment: I am becoming increasingly concerned about the progress of fiber broadband in Nevada County through Race Communications. I have contacted them multiple times and there is no timeline for implementation. I have also contacted my supervisor and was told a county employee would update me but no contact has been made. In Alta Sierra Ranches, we need better internet and we need to make a plan if there is not going to be internet in the area for years to come, versus months.

View and Analyze eComments