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To the Board of Supervisors -

I am William Clark, [REDACTED], Ca., 95945, [REDACTED].
As a 20 year resident of Grass Valley, I have concerns about Rise Gold re-opening the Idaho-Maryland mine in the midst of our urban environment. I'll restrict my comments to the most pertinent, at least in my mind.

Economic impacts on Nevada County

Rise Gold is an investment oriented operation and I implore the Board of Supervisors to delve into the degree of Rise Gold's Capitalization. Do they have the "up front" capital and resources to begin their project and carry forth operations from the start. Do they plan to have a remedial Bond in place to restore the property to its original state if and when they decide to pull up stakes and leave the County? The prudent action is to require such a monetary Bond be in place BEFORE any permit is granted, if you so decide in their favor.

Rise Gold is asking for a 80 year permit for operations. Whatever the Board decides is locked in stone for that period. A more realistic permit would, in my view, be for 10 years with a review and reassessment after each 10 year period.

You must ask Rise Gold what other underground hard rock mining operations in an urban environment they currently have underway and what their experience has been in operating in an urban environment.

The Centennial site must be cleaned up before any of Rise Gold's operations can begin. The Board should require Rise Gold to perform the cleanup work BEFORE their project can begin.

Rise Gold intends to have a work force of some 300 people once operations begin. Nevada County is in no position to provide the experienced and trained labor needed for underground hard rock mining. Such a workforce will come from out of the County.

California does not have a mineral extraction tax or a severance tax for underground gold extraction on private land. So the \$782,000 per day of income from Gold extraction will go directly to Rise Gold, with Nevada County receiving not one dime from this income other than Property tax, retail sales tax, and payroll tax. (the income from Gold extraction is from Rise Gold's own estimates).

Aesthetics

A short distance from downtown Grass Valley is the Brunswick and Centennial sites for spreading compacted mine tailings. These rock piles will be 7 and 9 stories high. Plus buildings on the sites will be will range from 4 to 16 stories high. This is a visible insult to our urban landscape.

Air Quality

Due to the unknowns regarding Rise Gold's effect on our air quality, it would be proactive to have an additional air quality monitoring station for ozone and particulates at a location determined by NSAQMD. This monitoring station would be able to measure airborne contaminants from the Rise Gold operations. Rise Gold should be required to fund the installation and operation of the station BEFORE any construction begins.

These comments go beyond any issues that may be discussed in the project EIR, but they tell me that Rise Gold's project does not belong in Nevada County's urban environment.

Regards,
William Clark