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**From:** Nora Risen [REDACTED]  
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Was on hold for almost one hour and I did not get to speak. Here is my letter. I would like to address the Board directly but please read my letter. Thank you.

Nora

**Good morning Board Members.**

**My name is Nora Risen and I am from district one. Thank you Board for hearing my concerns regarding the Rise Gold Corp. and the reopening of the Idaho Maryland mine infrastructure.**

**One major question which looms is how will the reopening of a 24/7 operating goldmine benefit our community? We must weigh this benefit against any possible risks. The Board has already heard from other concerned citizens regarding noise and air pollution, reduction is real estate property values, compromise of water wells, co2 emissions, excessive energy consumption, traffic created by tons of toxic waste being trucked on public roadways, etc., all within 2 miles of our downtown center. Business along the transit routes will most likely be impacted as well.**

**On Sept 26, 2019 the Idaho Maryland Mine's potential designation as an EPA Superfund site (along with its federal funds) was CONDITIONALLY DEFERRED because RISE Gold entered into a cleanup contract with the California Department of Toxic Substance Control. This appears to be a conflict of**

**interest to our community, when the company's core competency is to mine gold but now has been granted sole responsibility to perform sensitive toxic waste cleanup in our backyard. How can we be assured that this clean-up will be done to CDTSC standards? Who will hold Rise Gold accountable if toxic waste is stirred up and more brought to the surface where it is now MORE harmful then before cleanup started? What are the risks to us, land and wildlife and what happens when best efforts to mitigate, fail?**

**As an additional complication, RISE Gold plans to use one of the sites for disposal of 1.6 million tons of mine waste rock and toxic tailings 30 to 70 feet above current grade. The full extent of the contamination within the tailings is not yet clear. When will this be clarified and what processes will be set in place to protect our community?**

**Again, I ask Board members, where is the benefit to our community? Possibly 70 underground mining jobs because all the technical positions are spoken for from out of area people? As rock is blasted and the gold is extracted it leaves as profit to Rise Gold bank account but our community is left with a deficit, all the negative impacts and unforeseen circumstances which we will have to live with day to day. Nevada County will be Rise Gold governing body if this mine is approved. It will be up to YOU to protect us. Please say NO to a conditional use permit for Rise Gold Corp. Thank you.**

**Nora Risen**