

STOP SYAR EXPANSION

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SYAR'S NEED TO EXPAND IS UNPROVED

Syar Industries, Inc. and the County have failed to bring forth factual data to prove the Quarry needs to expand either its footprint (area) or its yearly production (tonnage). The following foundational, empirical information necessary to justify and prove the need for an expansion of the Quarry was omitted from the Syar EIR:

1. The quantity of aggregate Napa County needs annually. Unknown.
2. The quantity of aggregate the Quarry sells in Napa County annually. Unknown.
3. The quantity of aggregate the Quarry sells outside Napa County annually. Unknown.
4. The quantity of mineral reserves on existing Quarry property. Unknown.

The primary intent and purpose of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), a document of record, is to inform. The EIR does not have to be perfect, but the lead agency producing the document, the County in our case, is required to make a good faith effort to disclose relevant information to the governmental decision makers and the public for review and comment. Also, the County is required to provide objective, fact-based information so the information can be independently tested and verified. The County has failed to provide the foundational, empirical data required to prove Syar's proposed expansion is needed in violation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

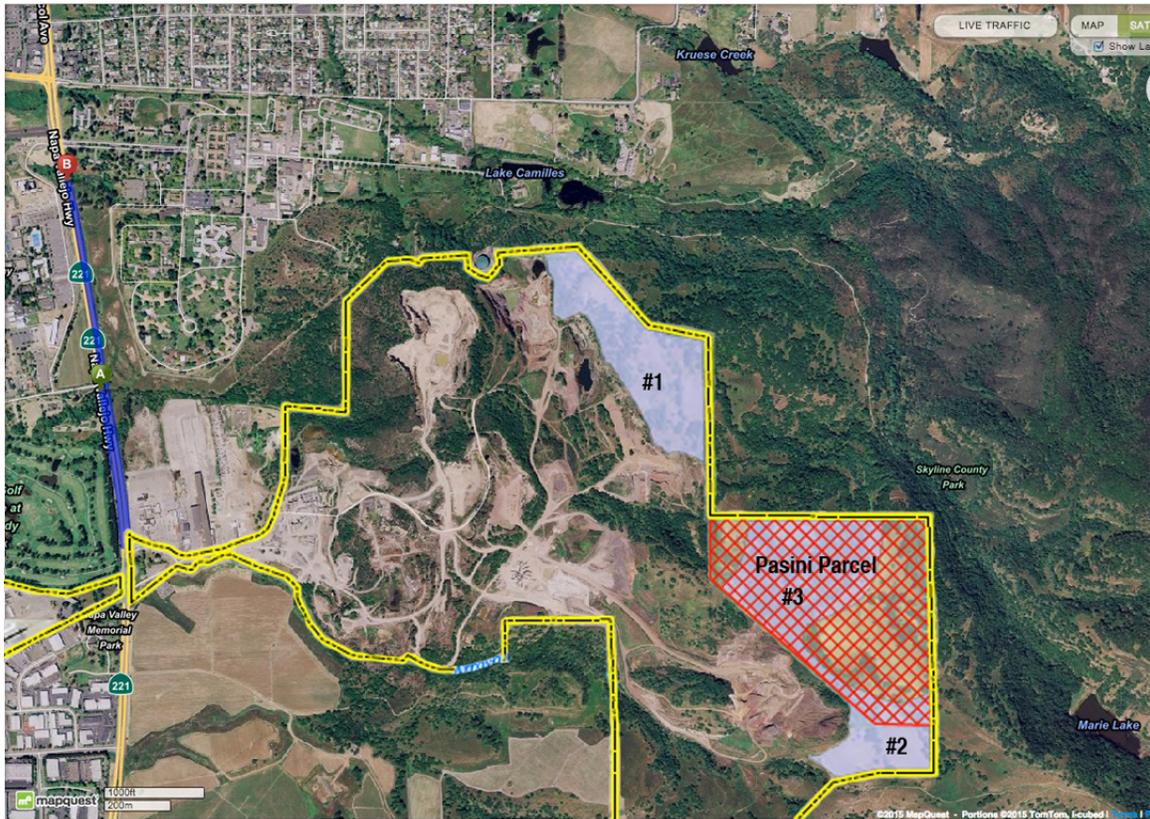
Stop Syar Expansion has sent numerous California Public Record Act Requests to the County to obtain the factual data, the proof, to justify the need for the proposed mine expansion. In bad faith, the County has not been forthcoming. When it comes to producing the foundational, factual information requested, the County has adopted a pattern of delay, omission and obstruction.

We, the people, are left to believe only what the County and Syar Industries, Inc. tells us to believe with neither access to factual data nor the opportunity to independently verify their statements and claims. The County's behavior and lack of response is contrary to the intent and purpose of an EIR and violates CEQA procedural law.

Stop Syar Expansion will continue to demand that the County must produce the requested factual information for independent verification before any approvals or permits are granted for the Syar project. Donate to this just cause and, together, we will prevail.

See the attached map (below) showing the areas where Syar Napa Quarry proposes to enlarge its open-pit surface mining operation. See how close the mine is to the settled residential population? See how mining in the Pasini Parcel would encroach on Skyline Wilderness Park?

MAP OF PROPOSED EXPANSION AREAS



Areas:

#1 & #2. The proposed expansion areas are shown in gray. These areas are part of the existing Napa Quarry property permitted for mining. Their combined area totals approximately 65 acres.

#3. The Pasini Parcel is not currently permitted for mining. The gray area proposed for expansion in the Pasini Parcel is approximately 45 acres.

Both Syar Industries, Inc. and the County have failed to provide the factual data required to prove the expansion of mining into the Pasini Parcel is necessary. The next time you hear Syar or anyone else say Napa Quarry needs to expand because it has only 1 year of good material left, reply to them, “Provide the factual data to prove that statement.” And, ask them, “Where’s the proof?”