



# Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles

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Mr. Terry Norris  
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Dear Mr. Norris:

Thank you for your recent correspondence.

By copy of this letter, I am asking that Mr. Richard Bruckner, Director of the Department of Regional Planning, look into your concerns and respond directly to you, with a copy of his response to my Antelope Valley office.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

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c: Mr. Richard Bruckner ✓



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June 12, 2014

Ms. Emma Howard  
Los Angeles County, Department of Regional Planning  
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RE: Changes to Significant Ecological Areas in the Antelope Valley Plan

Dear Ms. Howard,

Precision Labs, a small, native American owned business is opposed to the increases in the Significant Ecological Areas (SEAs) for the Antelope Valley Plan.

The planned changes will have overwhelming negative impact for the Antelope Valley and other areas. The negative impact can be easily predicted in economic and ecological terms. The negative impact is such that there can be no justified reasons for increasing the SEAs.

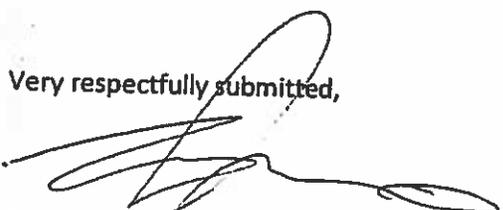
Economic impact can be easily seen in several aspects: area controlled from the growing aerospace community, growth limited by forcing import of raw aggregate, loss of jobs in the region, and sustainable energy sources limited in growth. By creating boundaries that prevent the unimpeded natural growth of aerospace industries and renewable energies, we would expect California to see the emerging space industry to continue its shift to Texas. This would be a technological loss that will have a trickledown effect that will be felt even to the lowest paid.

Aggregate is used in all aspects of construction yet it will be imported from non-ecologically mindful countries. By adding another layer of the plan with larger SEAs, aggregate is being planned as sourced from foreign countries that are not governed by items such as the 1971 Surface Mining and Reclamation Act. This would cause a negative impact that is greater than worst case scenarios for the local aggregate mining. Since Precision Labs supports all peoples, we must try to stop the irreversible ecological damage done to the countries from which they immigrate, especially since the mines here are restored after end of use and provide good jobs.

Ecological disasters arising from larger SEAs aside, the import of Mexican aggregate could further aggravate the plight of Mexican citizens held hostage to violent gangs. The New York Times covered this earlier this year with the story "Mexico targets gang that infiltrated the mining industry."

As a world leader, we cannot conscientiously designate larger SEAs with disregard to all humanity. The larger SEAs would also have a significant negative economic impact as well.

Very respectfully submitted,



Terry Norris  
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