

## Barrella, Donald

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**From:** Robert Allred <rallred07@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 2:29 PM  
**To:** Barrella, Donald  
**Subject:** Re.: Save Skyline Park!

Dear Sir,

Skyline Park is too valuable as a "wilderness park" to allow the expansion of quarrying activities by Syar. PLEASE vote to protect Skyline Park and preserve it's true wilderness status.

Thank you,

Robert Allred

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**From:** roslyn potter <rozpotter1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 10:38 AM  
**To:** Barrella, Donald; Wagenknecht, Brad; Luce, Mark; Dillon, Diane; Pedroza, Alfredo; Caldwell, Keith  
**Subject:** Syar Expansion

Please, look closely at the trade-offs for "locally" produced roadbed materials, 10-20 part or full time jobs, and a very moderate increase in tax revenues from the proposed Syar expansion of mining and asphalt. These trade-offs come at indeterminate environmental, health, and quality of life costs, as yet unaccounted by the faulty Syar EIR.

1. Syar's mining management plan will permit Syar to mine anywhere along Skyline Park's border for 35 years. The mining management plan also allows Syar to re-mine all previously mined land an additional 100 feet to only 50 feet above mean sea level from the current 150 feet above mean sea level. This represents a substantial increase in the *volume* of land to be mined irrespective of acreage from the addition of the Pasini and State parcels.

- The additional land volume will produce far more than is needed for the requested 40% increase in production. Proposed mitigation measures are inadequate. They will have negligible impact if Syar produces more than 1.3 million tons, a likely proposition as a 100% increase was initially proposed but scaled back by county planning staff. Syar alone verifies production amounts.

2. Skyline Park will be severely impacted by the removal of the top 250 feet of the Pasini knolls, located in the middle of the park. These hills now shield the park from dust, noise and odors.

- The necessary building of access roads, removal of oak forest, pastureland, wildlife habitat and many thousands of tons of earth to access rock in expansion areas, will require extensive blasting and earth-moving adjacent to Skyline Park. The dust and noise are entirely incompatible with park activities, ecology and wildlife.
- Park attendance will suffer from the significant impacts of explosives, earth movers, diesel truck convoys, rock grinding equipment and the loud sounds and noxious odors of four asphalt production plants.

3. Quality of life for residents and others in the area will decline further from additional noise, dust and odor impacts. The addition of an asphalt recycling facility will add substantially to noise and odors now emanating from three current asphalt production and recycling plants. Asphalt odors will be detectable where presently they are not.

- If Syar has contracts to fill, the quarry can extend working days and hours without limit, to accommodate them. These additional hours are not counted in impacts or mitigation.
- Several nearby residents spoke of being awakened night after night by alarms that sound when work is underway at the plant, during testimony at Napa Planning Commission meetings.

4. Quality of life for those living farther afield of Syar will be affected by the removal of Pasini knolls and the re-mining of all previously mined land to only 50 feet above mean sea level. Sight lines will change dramatically. Noise, dust and fumes will become noticeable.

5. Syar's fleet of diesel haulers made 1000 trips to and from the facility in 2009, when production was 810,000 tons. With 1.3 million tons of production approved, there will be approximately 1,380 truck trips annually.

6. Syar Napa settled a lawsuit by Baykeepers, a citizens organization that had monitored Syar's pollution of a creek and the Napa River for five continuous years. Notices of a pending lawsuit did not stop the pollution. It stopped only after the lawsuit was filed. See.

<https://www.google.com/search?q=syar+baykeepers+lawsuit&ie=utf-8&oe=utf-8>.

Pollution at several other Syar quarries was not abated until lawsuits were filed and the cases settled. Syar Vallejo, see, <http://dev.calsport.org/3-7-10b.htm>, Syar Russian River, see <http://russianriverkeeper.drupalgardens.com/content/gravel-mining> and Syar, Lincoln CA. see, <http://dev.calsport.org/3-7-10b.htm> and <http://calsport.org/news/cspa-settles-lawsuit-against-lincoln-ready-mix-plant/>

7. In Napa, dust and other pollutants from the Syar quarry and asphalt production plants are trapped by prevailing winds against the eastern hills. During inversions, pollutants are pushed close to the ground. These factors were not considered in the health risk assessment which relied on modeling performed at another facility, rather than air quality measurements from Syar's Napa quarry and asphalt plants.

- Syar's Vallejo quarry and asphalt plants, just 13 miles away, sits astride a barren hill, surrounded by many hundreds of acres of open space, within a half-mile of I-80. It received approval to double production in late 2014. Winds off the bay disperse its pollutants widely. They are not trapped in a valley, as they are in Napa.

8. Syar pumps groundwater from unmetered wells for production and dust control in amounts that Syar states will be limited to the amounts used when production was 810,000 tons. Syar's water use is self-monitored and self-reported.

9. Syar's current permit required notification to schools and residents prior to blasting. This requirement was not fulfilled according to testimony before the Napa County Planning Commission.

10. The expansion size, stated as only 106 acres, does not take most of the State parcel into account, which Syar purchased in the 1990's and has been mining since despite the fact that it is zoned agricultural watershed.

11. A change in zoning from agricultural watershed for the State and Pasini parcels should have come before the voters of Napa County, were it not for an exception written into the general plan by Napa County staff. This exception allows a zoning change if three conditions are met:

- A surface mining permit
- Filing of a reclamation plan
- Funding of the reclamation plan

Syar's application contains all three conditions. If approved, well over two hundred acres of agricultural watershed land will be no more. As noted above, Syar has been mining the State parcel purchased in 1998, despite it being zoned agricultural watershed.

12. Cumulative impacts from other large projects, are not considered in Syar's EIR. These include Napa Pipe, the County Jail, The Meadows expansion, Stanley Ranch and others.

Sincerely,

Roslyn Potter

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**From:** Carol Allen <nella707@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 9:47 AM  
**To:** Barrella, Donald  
**Subject:** Stop Quarry Expansion

This note is to inform you of my vehement opposition to the increase in quarrying activity in and around Skyline Park. The list of potentially significant impacts to the environment outweighs any benefit to our community by way of a few jobs. There are many hills to quarry, but those few, pristine hills in our only extensive public hiking/recreational area should be left untouched.

You have a commitment to the park, per Skyline's Master Plan. Please fulfill this commitment to Napa's only Wilderness Park and either reject the expansion or attach conditions of approval which ensure a wilderness experience in perpetuity. These conditions should include:

a 300' setback of mining from park land  
no mining on the north and east sides of Pasini Knoll (the sides facing the park) a reduction of the term of the permit from 35 to 10 years with a possibility of renewal based on fidelity to environmental commitments independent monitoring of the project, paid for by Syar but selected by and reporting to the County We constituents beg you to fulfill your commitment to SWP and not just give in to the myopic demands of Big Business. You hold the character of the City of Napa in your hands as you make these important decisions.

Thank you,

Carol Allen  
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Sent from my iPhone

## Barrella, Donald

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**From:** fred laron <bocasfish@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 8:46 AM  
**To:** Barrella, Donald  
**Subject:** Skyline

Donald

Please do not allow this expansion. My family and I are life long residents of Napa Valley. I used to run around up there before it was a park. It's magical in the event you've never been.

Thanks,

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Coldwell Banker TEC  
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707 255 7739

Cut, paste and sign. Send to Donald Barrella: [Donald.BARRELLA@countyofnapa.org](mailto:Donald.BARRELLA@countyofnapa.org)

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