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Michael Finnegan
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Dear Mr. Finnegan,

Thank you for your attendance at our July 11th Granite Bay Municipal Advisory Council meeting. As you know, the Granite Bay community has many questions and concerns regarding this planned operation. As both their representative and a Granite Bay resident, I too am concerned.

In our meetings with you and your staff, many questions were answered. However, as is evidenced by the meeting last week, many still remain. I appreciate your offer to continue to work with me, my staff and the community and am requesting that now. Attached are the questions from the above referenced meeting. Though many have already been answered, so every one has the same information and in print, we ask you to answer them again.

Questions as recorded by Robert Enos, Granite Bay MAC Secretary:

- What is the maximum amount of material that could be removed from the Granite Bay/Mooney Ridge Beach? Is it 50,000 cubic yards or 150,000 cubic yards?
- Would the Bureau guarantee that no blasting will be conducted at the Granite Bay/Mooney Ridge Beach?
- Has the Bureau, or any other government entity, conducted any study concerning the impact to surrounding neighborhoods caused by potential disturbance of the granite rock core inside the Granite Bay/Mooney Ridge Beach area?
- What about the presence of asbestos and mercury that your activity could release into the environment?
- Can the Bureau prevent the use of the Granite Bay/Mooney Ridge Beach as a borrowing site from occurring at all?
- What is the material and transportation cost for all of the Dike 4, 5, and 6, construction if only

- off-site material (non-Granite Bay/Mooney Ridge Beach) materials are used? How many truckloads of material would need to be delivered?

- What is the impact on the Pioneer Express Trail (Dedicated May 5, 1953)?

- What will be the hours of operation and the duration of the activity should the Granite Bay/Mooney Ridge Beach borrow site project go forward?

- Did the Bureau provide adequate notice to the public concerning the project?

Below are some (not all) of the concerns brought forth by community members at the meeting:

- Unforeseen health consequences.

- Impact on property values.

- Hazardous material contamination in the mining area and on the surrounding roads from traveling construction trucks.

- The creation of a dangerous attractive nuisance at the mining site.

- Impact on surrounding businesses.

- The proximity of the mining operation to residential neighborhoods.

- The apparent absence of timely advanced notice to the public and in particular Granite Bay about the Bureau of Reclamation's intention to use the Granite Bay/Mooney Ridge Beach as a mining site.

Again, thank you for your attention to this matter.

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