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**COMMUNITY UPDATE ON THE CEMEX PROJECT-2015**

Marsha McLean  
Mayor

The Santa Clarita City Council is unanimous in its decision to NOT give up the fight to prevent a large scale mining project in Soledad Canyon and will LEAVE NO ROCK UNTURNED in our continued efforts to prevent it from moving forward. Every avenue is currently being explored and pursued, with the goal of *preventing* the CEMEX mining project. This includes a legislative solution, in partnership with the CEMEX Corporation.

Bob Kellar  
Mayor Pro Tem

Dante Acosta  
Councilmember

Over the last 16 years, our City has worked diligently to stop a large scale gravel mining project in Soledad Canyon. After nearly eight years of a “truce” between the City and CEMEX, the CEMEX Corporation officially informed the City that they plan to immediately re-engage the permit process with the intent of starting to mine in Soledad Canyon.

TimBen Boydston  
Councilmember

Laurene Weste  
Councilmember

The proposed large scale mining project here in Santa Clarita involves the surface mining of 56 million tons of aggregate on a 460-acre site at the City’s eastern boundary, east of the Antelope Valley Freeway. While the City owns the *surface* property, the federal government’s Bureau of Land Management lays claim to the minerals beneath it and has provided two 10-year leases to CEMEX to mine the rock under our City-owned land. At this time, CEMEX is pursuing its necessary permits to start the mining project.

According to various studies conducted over the years on the impacts of this project, we can expect significant negative effects on the entire region. At capacity, the project will have excavation activities going on 17 hours per day, six days per week. Processing is scheduled to take place 16 hours a day and shipping activities are expected to take place 24 hours a day.

Blasting will occur at least twice a week for the first 10 years of the project and four times a week during the second phase. Concrete batch plant and ready mixed shipping will occur up to seven days a week, 24 hours a day, depending upon market conditions.



The project will add up to 1,200 big truck trips to our already-congested freeways. These will be large, slow moving trucks that regularly drop loose aggregate onto the roadways, damaging automobile finishes and windshields. The increased dust levels and air pollution may have significant negative effects on the health of local residents.

*These are a few of the reasons our City has fought so hard to stop this project!*

At this time, we are asking that you stay engaged with this issue. Sign up on our CEMEX eNotify ([santa-clarita.com](http://santa-clarita.com)) to receive email updates on the issue, including any upcoming meetings, community letter writing needs, updates on legislation and outreach efforts.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement; together we will do everything we can to **STOP THIS MINING PROJECT!**

Sincerely,

  
Marsha McLean, Mayor

  
Bob Kellar, Mayor Pro Tem

  
Dante Acosta, Councilmember

  
TimBen Boydston, Councilmember

  
Laurene Weste, Councilmember