
RED ROCK VALLEY ESTATES WATER DISTRICT

Letter of Objection

December 18, 2017

Ms. Amy Eschberger
Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

Ms. Eschberger,

As an affected municipal entity in the Southwest Highway 115 area, the Red Rock Valley Estates Water District (RRVEWD) (Colorado Special District 21056) objects to Transit Mix Concrete Company's (TM's) application **M2017-049** to establish a quarry on Hitch Rack Ranch.

Our mission is to secure, protect, and provide domestic water for our District area. The quarry application introduces significant, unmitigated risk to our District's ability to provide uninterrupted domestic use groundwater to our constituents. We have invested more than 30 years of infrastructure and well development to provide this critical resource for our District. To date, the applicant has not engaged our Board to propose or jointly work to devise any solution that mitigates the risk of proposed mining and blasting activity adjacent to our groundwater (under the influence of surface water) wells. We established, and the Mine Land Reclamation Board (MLRB) concurred, with these issues during the initial application process last year. Despite this second attempt by TM to meliorate our Board's chief complaint, we have no assurance that the introduction of an adjacent quarry would not further encroach on, and threaten, our scarce water resources as the proposed quarry expands into subsequent phases of development. Our position is mandated by the interests of our approximately 200 adults and children that we are elected to protect. Because of the severity of this risk to Colorado residents, we urge the MLRB to deny TM's application.

The RRVEWD Board requests that both the Pre-hearing Conference and MLRB Hearing be conducted in Colorado Springs.

Respectfully,



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