

to: Atascadero City Clerk

re: Appeal of Planning Commission Approval of 6805 Sycamore Road RV Storage

date: 7-20-23

This is an appeal to the Atascadero City Council to rescind the Planning Commission's 7-18-23 approval of a permit for an RV storage facility within the Salinas river watershed.

On 7-18-23, the Planning Commission approved a permit for a 6-acre RV storage facility within the Salinas River watershed at 6805 Sycamore Road. Many public comments opposed to this permit were registered both in person and digitally, including mine. None of those posted on-line over months of meetings since November 2022 were in favor of the permit.

This project was given a categorical exemption from CEQA according to the 6-20-23 Planning Commission Staff Report. There is no distinct section in that report devoted to any environmental analysis of the site by any person or agency qualified to conduct such an analysis. The report includes the headings "Project site", "Project description", "Project Review History", "Analysis", "Archaeological Assessment", "Landscaping", "Fencing, lighting and security", and "Storage Yard Conditions".

There is no evidence that the project has been reviewed by qualified professionals regarding the environmental, recreational, social and aesthetic values of the site and the river's watershed, or the potential impacts on beaver habitat which brings us the benefits of water retention, groundwater recharge, and wildlife and riparian enhancement.

The approval of this project was, therefore, based on insufficient and insubstantial information and grounds, lacking in proper analysis of its potential consequences. It must be reviewed, reevaluated and rejected by the City Council, until such time that a proper evaluation is conducted.

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