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>From John Anton Mizerak
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since 1976

For those of us who have lived in this area for a long time, when we moved here we knew what we were living with. Harsh winters, lower economic development than major urban areas, and in our specific case, a cedar mill which operated from roughly 7 AM to 4:30 PM five or six days a week. Neighbors lived with the occasional noise pollution from the mill, neighbors noticed if anything suspicious was happening at the mill, and in return, the mill sold us cedar firewood \$15 a chord which they delivered with their forklifts, to our land.

When the mill closed and the first bottling plant opened many neighbors had mixed reactions. I had positive reactions. As a world traveller, the thought of being able to purchase Mount Shasta water in say Guatemala or Nepal seemed to me to be a big plus.

However, just as the bottling plant has morphed over the years, so has our neighborhood. What started out a a few hard souls surviving in the manzanita by doing odd construction jobs has changed into a community of writers, artists, musicians and vacation home rentals catering to a more ecologically and economically sophisticated clientele.

So in light of the fact that the new bottling plant will not have the mom and pop relationship with the neighborhood that existed with the old pencil stock cedar mill, I have to ask, what benefit does the neighborhood get from this?

The answer seems to "nothing".

OK so what are the downsides from this project.

For me as a recording artist with my own studio on my land which draws its water form the same aquifer as the plant there are some potential problems not adequately addressed by your EIR.

1. Water level for the existing wells when a plant pumps ten times the volume of water that has ever been pumped out of out two layered aquifer.

The county is not financially or legally on the line if the plant causes all of us to deepen our wells, nor will they pay the extra electrical charge for deeper pumping. There is no adequate remediation that I could read, in your EIR to address this.

2. Noise pollution levels will rise dramatically. While I can take some heart to know that I do not live within the Ldn 65 zone (equivalent to directly under that path of approaching planes near an airport), that fact that my house and double glazed windows (when closed) may absorb all but 20 or 25 dBs of the extra sound, I mean come on! This is Mount Shasta, we leave our windows open at night to cool down our house. And some of us garden, OUTSIDE, where we may soon get the equivalent of 2 interstates worth of sound pollution.

3. Light pollution, quality of life, and have any of you actually heard the air venting noise of this factory when it is in use, (I have, it's not nice) will all be significantly degraded by the size and scope of this industrial operation. And tourism, especially, summer New Age spiritual tourists who pump millions of dollars into the South County economy will be adversely effected.

I wish you EIR had weighted these factors more.

Sincerely;

John Anton Mizerak

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