

To: Waste Management Authority Board

I have been a citizen of Sunol since 1979. I bought my ranch property in 1978 and built my house in '79, married, raised 3 kids, all of whom attended Sunol Glen School. Thankfully they excelled at Sunol and now 2 are attending college and still doing well. I also have been active in Boy Scouts, local issues, served on several volunteer committees, and I remember going door to door on the School bond issues in the rain a couple of years ago. Lastly I have served as a trustee on the Sunol Glen School Board for the past 8 years.

My house is about 1.5 miles from the proposed Composting Dump site. Luckily for me the wind usually blows in the other direction. However, in order to get to the freeway 680 (N. bound) we drive by this proposed site every day. Our youngest still needs a lift back and forth to Foothill High School and periodically my wife relates to me incidences of near misses with the big trucks coming off and on Andrade from the quarry and 680 off and on ramps. Other times (when I get motivated to get in shape) we walk, run or bike the Sheridan Rd/ Andrade Rd loop. Many of our neighbors ride their horses on this loop as well. Lastly, I'm a golfer, and fortunately for me I have John Franco's nearby driving range, where in good weather I visit 3-5 hours per week to hit balls.

I'm lucky I had the foresight in '79 to move to Sunol because there is nothing like it anywhere in the bay area. It often feels like we're in the middle of nowhere yet we're just 5 minutes from downtown Fremont or Pleasanton (I feel blessed to live in such an exquisite area)

Putting this Composting Dump in the middle of this serene and tranquil place will have a dramatic effect on me and my family. We'll go a different way every time we go to Pleasanton; I won't go to John's driving range any more (too smelly); we won't jog or walk the loop again. Essentially we'll have to do all we can to avoid this dangerous intersection and foul area. So you say it will inconvenience us, but it won't kill us and you're right but it will **radically** change the quality of life in the region and that's what brought us there in the first place!

On top of that I don't fully understand what might be the ultimate health risks.

- 50 tons of ammonia and VOCs/day, wow!
- I know (due to his lifelong asthma condition) my friend and neighbor Caz won't be able to tolerate the pollutants (he'll have to move).
- I'm positive we'll lose kids at the Sunol Glen School and from that ...we might even lose the School
- I'm sure the value of my land will be impacted.
- I love the fresh clean air and on nice days all my windows are always open.... many of those days will now be lost

As I said I'm a very lucky guy, I love Sunol and our quality of life. I personally intend to fight this proposed Sunol Composting Dump site with all my resources for as long as it takes until the decision on the Sunol site is reversed.

If after all you've heard regarding the Sunol Composting Dump you still think the facility is needed, please ask the staff to go back to the drawing boards and find a more suitable site to put this. I can't imagine why you wouldn't co-locate this new facility with an existing landfill (Altamont area in particular). It's the only logical solution.

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