

Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
Washington, D. C. 20423

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Attention: Rini Ghosh
STB Docket No. FD 34284

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Dear Ms. Ruckon

I am a landowner (who has not been contacted by STB) upon which ~~all~~ proposed routes would originate. &

I have many concerns, one of which is ruining the real estate value of the land. No one wants to buy land with a railroad track through the middle of the land. Besides ruining the hunting, additional fences & stock tanks would have to be built. Moving livestock from one pasture to another is another problem. This is a lifetime problem.

STB can make commercial property near an existing city. This is rural land in a flood plain. We can not afford flooding and water contamination. The railroad does not stop along the way. It stops in the major cities.

The only people who will benefit by the railroad ~~are~~ the quarry landowners and Vulcan. All the rest of the landowners in between will have problems (pollution, safety, flooding, ruining historical homesites). One of the routes would come within a few feet of our home.

Many of these issues have been downplayed in order to achieve Vulcan's selfish interests. Once the

plan would be implemented, it would be too late to look back and go back to the way it was before.

Hundreds of angry residents would have to pay for the inconvenience of a forever in order to satisfy Vulcan and the quarry landowners.

The quarry is in a recharge area of the Edwards Aquifer. If contamination occurs (which is a very real possibility) in our water supply think of the millions of people who would be affected.

If blasting of the explosives caused tremors which would affect and weaken the structure of Medina Lake Dam. A tremendous catastrophe ~~or~~ will occur to Castroville and all points in between.

If Vulcan and STB has any concern for safety and human lives, the quarry and railroad would not be built.

An extremely angry & concerned landowner,
Clark Wurzbach
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