Tuesday June 26th, 2012 good morning. I am going to call June 26th special board meeting to order. Please call the role.

Supervisor kniss?
Here.
Supervisor cortese.
Here.
Vice president yeager? here.
President shirakawa.
Here.
You have a quorum, sir.

Please stand for the pledge of allegiance. Thank you, item no. 3 public comment. Is there anyone that would like to address the board on an item not on the agenda. I see none. We'll move to item no. 4, consent calendar. I don't think we have actions under consent today. Item no. 5, refer to administration to request to identify the process and necessary steps to create an0 institute of regeneratif medicine at santa clara valley medical center. We have the memo you submitted, supervisor.

Thank you, we have an item that is unusual and it is one I can take no credit for, whatsoever, it began with Dr. Steve mckenna and Dr. Jeff smith. With your indulgence, I would ask Dr. Smith to say a few words. Dr. Mckenna is here to speak and people who are in the program who will speak as well. As well as other interested parties. Jeff, you lead it off.

Well, um, this all came from discussions that we had after jerron pulled out of the research project we had been a part of. This a very important research program. The state voted back, I think in 2004 to create and fund the california0 institute for regenerative medicine, which has 5. 3 billion dollars in the state.

Jeff, say that one more time. that is important.
California in insta tut.
The part about the money?
5.2 billion dollars. jerron decided they were going to focus their research in other areas even though there was great success. We had a recognized international leader in Dr. Mckenna who had been promoting this project. After jerron pulled out, we were trying to figure out how to continue with this very important research. Obviously we couldn't do it on the county's dime. What is before you is the possibility of creating an0 insta tut. It would be a great service to our patients and we are recommending we move ahead with exploring these opportunities.

Thanks, jeff. if I could continue on, george, we have been following this for quite some time. We are bringing it forward today as a referral. We are very interested in what stem cell research could bring to us here. We see ourselves as true leaders in this valley. We have a wonderful opportunity to take advantage of prop 71, which many of you remember passed. There is still money there. We have to have this kind of organization alal instrument in place for this to happen. Dr. Mckenna our leading physician. Report to us for ken and me in august including the fiscal, legal, governance and clinical come poe nepts necessary to position for research, treatment and medical care related to stem cell therapies for those in any kind of accident that has caused that type of damage needing regenerative tissue. We are setting this up in our valley puts us up in a different position than we have been in before. Back to you, president.

We'll start with Dr. Mckenna. read off the names. Anne perkins, katy, rich, and we'll start with you.
I am Dr. Steve mckenna.
Steve, get on that mic.

I am Dr. Mckenna. I want to thank the board of supervisors for having me back to speak to you today. As many of you May remember, last time I was here, we were about to launch a landmark clinical trial in u. S. History, first trial was begun, valley medical center within the last two years. Coming out of the trial, we were able to enroll two patients in the entire nation, five patients were enloled in the clinical trial. We are happy to have katy and rich to speak be you. In the next 2-10 years in the silicon valley. As councilmember kniss was mentioning, we have a sing lairty in time in california right now, the california0 institute for regenerative medicine, which has 5. 3 billion dollars.

Thank you. with that, um, maybe, just to go in order, why don't we have rich lahara come down. Preefly share his story. Follow with katy shirifi.
Good morning, katy.
Am I close enough?

Close as you can. hi everyone. My name is katy shirifi. Thank you for having me. I am the fifth and final patient in the jerron clinical trials. I was in a single car accident back in november. I had, spinal court injury and currently paralyzed. One of the main things that is important to me about the trial and in general in research is that I have gained neurological return that someone with my type of injury normally wouldn't gain back. It is for all different types of illnesses as well. I had a great experience. I think being able to combine the two things having the research and trials here and the rehab part as well, it would make it a lot easier for someone considering being part of the trial having the doctors and rehab all come together. That is about it, thank you.
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Thank you for your time. I want to thank rich and katy for their courage in coming forward. They are two of the first people that have received embryonic stem cells. Both of them definitely have stepped up to this role as leaders after having received these treatments.

9:17 AM
Good morning, my name is franklin mara. I own a house, have a well paying job. I was injured in a diving accident 24 years ago, broke my neck became a paraplegic. Spinal cord injury patients are back at the hospital or at their homes. They are along the lines like what I met four months ago, father of four children, construction worker who fell from a site he was working at. Broke his neck. He was, construction was all he knew. He was not able to do that work any longer. Borderline suicidal. He didn't know how to provide for his family and wife. Alex, whom I met last night, sent home with a ventilator, high school student, wondering what his future would be like. Those are the faces of spinal cord injury, none of you will ever see. It is a debilitating disease. Such a change in your life style. For me attender age of 24, my life changed and turned upside down and opportunity for valley medical center to be part of this institute is a once in a lifetime opportunity. I urge this board to take the bold initiative at this defining moment to support these initiatives. Life in a wheelchair is horrible and expensive, too. Just the thought of all these people, the state and federal government has to support through social programs is mind boggling. 80 percent remain unemployed. That is 10-1 ratio. Imagine if they could be a productive member of society. Imagine if medical expenses could be reviewed substantially. Through studies, there was that hope one day these people can become a productive member of society. I urge us to throw your entire support behind your initiative. Don't look back, set the tone for the rest of the country to follow. I thank you for your time.

9:20 AM
Thank you.
I also wanted to add that franklin is the head of the pure support group, tireless in his efforts to bring patients back to the community. Good morning everyone, I am chris wilder, I want to say a quick word about the vmc foundation is throwing full weight and support behind this effort. We are pleased to be working on ground breaking at vmc. We consider this is one of those things. As we work to move our entire spinal cord injury into the new pavilion over the next couple of years, are we merely one of the finest rehabilitation centers in the country or are we also going to be launching what amounts to the field of medicine? Proud Dr. Mckenna has asked me to work with him. My staff is extremely excited to go out in the community to support this effort going forward. I look forward to doing that. We are excited about it. My staff is excited. I can't wait to get started, thank you all so much.

9:21 AM
Thanks, chris.
Good morning.
My name is anne perkins, manager at rehab at santa clara valley. We have done a story of collaboration. That is the future of this research of this type which is so complex. Roman reed is another important advocate for spinal cord injury research. Along with his father raised a lot of money and sent a quick message up in sacramento. I am going to read his comments. My name is roman reed, sorry I am unable to be there in person. I am busy in sacramento supporting ab 67 this legislature will contribute 15 million dollars will be voted on today. Hold these deliberations in your thoughts and prayers. Possibility of bringing more research capabilities is a rare the ones that led the way. Those two have led the way. You have seen what the recipients, how they can benefit. Katy has had a lot of regeneration. Her life has changed because of it. Would you nod, katy and say yes, I am absolutely correct. Thank you all so much. New thank you supervisor. Item no. 6 another referral to administration through the finance and government committee and direction abc andd. Supervisor yeager?

9:24 AM
I have no other cards. supervisor kniss, motion and second?
We do have a motion, a public benefit non profit corporation or legal entity that will be appropriate for the purpose of this regenerative medicine center or0 or institute. My intention this not have county general funds or valley medical center enterprise money. That is the goal. Those are my comments. I want to thank everyone who came, especially katy. You all spoke so frankly and honestly. Last speaker who spoke about the pain of this, the, how your life has changed forever if you are in a wheelchair.

9:29 AM
She told me she was -- >> supervisor is in support, 5-0. Item no. 7 is an item we held from last week, proposed 1/8 or 1/4 retail transactions. We'll take a short presentation. Jeff, who wants to take that on? Sorry sylvia.
Good morning, sylvia, deputy county executive. Matter before the board is a report back requesting administration and county council to -- a brief overview pursuant to the board direction attached are the ordinances as well as resolutions calling for the
Good morning president shirakawa. I am with gardener health services. I am here in support of the tax, sales tax initiatives. In thinking about this, one -- I want to go back to a situation where a personal situation many years ago where life beat down my sister and she committed suicide. This was in another county. The reality is whether it was because there was expertise, she traveled 80 miles to get to the county of river side. There in lies the value of the county and valley medical center and the community health centers. I am sure you have many instances where you see the small miracles and provide to people that have no hope and provide a service where people have expertise, the burn unit, the new center we talked about today, you have an expertise and we have a need. In santa clara county, there are 428,000 individuals at 200 percent of poverty and below. That is 24 percent of the population that are going to need it. 173,000 uninsured, 250,000 underinsured and we need operating funds to maintain the system. We have facilities, but we need operating funds to create a future, thank you.

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President shirakawa. We are asking for you to have the opportunity to say yes to support the services so vitally needed.

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8:35 AM August, second reading, correct counsel?

Let me ask before I make the motion, legal counsel, can we take a,b, and c as one? C requires 4/5 control call vote.

I am going to move a, c, and b.

That would be for move forward all the items necessary for 8 cent sales tax to adopt a resolution and introduce preliminary adoption of ordinance, ns-7. 13.

Thank you, supervisor. second for myself. Supervisor yeager?

I didn't know if county counsel wanted to respond?

Asking for you to outline the process ballot language. I know we received internal memos, attorney-client information in terms of getting it right, given the importance, I am not asking for the legal analysis now, but the process in any reassurance you can give us as to what opportunities will have to make sure that language is right before it goes to rov in final form.
Because we are having two readings today and august 7th, if we want to tweak the ballot language and have that voted on the 7th, that is safe to do so.
As is today and do modifications, again assuming we have the 4/5 vote.

August 7th is a tuesday.
We are looking at 2013.
Many projects, our speakers mentioned, it would be good to get an additional reading on how the economy is doing, whether employment in the valley is up or down or cost of living, any sort of thing that gives us a sense of how we are doing economically. We'll know thursday, hold our breath about what the supreme court is going to do with the affordable care act. That might have a big effect on health care in this valley and importance of additional revenue. I think all us could get depressed about the state budget quickly. The legislature didn't, the government didn't pass a real budget. Ranges from 8 billion and more as far as the deficit remains and how it would effect our county. State sales tax doesn't look promising. I think we need to get an idea of how that is going to effect us as well. Any additional information that we continue to get whether it is on realignment or inhome support services. All the state programs that we are looking at cutting. If that happens, even though they are going to hold off until november, we can be more clairvoyant and how it is going to effect us. As we communicate to the public how the overall economic and state issues effect us. It gives us a better argument as to why people should consider the 1/8 cent sales tax.

You made the argument to control our own destiny. I was not sure. Now I am sure.
Can I follow up on supervisor yeager's comments? I think I agree completely that it is unclear what the state and federal government are going to do and particularly what the supreme court is going to do regarding services that are critical for our community and as you say, the question really is, whether the voters in santa clara county, public and santa clara county wants to assure their current level of services or even increased services to health of the community in a number of ways and welfare of the community. Our experience in the past has been that this community is very much interested in self-control in setting the stage for a higher expectation than the rest of the country and much of the state. This is an opportunity for the voters to actually do that and built into the ordnance is the requirement there be an ongoing frequent response to the public about how the money is being used and obviously the board making that decision so that people can have complete transparency. Trying to get at that information.

You centerly wall.
Prop 13, you can recall that is what is driving all this, we have no other way other than we have property taxes here just as the cities do and the county. We are dependent on ourselves, we can continue to provide the services we all believe are extremely valuable at the county. We are hearing a little bit of downturn in the economy. Although the traffic is terrible. I think I would be willing to vote against. We bear something dramatic between now and august 7th. I regret we have to go against this in a peace peel meal manner. Most have a predictable way. Ours is absolutely dependent on a number of incomes very subject to precisely where the economy is going.

Thank you, president shirakawa. The sales tax in california is the highest in the country, santa clara is also very high at 8 and a quarter. On sunday, this sunday, 5 days from now, sales tax rate goes up again. I am not in favor of increasing the sales tax burden on our county residents as it could drive more residents and businesses out of santa clara county.

Hi know former county executive pete kutris was out stumping up against one of the transportation sales tax measures. I think the information brought forward by sylvia, supervisor wasserman brought forward is valid. A lot of the information has been brought forward by the request of supervisor yeager. A general request, we know there is polling. At some point, there is either additional polling or subset of polling that exists that can be brought forward and made public report so it can assist us in answering some of these questions, certainly the board of supervisors I speak on behalf of all of us, leave it to those who are the political strategies to figure out if that can be done. That is all I want to say.

Kathy, I am going to let you speak for a minute.
I would like the say the state lottery only contributes 2 percent. Where is this money going? A lot doesn't go to the schools, parcel tax are what the schools use, bond measures. Very concerned. This money needs to go to the children or the organizations not to the general fund where it is used for whatever. Make sure you watch where this money goes. I already stopped buying a lot of things because of this. Please help us to find where this money goes.

Checking the ordnance on revising, we need five days to consider it after you change it. That would run up against the date of filing with the red star voters which is the tenth.
Obviously to notify the board, if county council thinks it is advisable to convene a meeting august 2nd or august 1st. It is sometimes difficult to track everyone down. First couple of days, it is plausible we could pull people together if it turns out to be a matter of legal opinion.

Thank you, council, please vote by light.
That carries, 4-1 with supervisor wasserman in opposition. Thank you all. Next item, item no. 8. It is our last item for the day. It is a hearing to consider an appeal filed by multiple parties, presentation, then appellant. Lee high, five minutes, all five minutes. Then i'll open up the general public testimony, then close public comment hearing then go to the board, does that sound like a plan? Staff?

Mr. President, President of the board, good morning, nash gonzales. Director of the board. The purpose is for the board to considered four appeals filed granting approval of the permanente cory. This is an amendment to the 85 plan, permanente cory is a mining operation located in unincorporated santa clara area within the foot high schools west of the city of cuppertino. This has involved extensive public out reach meetings held in the community of cuppertino and bring forth what the county was entertaining. A process that resulted in environmental impact report released in 2011. Extensive noticing has occurred with regards to this process for all the questions, certainly the board of supervisors I speak on behalf of all of us, leave it to those who are the political strategies to figure out if that can be done. That is all I want to say.
past decades, overburden, the rock not used for cement production is on the wsma. There is a large overburden pile also called mine waste again. Needs to be put outside of the mining or mind operator to extract limestone. Approximately one million of cubic yards in that area. Under this reclamation to additional 3.8 million cubic yards of overburden. Those are the three main areas subject to this plan. One area used to extract limestone, main pit, two to store overburden on the east and west material storage area. What is before you in this is the topography that exists. Mining proposed to go deeper about 400 feet deeper in the pit. Limestone extracted and used again in adjacent plan for cement production. Overburden which is not used is proposed to be placed in the east material storage area. That is on the east side of the site. In the final phase of the plan, the pit where the mine stone is proposed to be back filled with overburden in the past placed in west material storage area. As you can see benching would go into the main pit, stabilize a series of landslides in that pit to reclaim the site. East material is a overburden storage area, the site closest to the valley floor and the city of cupertino. Up to 4.8 million cubic yards of overburden placed there. This is a foot of them showing the massing of how much overburden would go into that area. As nash indicated, extensive meetings, one workshop and four meetings. Public testimony. All the issues brought forward were discussed by the planning committee. June 7th. They did take the action to make to approve the reclamation plan. We have received four appeals. Walked through them briefly. You have received staff transmittal, each and every appeal and in the interest of time today, we are going to go over the main issues broadly and available for questions. First appeal received was from leigh permanente. It is in regards to four conditions of approval, air quality, water quality monitoring and ground water monitoring. In these instances, planning commission changed the original conditions. Leigh is appealing those changes. Staff recommends approval of the appeal and modifies the conditions to go back to original as they were originally written before modified by the planning commission. Three additional appeals filed by the clean environment, quarry and district. They were filed last week. They seek to overturn to approve the rec plan. Just use 2-3 slides to go over the main slides. County and state have considered cement is separate from mining. This is a letter from 2007 issued from state office of minor reclamation. The cement plan is not sub jebt to mining or reclamation. Cement plan is used for manufacturing cement. Not in the past. The cement site is not used for mining in the past or currently. The quarry operator so they can operate independently. Both state and county determined the cement plan is not mining and not subject to the reclamation plan. Additional appeal issue is request that alternative evaluate that doesn't include east material storage area. Alternatives evaluated were inadequate. Central material storage area. Intent was to look is there another place where overburden could be stored? This location was located between the pit and east material storage area. As required by ceqa, a no project alternative in this instance as nash indicated, mine must have a reclamation plan. They did evaluate, if it was denied, what would a delay and reclamation plan look like? Out of these three alternatives in the project, all three were less on the issues brought forward were discussed by the project with respect to hazard and noise. Finally much of the public comment and issues in appeal has been on putting the mine waste in a different location or taking it off site. Eir did evaluate, is it feasible to remove all from the site? Trucks, rail? Because there isn't a market for overburden or accept this mine waste. That alternative isn't feasible. If it was feasible. There would be quality impacts or transportation impacts associated with it. One of the third main issues that has come up in appeals and much of public testimony is selenium impacts. Due to contact of surface water with limestone, there is increased concentration runs in the permanente creek. Through reclamation of the quarry and required by -- reclamation must leave a mine in the stable site. Put ago cap and cover on all the covered areas, selenium will reduce to below micro 5 grams per liter. This plan will allow them to with standards. Other issues brought up in the appeal letters, questions regarding health risk assessment prepared for the eir, issues regarding the scenic easements which covers a ridge line out of the property. Questions regarding eir baseline. Staff isn't going to go into these in the presentation for each and every appeal point brought up. Those issues have been addressed in the transmittal and available for questions. Overall staff does conclude after considering all the appeals and testimony received, none of the additional information changes as recommended. No. 1, eir does comply with the environmental act of california, seqa. No. 2, rec plan termed by the office of minor reclamation. The quarry has a vested right to mine. It is not oversite of mining operations. The quarry operator has the right to mine the property. What is subject to the review today is how the property is reclaimed. Staff has not found no other alternative either in eir or otherwise than as proposed under the plan. Finally, the objectives in approving the reclamation plan, staff has been working on this over five or six years, this reclamation plan allows those violations to be abated. The financial assurance for the 1985 reclamation plan doesn't allow reclamation of the site. It will be increased from 11 million to over 47 million dollars. Also as nash indicated performance standards are far and above what is in the existing plan with respect to education and addressing all the disturbed areas. Stats recommendation to the board of supervisors approval the appeal regarding the approval. Staff recommends adopting the resolution and make the findings required under seqa and considerations and reporting program. Approving reclamation plan with modified. The conditions of approval that concludes staff presentation and available for comment, thanks.

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Thank you, staff. any questions up to this point? I am going to recognize the appellants for five minutes, supervisors, anyone? Quick question.

I have a question. I want to put it out now in case somebody else wants to speak to it later on. Thank you for the recommendations. It is the largest packets we have had for such a small agenda. The storage, a little unsettled. Everything else I have resolved in my mind. What are the requirements on that? People have genuine concerns, I think, in terms of visibility, site, lines, so forth. How do they know it is not going to become could you explain quickly? I know in a standard grading permit type of situation, in a rural area it is the largest packets we have had for such a small agenda. The storage, a little unsettled. Everything else I have resolved in my mind. What are the requirements on that? People have genuine concerns, I think, in terms of visibility, site, lines, so forth. How do they know it is not going to become could you explain quickly? I know in a standard grading permit type of situation, in a rural area

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If I can follow up, you said something I wasn’t clear of before. Reading through the transcript that we have of the planning commission meetings, I know one of two commissioners were concerned as were some members of the public that testified on the issue of the material storage. In terms of on going monitoring, planning commission could have, I hate to call it a bite at the apple. It isn't heartwarming to the quarry people. They have the right to review as were some members of the public that testified on the issue of the material storage. In terms of on going monitoring, planning commission could have, I hate to call it a bite at the apple. It isn't heartwarming to the quarry people. They have the right to review

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That is correct.

Thank you, supervisors. I have similar thoughts. Supervisor knis?

Mine is a process. we are not addressing the cement plan. I have everyone to understand it has nothing to do with the cement plan which is a grandfathered situation.

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Leigh who is an applicant and appellant.

Thank you, supervisors I am going to share my time with mark harrison. I want to cover three points. Mr. Eastwood talked about staff recommendations, we are still standing by that. Staff did an excellent job nash gonzales, elizabeth, rob, gary, they worked with a lot of time and effort. We appreciate that. Also the planning commission, chairman le favors, this thing has been kicked around a lot. Three meetings along with the workshop. We heard a lot of the things, we appreciate the work they did. Finally, nash gonzales mentioned this is an exit strategy. We consider this a fiscal and physical commitment. I want to thank you for the opportunity and like to introduce mark harrison.
Good morning president Shirakawa and members of the board, I am counsel to Lehigh. First basis is condition 45 was modified and condition 45 was an either/or condition. The impact. Either of them totally mitigate planning commission did both. As a matter of law, if one conditions impacts -- that is that. Most importantly are comments on conditions 80 and 81. Approach to selenium had significant negative impact. The narrative is for. The out grower were a number of monitoring conditions among other things. They all interrelate and based on the expert study done. In 80 and 81, there is a 2-year monitoring and data collection period. That was changed to one year, we think it is important to put it back to two years. Frankly, it is the necessary amount of sometime to collect the data. In this case, based on all the analysis done, every expert opinion rendered on this project, there is no impact whatsoever from this site on wells in the valley. We don't think it is appropriate at this time. During the yearly reviews, clearly there is an opportunity. Right now, it doesn't appear to be needed at all. I also wanted to conclude and will finish here quickly and say this is the most comprehensive rec plan I have ever worked on. I want to say most people who involved in it, also the opinion of the authoritative state agency, doc has determined this is a superior plan and conditions recommended by staff are conditions that come out of the akt wall actual studies. We ask that you grant our appeal and uphold staffs recommendations. Be happy to answer questions.

Next is bay area clean environment, Tim, are you going to speak?

Tim and I will be speaking on behalf of base. Rather than on behalf of the city.

The county found notice of violation, use of msa for waste storage was not legal. Residents discovered a growing pile in their back yard that the county ignored and extreme 2-1 slope. How have we gotten to acceptance in the face of our residence? Stop msa growing now, make msa the first to go back in when extraction was done. That is a recent survey of 230 people. If you want to leave a regular legacy of true reclamation, 60 percent goes into making concrete through the aggregate and limestone, burden in the west fill it in, burden in the east, fill it in. Without doing that you left a giant di vit in the ground. Fill in the pit with both available piles. Hear what han sons bp said, and I quote, 80 percent has been planted in that wooded vegetation. We will increase density of the woody vegetation and supplying water in accelerating growth from the surrounding hillsides. That effort should be visible in 3-5 years. It is a flat barren artificial pile of rock. My scouts and I looked down when we hike to black mountain. This is not reclamation. You can understand residents are skeptical of any waste. Does it make sense to you a single foot of dirt on top a mound of clay which is what you have left can sustain native vegetation including large trees at ranchos san antonio? Really? Does it make sense to move west but not east pile? This is not environmental. This is a matter of cost for the operator. If you ask, the price of cement might go up if we reclaim this land. That is what we are asking. Thank you, I yield the rest of my time to tim

Thanks, Councilmember.

First of all, we requested this be delayed so our lawyer could speak to us. I was disappointed not to hear that. Ab 3098 was turned on its ire and used as a hammer. The county argued and used that logic to invoke a lop hole that voided an overriding consideration. And violations to the clean water act which will be caused by this plan. Lehigh violates the law for more than 10 years and selling to the government for the whole time despite ab 3098, due to 28,000 signatures demanding enshorment of ab 3098, county used impeding enforcement action to help lehigh directly contradicting intent of ab 3098. Solely on a financial analysis done by lehigh consultant. It is not balanced as required by seqa. Without time to prepare, we managed to turn in incredible analysis which showed lehigh's conditions cost bay area over 60 million dollars a year. Not the mercury, not the trucks. State water board requested that the draft eir be recirculated.

Good morning, my name is Josh Bennett. Knoll. I am here on behalf of Cory I want to thank the board to consider all the the appeals. I want to touch on a few things. Firstoff, we don't believe the eir is complete. We think it should be redone. Material errors contained. First off, uses air model which the district disapproves. It is not sequa compliant included in the eir. We think it needs to be redone. No consideration of the cement trucks. They are included in mining. No diesel delivery truck consideration. Admissions, equal but are left out. 50,000 truck trips and full production, estimated to be 100,000. There is no potential impact of the emissions they might leave. We think, also in addition there is no, consideration of the selenium was incomplete. General election out today, reasonably foreseeable could be used. No proposal by ge, what kind of impact their product might have on reducing selenium impact and a bunch of money wasted on random studies. We believe also significant errors in the health risk assessment. The values used were too lenient and not based upon February 2012 levels. And relies on incorrect reference exposure levels. Hra sounds all clear. We would like the board to take these matters into consideration on deciding on the cory knoll's appeal.

Good morning president Shirakawa. Members of the board of supervisors. My name is Jim Pomi, I am the assistant director of the environmentally superior. And alternative for conditions were best as far as we were concerned. Any questions.
office of mine reclamation. A few general comments about the reclamation plan before you, at least upholding the planning commissions approval. I was pleased to see the 1985 plan. I think the concerns were useful in bringing this process to this point as expeditiously as it has. The comments were taken into consideration in the office of reclamation approval of this plan. Counties required to extend to department of conservation for a 30-day review. Assigned to a professional geologist. They have been resolved through working with the county and cooperation from the mine operator. I am going to wind up here saying that I have the recommendation that the board of supervisors approve this plan. Thank you very much.

10:51 AM Thank you.

2006 and 2008 if you approve the planning commission approve it, you are helping the biggest polluters in the county legalize their illegal act. My opinion, the county hasn't exhausted every avenue to look at the selenium pollution issue.

10:52 AM Vice president of the san jose chamber of commerce requests that the board consider the report before you today as approved by the planning commission, adopt statement of overriding considerations, mitigation monitoring programs and reclamation plan as brought before you and recommended by staff. Potential environmental impacts with appropriate mitigations and overriding consideration. Reclamation plan will provide superior, state-of-the-art responsible implementation tool for lehigh management, and all operations and reclamation to completion of the project. We appreciate your support and thank you for hearing us today. Thank you.

10:53 AM Good morning Mr. President, supervisors. I am representing bodie concrete, 97 years has been the amount of time they have been in business. Bode considers itself a leader for our industry. First company in the state of california to be green star certified. Won numerous awards with clean and green and city and county and so forth. We are adjoining property leasers with them on the port with them in san francisco. We are supportive of them and the staff. I would like to add I grew up in the valley. I used to play at stephens creek. I would like it returned to the same status it was when I was a kid growing up. I believe these people are going to do that through what they have done in the past. Thank you for your time

10:55 AM Thank you.

The public is in grave danger from the selenium poisons spewing from lehigh, the lands and the quarry. Have we forgotten the exposure from the selenium dust poison? Through the air in which the water pollution is causing medical problems, severe pain and death. Citizens would like to put out moratorium poisoning dust carries in the air and breathed as a vapor. As life threatening carcinogens. I would ask the board to look into the issue of the one year verses two year on the conditions and also there be testing done on the wells. This is very important and water board still looking into that, thank you.

10:56 AM Thank you.

I want to thank you for your years of partnership and support for open space. I am here to support our districts appeal on the lehigh permanente quarry. It is a huge and complex project. I understand you have tough choices ahead of you. I want to focus on the big picture. Specifically the watersheds level. I am working on a summit and hope you all come. It is to protect and enhance the watersheds and encourage all of us to think like a watershed. It is a 12, permanente creek is one of those sheds. It originals on black mountain and our lands and comes out to rancho san antonio. It inspired beth kaiser to name her health care plan kaiser permanente after the creek. I am out of time. I did want you to pay attention to our staff appeal letter and think like a watershed and support our appeal. Thank you very much

10:58 AM Thank you.

I am dave single representing myself. I know lehigh was appealed. How will we know to come back and check for violations. What I want to ask you is ab 3092, specify the catch violators to force the law to be enforced? You are supposed to pay for the damage. You realize that full cost have to be born by the operation, thank you.

10:59 AM I would like to thank the board for taking the time to do this today. I am hear to urge that you grant all the appeals except lehighs. Almost all of them make their money from the cement plant directly or indirectly. I realize it is very influential. Very touch for us to deal with that we have to take time out from families and jobs. It is not easy. Our houses and families are at stake, so we keep doing it. To the point in hand. If the eir alternatives are considered to be infeasible for economic reasons, the 47 million dollars put aside is nowhere near enough. Always overruns. It is not enough money.

11:00 AM Thank you.

Kevin, heather, and alan zovalie. We believe it is time for all our hard work done to move forward, thank you.

11:01 AM Good morning, my name is heather zagar. I am an employee of le high. I am a third generation of the permanente site. My family has had a hand in the operation that provided materials for highway 85 and shark tank. They had a term for an employee like me. It was called the legacy. My family has been digging out rocks for 70 years now. With the reclamation plan is putting the rocks back reclaiming the lands. It is the right thing to do. I believe what the supervisors have before them is a comprehensive and complete reck plan. One that speaks to the commitment. It has employed a member of my family for over 70 years, they understand commitment. The fruits of the rec plan will live longer and that will be the legacy. Thank you.

11:02 AM Thank you.

I have worked at this facility for eight years. My team are responsible for every known standard. We have been involved in implementing technologies that haven't been implemented anywhere else in the nation. We do it ahead of the rest of the industry and ahead of the regulations and because it is the right thing to do and will continue to do that. Reclamation plan reflects the plan and urge for your support.

11:03 AM Thank you.

11:04 AM Last few speakers.

I am employee of the cement plan for over 30 years. I think lehigh is the right company to be running the cement plan and quarry. I believe they will make every effort to be a good member of the community. They care about their employees, 2008-present, inspite of devastating economy, not one employee has been laid off. We have had cuts in inventory production, but no job cuts, we all have medical and dental benefits. For the third year in a row, team lehigh will be participating in american cancer society. Thank you very much.

11:05 AM I am going to allow rebuttle. vote by light. I am going to go back in orderer, I'll give you 2 minutes, lehigh. Thank you president.

Mid pin, there was a statement made that this plan doesn't address water quality, in deed, that is the focus of the reclamation plan. There will be extensive monitoring to track it. There was a statement made by mid pin, this plan didn't address the impacts of the mining. That is what the reclamation plan is intended to do to restore the site after mining. Lastly, lehigh looks forward to meeting with mid pin, what lehigh is doing seems to be consistent with the long term goals of mid pin and we want to find a way to make that partnership happen rather than be adversaries. As far as bay area for clean environment. Major focus is move emsa. I will remind board. Be happy to answer questions, president.
Red or silver, did you want, not required. You have the option. Thank you very much. My group and groups around respect cement and its need in our buildings. I have been 30 years in the tax sector. We all appreciate what cement has brought for these products. All I ask you to consider here is if you think about these arguments, fill in the hole with the west material storage area, that is a good idea. East material, what gives there? What is the argument? Have you seen any evidence that makes sense that is compelling? You have a lot of folks representing cement here. We respect their, what they are trying to do if our communities. I ask you to consider the consequences of spending more money and getting a better reclamation done by removing that pile on the east material storage area. It is what mid pin is asking for, reasonable, fair. We think that is doing the cheapest ping thing is not what is in the nest position.

11:09 AM

Thank you councilmember.

Thank you for the opportunity. One thing comes to mind, I hear people say lehigh is great. It is a little bit counter intuitive. We are not saying there can’t be jobs and can’t make a good living. They need to follow the law and minimize the amount of pollution. Thank you.

11:10 AM

Steve midpin.

Thank you president shirakawa. It has been suggested we get together with lehigh and we will be. I did tour their facility last year. I understand the importance to the community as does my district. We understand a lot of the challenges they have from their perspective. We have been to their site. I would invite lehigh to come. I will meet with their ceo. Sometimes you have to say things that are a little unpleasant, thank you, board.

11:11 AM

Thanks.

Board members, we closed public hearing. And now let’s go to questions and or comments from the board. Supervisor wasserman? What I have heard, take it out, put it back in or let it accumulate. It is more environmental friendly to allow what is going on building up and filling in. If you could spend a couple of minutes at the chair explaining that, I would appreciate it.

11:12 AM

Absolutely. eir evaluated the option of putting it in the storage area. Noise impacts, there are sensitive receptors, potential for noise impacts double. Most concerning was selenium impacts. Long term selenium concentrations will reduce. That would double amount of time in which concentrations going into the creek increase. It is much faster than having an open construction site. The eir found that alternative was not environmentally inferior to the proposed project. Rob.

11:13 AM

Thank you.

Supervisor cortese? I think that answers my question. I wanted a little more information on that. Let me, one more time ask this, under the reclamation plan, support of the appeal denial of the planning commission recommendation, on this issue, should environment, decision of the material storage, weather it moving to the pit or any other alternative, let me ask in terms of monitoring conditions and further environmental analysis, what opportunities there will be to continue to address it and or work voluntarily with those in the community that have concerns? I am looking for process opportunities.

11:15 AM

It is an open process on an annual basis. With that, data regarding truck traffic and air admissions. They will be monitoring with the reck plan.

We have seen with building construction over the years, the evolution, if you will of lead standards, a state-of-the-art sometimes things take longer transported through a lengthier process. Done in a more environmentally sound way in order to meet the state-of-the-art in terms of today’s standards. Are we in your opinion at the state-of-the-art, I know we are talking about moving dirt and materials. Whether when you talk about this pit alternative, the amount of excess activity. I don't know how you weigh that against the other issues like site line. As far as moving materials, I mean, is this as good as it gets? Is this plan already, someone called it most comprehensive plan they have dealt with? Is it the best we can do in that regard?

11:18 AM

There is a balancing agent. nash has much more background.

If I May through the chair, nash Gonzales. Looking at the original plan, basic conditions of approval were placed on this plan. In a very basic way. A total of 16 conditions verses 89-90 conditions in the plan today. Again tas very comprehensive reclamation plan. I think this comes back to what supervisor cortese is eluding to, can we do better, reclamation plans over time have e voxel and become more comprehensive and provided for a more performance and goals and standards. A lot more emphasis on the operator to make sure they comply with smara. And in addition to planning conditions having review of this reclamation plan, the county staff will be performing annual inspections required under smara. We also will review financial assurances that go with this plan. They require more oversite and more reporting. Obviously, it puts operators under the microscope by the state since then. These plans do evolve with time.

11:20 AM

Okay, thank you, supervisor kniss.

Thanks, george. just to put this all in perspective and give information. Quarry began in early 1900s. It has been there more than 100 years. I imagined henry kaiser would be surprised what is going on who started his involvement in 1939, probably before most of the audience was born. Interesting to put it into perspective. Full disclosure on my part. I haven't met with base or cory knoll. I talked extensively with mid pin including steve last night and this morning. Also note that the quarry people did interact with them. How do you find balance in our valley that was, when we moved here. Now when you go up there, you see primarily houses. I think talk extensively with mid pin including steve last night and this morning. Also note that the quarry people did interact with them. How do you find balance in our valley that was, when we moved here. Now when you go up there, you see primarily houses. I think talked extensively with mid pin including steve last night and this morning. Also note that the quarry people did interact with them. How do you find balance in our valley that was, when we moved here. Now when you go up there, you see primarily houses. I think
requirement. To talk about the appeals there were several this morning and many came in at the last minute. I know that planning staff did their best to come back to that. Any of the changes that were brought up before were added by the planning commission. Regarding mid pin, I think, disclosed publicly, I talked with steve extensively last night. I think at this point, george, I am ready to make the following motions after 2-3 years of us spending extensive time on it.

11:28 AM Please>> first motion is in accord grant c and deny d, e, and f. David, elizabeth, f, frank. I believe I had a second. Wait for a vote on that, Mr. President.


11:30 AM Move that we adopt resolution g. G for general, taking actions 1-5. That is resolution g.


11:32 AM George, I might say our office has been district 5 following particular thanks to scott strictland who has gone to I don't know how many meetings. Thank you to the appeals group for showing up and giving us that information. It is very appreciated.

11:33 AM Point of clarification, there are 6 items to approve in the last.

11:33 AM Which one did I leave out, lori?

11:33 AM Approve reclamation plan amendment subject to approval as modified.