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DALY CITES BAY AREA AIR AND WATER QUALITY IN OPPOSING SUNOL QUARRY

Supervisor slams corporate polluter Mission Valley Rock Company for providing false information to SF Supervisors, urges City Attorney to take action

SAN FRANCISCO—The day after attending a packed meeting in Sunol with California State Senator and Sunol resident Liz Figueroa, San Francisco Supervisor Chris Daly called attention to major threats to air and water quality caused by the Mission Valley Rock Company. Supervisor Daly also sent a letter urging City Attorney Louise Renne to explore legal action, and called a hearing to focus on water quality in the region.

"Corporate polluter Mission Valley Rock Company misled Supervisors and now we know they put profits before Californians' health by consistently violating air and water quality standards and lying about it," said Supervisor Daly. "The proposed quarry expansion in Sunol will threaten the health of Bay Area residents, most notably people with AIDS and impaired immune systems. The Board of Supervisors has an obligation to stop it," Supervisor Daly added.

Research by the Alameda Creek Alliance uncovered these violations, noting that Mission Valley Rock Company has discharged polluted water into Alameda Creek at least 15 times in 2000, and violated their Bay Area Air Quality Management District permit 13 times between 1993 and 2000. Company representatives stated that there were no water discharge violations at a hearing

sponsored last year by Board President Tom Ammiano.

"There is no reason to reward this failure on the part of Mission Valley Rock to abide by the conditions of their permit with an expanded lease to quarry on our public land," said Jeff Miller, director of the Alameda Creek Alliance.

Supervisor Daly authored a resolution calling for an end to the quarry. This resolution will be considered at the Board of Supervisors today after winning approval from the Public Utilities and Deregulation Committee, which Daly chairs. Supervisor Daly also serves as a San Francisco representative on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.