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Dear Mr. Dee,

I write as a concerned Sonoma County resident about the proposed Dutra Haystack Landing Asphalt Plant and Recycling Facility. I have looked at the draft EIR on the web and have reviewed the aesthetics section about which I would like to comment.

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As presently conceived (including landscaping plans to mitigate the adverse visual effects of the plant), the proposed plant strikes me as having unavoidable and highly negative visual effects and I urge the Planning Commission (or Board of Supervisors) to reject the proposal as it currently stands. The site is at a sensitive location at the southern gateway to Sonoma County that is seen daily by thousands of commuters and recreationalists using the Petaluma River and Shollenberger Park. As noted in the EIR, the silos, conical piles, and conveyer belt would be only partially concealed by landscaping and, in turn, this landscaping would block scenic views of the Petaluma River environs and Sonoma Mountain.

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To rezone this area to permit industrial usage of such an intrusive nature significantly impacts the quality of life for many Sonoma County residents and, I believe, would undermine efforts to promote Sonoma County as a scenic tourist destination.

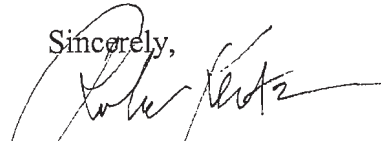
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I understand there are issues at stake concerning the eligibility of the Petaluma River to receive federal funding for dredging, but, in perspective, i.e., the quality of life for thousands of residents including generations to come, the economic well-being of our burgeoning tourist industry, and the precious scenic resources of the Petaluma River and Shollenberger Park, I believe that in the larger interest of the public good, the proposed plant should be rejected at the site envisioned in the EIR. The proposed plant strikes me as a stunning eyesore with wide and long-lasting ramifications, despite efforts to address this matter.

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I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Sincerely,


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