



Chevreux Aggregate's **Asphalt Plant in Meadow Vista is currently functional and operating** at low levels. The plant includes a 30,000 gallon propane tank and the facility is approved to produce 48,000 tons of hot asphalt per calendar quarter (500 tons/day), with no limitations on hours or volume of truck traffic. All of this in the middle of some 7,000 homes, 11 schools and 4 golf courses with an annual tax base over 35 million.

It is well documented that toxins from asphalt fumes and diesel emissions can cause serious health hazards, greatly increasing the incidents of asthma, heart and chronic lung disease as well as brain and lung cancer. Public health studies now recognize the asphalt emission, hydrogen disulfide, as a potent neurotoxin to which chronic exposure even at low ambient levels causes irreversible damage to the central nervous system. Children are the most susceptible to this poisonous gas. Fatigue, depression and suicide rates are extremely high around Asphalt Plants. This community will become known as an "asphalt town". Studies show that home values drop as much as 56%, with the greatest decline in higher value properties. A known nuisance must be disclosed in a real estate transaction.

Both the Placer County Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors have rejected protests by hundreds of residents that the Asphalt Plant permit has lapsed and was abandoned. Chevreux Aggregates and Placer County counsel were clear at the County hearings that there are NO restrictions on time of use or volumes of activity at the plant. The Asphalt Plant is poised to accept a large freeway contract where diesel trucks will run all day and night through our communities.

Meadow Vista Protection, Inc., a non-profit organization formed to preserve and protect the health, environment and quality of life of our Meadow Vista area community, has filed suit against Placer County in an effort to force the County to adhere to its own laws. Specifically, the suit states that the Asphalt Plant permit cannot be allowed for the following reasons:

- The Asphalt Plant permit violates the current zoning of the quarry which is Residential/Forestry.
- The Asphalt Plant permit lapsed and was abandoned by non-use for an extended number of years. Current county law states that a permit will lapse if it is not used for a period of one year. Since 1995, the plant was utilized once in 2001 for a brief period.
- Chevreux's proposed usage of the plant extends, increases and expands the non-conforming usage from the past which violates zoning laws.



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- The location of the current Asphalt Plant has moved from the original plant location. This is also a violation of law for a non-conforming use permit.
- The Asphalt Plant was erroneously excluded from Chevreux's surface mining reclamation permit. The inclusion of the plant would represent a substantial change of this operation requiring new permitting and environmental review.

**We need financial support to bring this lawsuit to trial.**

**Protect your family and your property values. Become a member of Meadow Vista Protection, Inc. and send your tax deductible contributions to: P.O. Box 1165, Meadow Vista, CA 95722**

More information can be found on the Meadow Vista Protection web site: [www.meadowvistamp.org](http://www.meadowvistamp.org)

