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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PLACER

MEADOW VISTA PROTECTION

Petitioner and Plaintiff,

vs.

CHEVREUX AGGREGATES, INC., et

al.

Defendants.

Case No.: SCV 19614

Rulings on Submitted Motions

On May 22, 2007 the court heard the arguments of the parties with respect to plaintiff's motion for summary adjudication of the third cause of action, and as to defendant Chevreux's motion for judgment on the pleadings as to the second, third and fourth causes of action. Attorneys Tim Kassouni and Angela Thompson appeared on behalf of plaintiff and petitioner Meadow Vista Protection. Attorney Brigit S. Barnes appeared on behalf of defendant and respondent Chevreux Aggregates, Inc. The court invited counsel to submit additional briefs concerning defendant's request for judicial notice of the "Planning Director's Determination Regarding Status of LDA-786." The matters were submitted for decision on May 29, 2007. The

1 court has considered all of the moving and opposing papers, and the
2 arguments of counsel, and rules on the motions as follows:

3 1. Motion For Judgment on the Pleadings

4 Defendant's motion for judgment on the pleadings is denied. The only
5 "new" law defendant cites in support of its motion is *Calvert v. County of*
6 *Yuba (2006) 145 CA4th 613*, which held that there is no private right of
7 action to enforce SMARA. However, plaintiff is not seeking to enforce
8 SMARA, and therefore *Calvert* is inapplicable. Specifically, plaintiff is not
9 seeking a determination that defendant does not have either a permit or
10 vested right under SMARA, does not have a reclamation plan, and has not
11 provided financial assurances to implement the planned reclamation.
12 Plaintiff is instead seeking a determination that defendant's quarry and
13 asphalt operations exceed the terms of their conditional use permits, and/or,
14 in the case of the asphalt operation, the conditional use permit has lapsed.
15 As defendant has therefore failed to show a material change in law since the
16 court's ruling on defendant's demurrer, this motion must be denied.

17 Defendant's request for judicial notice is granted as to items 1, 2, 3, 4,
18 5, 6 and 7 only.

19 2. Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Adjudication

20 Plaintiff's motion for summary adjudication is denied.
21 Plaintiff seeks summary adjudication of the third cause of action, concerning
22 whether defendant's conditional use permit to operate an asphalt plant on its
23 property lapsed under Placer County's lapse ordinance. There are triable
24 issues of material fact as to whether the intermittent operation of the
25 asphalt plant on Defendant's site constitutes a lapse under the Placer County
26 lapse ordinance. (See SSDUMF 11, 19, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, and 32.) "For
27 practical purposes, an issue of *material* fact is one which, in the context and
28 circumstances of the case, warrants the time and cost of fact-finding by

1 trial.' [Citation.] In other words, not every issue of fact is worth submission
2 to a jury. The purpose of summary judgment is to separate those cases in
3 which there are *material* issues of fact meriting a trial from those in which
4 there are no such issues." (*Eisenberg v. Alameda Newspapers, Inc. (1999)*
5 *74 Cal.App.4th 1359, 1376.*) A plaintiff moving for summary adjudication
6 bears the burden that each element of the cause of action has been proved,
7 hence that there is no defense thereto. (*Code of Civil Procedure section*
8 *437c(p)(1).*) Plaintiff has not met that burden here. Even in the absence of
9 the of the Planning Director's determination, plaintiff cannot prevail on this
10 motion.

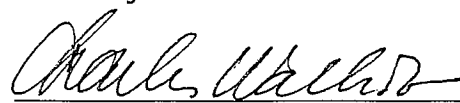
11 The court takes judicial notice of items 1-5, 29 as to the agreement
12 only, 30-34, 36-38, 42-44, 46, 47, 49, 50, 52-54, 57, 61-63, 68-71, 73, 75-
13 77, 79, 81, 82, 85, 88, 90, 92, 95, 96, 98-100, 102-109, 116, 121, and 123
14 in Defendant's request for judicial notice. The court declines to take judicial
15 notice of the remaining items.

16 Defendant's objections to plaintiff's evidence are sustained. Plaintiff's
17 objections 1(M), 1(O), and 4(C) are sustained. Plaintiff's remaining
18 objections are overruled.

19 Request for Judicial Notice

20 After the subject motions were filed, the court was requested to take
21 judicial notice of the May 18, 2007 written determination of the Placer
22 County Planning Director that Chevreaux's asphalt operation is currently a
23 legally permitted use, which has not lapsed. Given that this written
24 determination was not filed in timely fashion in connection with the moving
25 and/or opposing papers, the court declines to take judicial notice.

26 Dated: 6/19/07

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28 Hon. Charles D. Wachob
Judge of the Superior Court

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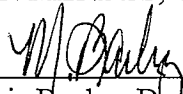
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24 office mail on that same day with postage thereon fully prepaid in the ordinary course of business.

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