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Group files suit against Chevreux

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A group of Meadow Vista residents have challenged the Auburn-based aggregate company, Chevreux Aggregates, Inc.'s presence in the community.

Meadow Vista Protection has filed suit against the aggregate company, citing violation of its permits, causing a public nuisance and interfering with the community.

"There is an enormous number of trucks, fumes, dust and noise to and from the (Combie Road) plant that interfere with the neighborhood community.," said Ron Zumbrun, a Sacramento attorney representing the group. "The most recent trucking event was (last week) when trucks went all through the night keeping people awake."

Of particular concern to the unnamed residents is the asphalt plant that is planned for the area.

"They feel the asphalt is a contaminant and can be traced to medical problems, particularly with children."

Loomis attorney Brigit Barnes represents Chevreux. She said the plant has had permits, dating back to the 1950s, that allow for asphalt at the Meadow Vista location.

"(Meadow Vista Protection) is suing over elements of Chevreux business that are actually older than me," Barnes said.

A Placer County Superior Court ruling is allowing Meadow Vista Protection to move forward with its lawsuit, Zumbrun said.

"They can move forward with court proceedings, which will be opposed," Barnes said. "We'll file an answer denying their allegations. We don't believe Chevreux is in violation."

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