



Chevreaux Aggregates was granted a **new air quality permit to operate a permanent asphalt plant** in April of 2006 from the regional Air Pollution Control District (APCD). Chevreaux purchased a used Gencor hot mix asphalt plant in May and began installation in July. The plant is almost complete and includes a 30,000 gallon propane tank. 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.**

Protests to the Placer County Planning Department and County Counsel have been futile. Placer County Supervisor Bruce Kranz and Nevada County Supervisor Sue Horne would not take a stand **despite public outcry and overwhelming evidence the permit is invalid and the project poses a serious health hazard.**

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.

MVP filed a complaint in Placer County Court on July 12th against both Placer County and Chevreaux Aggregates. Among other things, **MVP is challenging the asphalt permit granted prior to the adoption of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in 1972** because the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) was **never properly exercised** within the first twelve months and would have **lapsed due to years of non-use.** Also, the location of the asphalt plant moved 1000 feet from the 1972 permitted location which **should have triggered an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).** Both defendants filed demurrers to the complaint. The Honorable Judge Charles Wachob allowed Placer County to remove itself from the case because he found that code enforcement is not a mandated duty but a **discretionary duty** of the planning department. However, Judge Wachob rejected Chevreaux's attempt to dispose of MVP direct challenges to Chevreaux's wrongful activities and allowed MVP's case against Chevreaux to move forward.



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Chevreaux has until November 13th to answer the complaint. The case is now in the discovery and deposition phase. **Meadow Vista Protection is seeking immediate declaratory and injunctive relief.** This project requires significant financial support from affected homeowners to **stop the asphalt plant from ever starting.** Our community has contributed more than \$50,000 to this legal fund in 2006 and you can thank some of your neighbors for that support. We need to raise at least another \$50,000 to continue. If you take a moment to consider **the substantial environmental, social, and financial impact of an operational asphalt plant in our community,** it is clear that **now is the time to act.** Please don't let this happen to the Bear River, Lake Combie, Lake of the Pines and Meadow Vista region.

More **details about the asphalt plant and its negative impact to health and property values** can be found at the Meadow Vista Protection Website:

<http://meadowvistamp.org>

Send your donations to: MVP, P.O. Box 1165, Meadow Vista, CA 95722

