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**COURT RULES THAT MEADOW VISTA PROPERTY OWNERS MAY
MAINTAIN SUIT AGAINST AUBURN MINING COMPANY**

Sacramento, California [October 18, 2006]: A Placer County Superior Court judge, the Honorable Charles D. Wachob, has ruled that the grass-roots organization Meadow Vista Protection may maintain its causes of action for declaratory and injunctive relief, trespass and nuisance against the Auburn-based aggregate company, Chevreaux Aggregates, Inc. Chevreaux's mining operations have created undue noise, fumes and dust, which have affected the quality of life of many residents of Meadow Vista, California.

The aggregate giant operates a gravel quarry and concrete batch plant at its site in Meadow Vista, California, and also has plans to operate an asphalt plant there in the future. Residents of the community banded together and filed a lawsuit in July 2006, seeking to enforce Chevreaux's compliance with the conditions of its conditional use permits and also seeking to prevent operation of the asphalt plant, citing health and environmental concerns and arguing that the 1972 permit has lapsed.

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Chevreaux filed a demurrer to Meadow Vista Protection's complaint, arguing that Meadow Vista Protection had no standing to bring its causes of action and further claiming that its use permits were "grandfathered" and thus untouchable.

However, Judge Wachob disagreed, overruling Chevreaux's demurrer and allowing Meadow Vista Protection to move forward with its lawsuit.

Timothy V. Kassouni, an attorney with The Zumbun Law Firm and counsel for the property owners, stated: "We are pleased that Judge Wachob has recognized the rights of the Meadow Vista property owners to seek redress in Placer County Superior Court."

Jeff Evans, President of Meadow Vista Protection, said: "I can speak on behalf of many affected Meadow Vista property owners in expressing the urgent need for a legal remedy to address the noise, dust and fumes caused by Chevreaux's mining activities, and I am pleased that this suit is going to proceed. The conditions of Chevreaux's conditional use permits must be enforced."

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