

VS asphalt plant request remains on track

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Contrary to statements made last week by the leader of the Calaveras Taxpayers Association, Ford Construction will continue to seek government authority to operate an asphalt hot plant in Valley Springs.

Nick Jones, president of Ford Construction, contacted The Valley Springs News on Friday and refuted statements made by CTA President Al Segalla that Ford Construction was pulling the plug on plans to place the asphalt plant at Hogan Quarry and eyeing a new location in Amador County.

“We’re not backing off on the program,” Jones told The Valley Springs News.

He said Ford Construction has looked at placing the plant in Amador County, but Hogan Quarry is the leading spot and the company plans to present its case at the June 25 Calaveras County Planning Commission meeting.

In the meantime, Jones said Ford Construction has approached California Fish and Wildlife, Calaveras County Water District, Stockton East Water District, and others to allay any concerns they might have about the project.

“We have nothing to hide,” he added.

MyValleySprings.com did not let its guard down after hearing Segalla’s statements at last week’s Board of Supervisors meeting.

“We thought he might have overstepped,” said Joyce Techel, MyValleySprings.com president.

She added Segalla and CTA are not showing “any regard for the residents of Rancho” by taking a stand in favor of placing the asphalt plant in the quarry at 3650 Hogan Dam Road.

“They don’t know firsthand what these people are living with,” Techel said about the quarry’s neighbors, “and their deep concerns about added traffic and nighttime work. Somebody’s got to consider them.”

MyValleySprings.com has posted documents concerning the asphalt plant on the organization’s website for the public to review, she added.

The June 25 Planning Commission meeting begins at 9 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas.