

Proposal for new industrial plant gets community feedback

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The CEO of a sustainable biomass and wood fiber manufacturer looking to open a facility in Valley Springs met this week with neighbors and community members.

Mark Mathis of Confluence Energy, LLC, said he was pleased with the community's input.

Concerns were raised, especially about truck traffic, and Mathis said his company would work to mitigate those issues.

The Colorado-based company is looking at locating its facility on industrial-zoned property about a mile from downtown Valley Springs off Paloma Road.

Mathis anticipates the manufacturing facility will generate 10 to 12 inbound trucks per day delivering fiber and eight to 10 outbound trucks per day with finished products.

The state-of-the-art manufacturing facility would create 24 to 34 new jobs for the area. The company takes dead, beetle-infested trees and other salvageable forest materials and turns them into a variety of manufactured products such as wood pellets, cat litter and garden and soil products.