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Chronology. This is a work in progress, intended to assist us in tracking our work as it unfolds.

Early 1999: Rossi announces plan to purchase Ranch. CPR campaigns to get Rossi to back out

October 1999: SMART gets TRO and then Ripping begins.

_____ SMART opposed 36 home development on Tract 1 due to inconsistencies in Negative Declaration.

_____ SMART withdrew objections to Tract 1 in exchange for Settlement agreement specifying a habitat study and future EIRS.

6/7/04: Santa Margarita Ranch (SMR) proposes 111 homes across from the graveyard in an Agricultural Clustered Subdivision (Ag Cluster).

_____ Proposal triggers two EIRs because of requirements in Settlement.

11/19/04: NOP issued by state clearinghouse. Comment period from 11/19/04 through 12/20/04.

_____ SMART is party to establishing the scope of both EIRs per the Settlement agreement.

January 10, 2007: Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) is issued. Report lists 11 Class 1 impacts (significant and unavoidable impacts) on the 111 home proposal and 11 Class 1 impacts on the future development scenario (More information below).

_____ The DEIR is a forum for many environmental groups and public agencies to learn what is planned for the Santa Margarita Ranch and to study and comment on the impacts. Facilitating this participation is SMART's charter.

4/17/07: At the end of the comment period for the DEIR, SMR decides to modify the plan for the 111 homes in hopes of avoiding the reality of the 11 Class 1 impacts.

_____ The modification of the proposal triggers the requirement for a

Recirculated Draft EIR (RDEIR). RDEIR is circulated on ____ with comments due 3/28/08.

5/7/07, 6/21/07, 6/28/07, ??: The County of San Luis Obispo Department of Planning meets secretly with the SMR Owners to determine the scope of the RDEIR. This is in violation of the Settlement Agreement.

_____SMART learns of this violation and files a claim against the County of San Luis Obispo and SMR.