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Quarry and CEQA Updates:

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News:

- A Scoping Session about the Quarry Innovation Center Project is on September 1, 2026 at 6:30pm.

Please attend in person or on Zoom to voice your opinion.

Held at the Community Meeting Room, Brisbane City Hall, 50 Park Place

- [Join Zoom Webinar](#)
- [Webinar ID: 835 8932 6388](#)
- Call In Number: 1-669-900-9128

* The NOP (Notice of Preparation) is out for the Quarry Innovation Center Project. Please write comments about what should be investigated/analyzed and your opinion on the second EIR.

Comments are due on September 8, 2026 by 5pm.

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A link to [Brisbane's page](#)

OUR VIEWS AND CONCERNS:

1. Changes to the project will bring more destruction to important grasslands west of the quarry:

The NOP states there will be “a 49.9-megawatt electrical substation and switching station; and overhead electrical transmission service with associated improvements, which would connect to existing high-tension electrical transmission lines owned and operated by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to the west of the Project site.”

Why would they need that much power? Who will pay for that power? Although they say this project does not include a data center now, who might they rent to in the future or next project?

Although the developers state the project is only going to be for Advance Manufacturing, their last project update states other uses. See their chart below:

**TABLE 4
BUILDING SUMMARY**

Building Level	Square Footage (approx.)	Dimensions in Feet (Length x Width) (approx.)	Uses
LIGHT ASSEMBLY BUILDING			
1	446,000	1,270 x 374	• Light Fabrication • Manufacturing • Assembling • Processing • Ancillary Warehouse Storage • Accessory Office • Data Center
2	446,000		
TOTAL	892,000		

Check out their website to rent the building: <https://www.quarryinnovationcenter.com/>

- Look at bullet point 5: “Freedom to design, construct, and fit-out the interior tailored to specifications”

If Brisbane approves the Innovation Center, Orchard Partners can rent to whomever they please. If they sell the property, what kind of regulations will the City have? **Having this much freedom to harm the environment and people is not okay.**

If Orchard Partners supports environmental conservation as they claim to, **why would they allow polluting industries to function around the sensitive habitat of San Bruno Mountain?**

2. The quarry project will come with untold additional expenses:

Orchard Partners wants to add the Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD) law; essentially an insurance if there is a landslide, making liability on GHAD and not the City of Brisbane or the developers. They would need a paid board and pay for the GHADpay GHAD program yearly. **Where will this money come from? Tax increases?**

"State law, the California Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA). All mining surfaces need approval of a reclamation plan from a lead agency. "The current approved Financial Assurance Cost Estimate (FACE) for the Guadalupe Quarry is approximately \$2,000,000"

3. Brisbane has no ordinances blocking data centers:

On July 21st at 3:30PM there was a meeting about ordinance for data centers in Brisbane. The planning subcommittee would not approve a complete ban on data centers. More meetings about data centers are to come.

4. Vote NO on Prop 45:

This is a bad change to CEQA written by billionaires for billionaires. Read more here: <https://peopleoverpollutersca.com/>

The Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter, Green Foothills, San Bruno Mountain Watch, Visitation Valley Community Action Network and the Mountain Butterfly Collective have formed a coalition to fight this project. We all oppose the development.

What we can all do:

- **Advocate for the community** by sharing handouts, newsletters and talking to your neighbors about the proposed development.
- **Stay informed** by visiting our website: Mountainbutterfly.org and reading our newsletters.
- **Contact the Brisbane Planning Commission and the Brisbane Council** to let them know your feelings on the issue.

If you see your Council person on the street, you can ask if they have time to talk about the Quarry development and bring up your questions. Free free to use the letter template provided below and send it to the Brisbane Council - edit as you wish.

Send letter to:

Email Council Members:

CouncilMembers@brisbaneca.org

Planning Commissioners' emails and phones numbers:

<https://www.brisbaneca.gov/Directory.aspx?did=33>

Brisbane City Hall Main Line: (415) 508-2100

Brisbane City Building & Planning 415-508-2120

Letter template:

[Date]

Brisbane City Council

Brisbane City Hall

50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005

Council members,

My name is [Your Name], and I am a resident of Brisbane. I am writing to you today as a steward of San Bruno Mountain to express my concern about the development of a "Quarry Innovation Project" in the Guadalupe Quarry. Along with destroying special status species habitat, the development will increase noise and vehicular pollution in the surrounding area both during and after its construction. This is the Wrong project in the Wrong place.

The primary issues I am concerned with are:

Lack of Accountability

- Impact on nearby school(s) is not addressed in the new project description • Residents do not have full disclosure of how the site will be used.
 - Orchard Partners describes these possible uses: Data Center, Light Fabrication, Manufacturing, Assembling, Processing, Ancillary WarehouseStorage
- The amount of noise produced during and after the project would require an exception to established limits (Chapter 8.28, Noise Control Brisbane Municipal Code).
- Funding for habitat conservation provided to San Mateo County is not required to be used for San Bruno Mountain.

Environmental Harm

- Annexation of conserved habitat from San Mateo County to the City of Brisbane will result in a net loss of conserved habitat.

- The conservation area will not be protected since amendments to the Habitat Conservation Plan will enable bulldozing of endangered species areas around the quarry with no accountability.
- Project description states: “The fabrication facility may be operational between 5-10, 7 days a week, depending on the final occupant.”
- Storm drainage will go to the bay. They have no answers for what pollutants will be released into the bay.
- The project description states: “Approximately 491 trees would be removed from the Project Area. The proposed landscape plan includes replacement of 202 trees.”
 - This is a loss of nearly 300 trees. Mature trees and the habitat they provide cannot be replaced!
- The project would require development of 153 acres to build a road through priority 1 and 2 habitats described in San Mateo County’s Habitat Management Plan.

Despite the promise for open space protection and management, there are no levers of accountability for whoever rents the facilities. The council is being asked to approve this project without the full disclosure of how the site is going to be used. Our community needs our elected leaders to collaborate with community members and environmental organizations to make data driven decisions to ensure we are protecting local biodiversity to ensure a healthy future for all of our residents. On behalf of concerned community members, thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Your consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,

[Your First and Last Names]
Resident of [County Name]