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**Quarry Update:**

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

**Who would think to put possible toxins in the heart of San Bruno Mountain?**

The proposed San Bruno Mountain Quarry development has changed for the third time. Although the developer Orchard Partners say they have listened to the community and made changes, very little has changed from the first EIR proposal. They may update the first EIR.

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.**

**To date, we have:**

- Submitted comments to the EIR.
- Attended most meetings to oppose the development.
- Met together in agreement to not build on this sensitive habitat and allow it to heal.
- Sourced lawyers to help fight.
- Provided petitions and letters to inform the public and Brisbane Commission.

We ask one question: Why put possible pollutants in the heart of the mountain instead of somewhere else? The part owner of the Guadalupe Quarry does not want to sell it, but to utilize one of the proposed permitted uses in the Quarries place. Are they also trying to make Brisbane the next Silicon Valley?

Currently, the Brisbane Planning Commission is reviewing the New Project description from the developers. Julia Ayers of the Brisbane planning commission is helping them complete project permits.

**Do not listen to them!**

The developers will state that they are only renting to Advance Manufacturing, but their new project description states otherwise. “Data processing” is the same as Data Centers. Here is the chart #4 from their proposal on page 11 of possible uses for the building and they do not know who will rent the building once it is built in three years. And after being approved they can rent to any company in the proposed permitted uses.

**TABLE 4  
BUILDING SUMMARY**

Building Level	Square Footage (approx.)	Dimensions in Feet (Length x Width) (approx.)	Proposed Permitted Uses
<b>LIGHT ASSEMBLY BUILDING</b>			
1	446,000	1,270 x 374	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light Fabrication, Manufacturing, Assembling, Processing</li> <li>• Accessory Storage and Distribution</li> <li>• Accessory Office, data processing and R&amp;D</li> </ul>
2	446,000		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>892,000</b>		

Check out these articles about Date centers or Data processing:  
<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2026/feb/07/california-monterey-park-stop-datacenter-construction>

[NBC news AI datacenter](#)

**Who would think to put possible toxins in the heart of San Bruno Mountain?**

We understand advanced manufacturing could also be a 3-D manufacturing plant and many other things. We know that computer chip manufacturing plants release toxic plumes which have been linked to birth defects. There was so much pollution in the South Bay that the Silicon Valley Toxics group was formed to promote environmental sound manufacturing practices. And they state they want to turn Brisbane into Silicon Valley 2.0?

Who knows what pollution would come from such a plant? Who knows what this will open the doors to? We don't know.

**Where will the water and electricity come from and how it will affect Brisbane residents?**

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**What we can all do:**

Advocate for the community via handouts, newsletters and by providing information on our website: [Mountainbutterfly.org](http://Mountainbutterfly.org).

Read the newsletters and keep the proposed development in mind when talking to your neighbors. There could be a lawsuit in the future so we will need your help.

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 ask if they have time to talk about the Quarry development and ask your questions. Use the letter template provided **below** and send it to the Brisbane Council - edit as you wish.

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**Send letter to:**

Council Members:

[CouncilMembers@brisbaneca.org](mailto:CouncilMembers@brisbaneca.org)

Planning Commission with emails and phones numbers:

415-508-2120

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

City Hall Main Line: (415) 508-2100

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**Letter to send:**

[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 Center" 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.**

I urge you to work with your colleagues on the Brisbane City Council to request a new Environmental Impact Report for the Guadalupe Quarry. 24/7 light, sound and air pollution will contribute to decreased quality of life and health of local communities.

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 habitat 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]