



A Resolution of The Sustainability Committee of West Valley College, Saratoga, CA

In Support Of The Efforts Of The Amah Mutsun Tribal Band To Preserve Sargent Ranch/Juristac As Open Space

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2022, the Sustainability Committee adopted a resolution recognizing the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band as a historic and continuous tribe of the region with ancestral ties to Missions in the Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties; and

WHEREAS, Mutsun descendants, today represented by the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, are working diligently to restore their indigenous practices, regain stewardship of their lands, and heal from historical trauma; and

WHEREAS, the Debt Acquisition Company of America, doing business as Sargent Ranch Management Company, has applied to the County of Santa Clara for a conditional use permit for a proposed sand and gravel mining operation with aggregate processing facilities on approximately 320 acres of Sargent Ranch, an area known as Juristac to the Amah Mutsun; and

WHEREAS, Juristac is the location of numerous ceremonial and sacred sites, comprising a landscape of immense historical, cultural and spiritual importance to the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band; and

WHEREAS, the Amah Mutsun maintain that the proposed mining pits, overburden piles, roads, and processing facilities would irreparably harm Mutsun cultural resources, landscape features, and the spiritual integrity of Juristac; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band has taken a unanimous stand in opposition to the Sargent Quarry Project and is seeking the support of surrounding communities in efforts to protect their sacred grounds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sustainability Committee supports the efforts of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band to preserve Sargent Ranch/Juristac as open space in perpetuity and to regain access to their cultural and spiritual sites at Juristac;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sustainability Committee urges the County of Santa Clara to deny approval of permits for the proposed Sargent Quarry Project.

Adopted by unanimous decision of the students and faculty of the Sustainability Committee Meeting on Friday, May 19, 2022.

