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Comments: I am against South32 mining and ore processing in Santa Cruz County.

Mining and ore processing will destroy fragile ecosystems and scar the land forever, long after the mine operations have ceased.

Zinc and manganese are both very hazardous materials to mine and process. And, they can lead to serious health conditions.

Mining and ore processing will create toxic waste on land, in the air and water, polluting our clean environment.

Mining and ore processing will also majorly deplete our aquifers.

We are already in a serious drought.

Removing hundreds of millions of gallons of water yearly will only make the situation worse.

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