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Comments: We are writing to express our opposition and concerns regarding the proposed Hermosa Critical Minerals Project #65668. Our concerns revolve around the environmental impact to the animals, lands, and waters which will be negatively affected by the mining of manganese and zinc. Water is already in short supply in the Patagonia area where the proposed mining will occur, and there are many communities in the greater Santa Cruz county and beyond that rely upon the water which the creeks in this area flow. Additionally we are very concerned about the known negative health impacts of manganese mining. Clean air and water are critical to all of us on this planet. We ask that you do not put the health and safety of all living beings, air, and water systems at risk by approving this proposed mining project.