

Karin Adams is currently the Vice Chair of the Chaffee County Planning Commission. She was asked to recuse herself during the Planning Commission's ACA pit application because of her long time business association with the applicant.

In 2000 and 2006, Karin Adams opposed two gravel pits by submitting letters to The Colorado Board of Land Commissioners and Chaffee County Commissioners giving her reasons why those applications should be denied.

Here are Karin's direct quotes from her 2000 letter to The Colorado Board of Land Commissioners:

"Such a disturbance would have a negative impact on the entire valley, not just the neighbors, as this would be an unsightly entrance to the county and would discourage everyone from visiting, staying, investing, shopping, or becoming a part of our communities."

"You will undeniably be involved in a long and expensive litigation by the very active people in this community that would be costly rather than beneficial to everyone."

"In summary, I feel the expense and negative impact would far outweigh any benefits you might gain by granting such permits to mine on this land."

Take a look Karin's direct quotes from her 2006 letter to the Chaffee County Commissioners opposing a proposed pit in Buena Vista:

"Regardless of any caution or compliance with the soils being disturbed, there will undeniably be dust, noise, traffic, and have a very negative impact by and on the river for fishermen, rafters, and public in general."

"The neighboring properties could be enticed to apply for gravel pits as well when they could receive \$32,240 per acre based on the standard royalty fees for mining gravel. They could also have the attitude that they might as well receive these handsome monetary benefits when they have to suffer through the activity right by them."

The only difference between then and now is that then Paul Moltz was a competitor to the applicants and now he is the proposed pit operator. Is her opinion based on the facts or the pit owner alone? Visit Don't Crush Salida's website for more information regarding this issue. dontcrushsalida.org