

Save Our Southwest Hills  
**F A C T S H E E T**

# Liberty Quarry and who pays

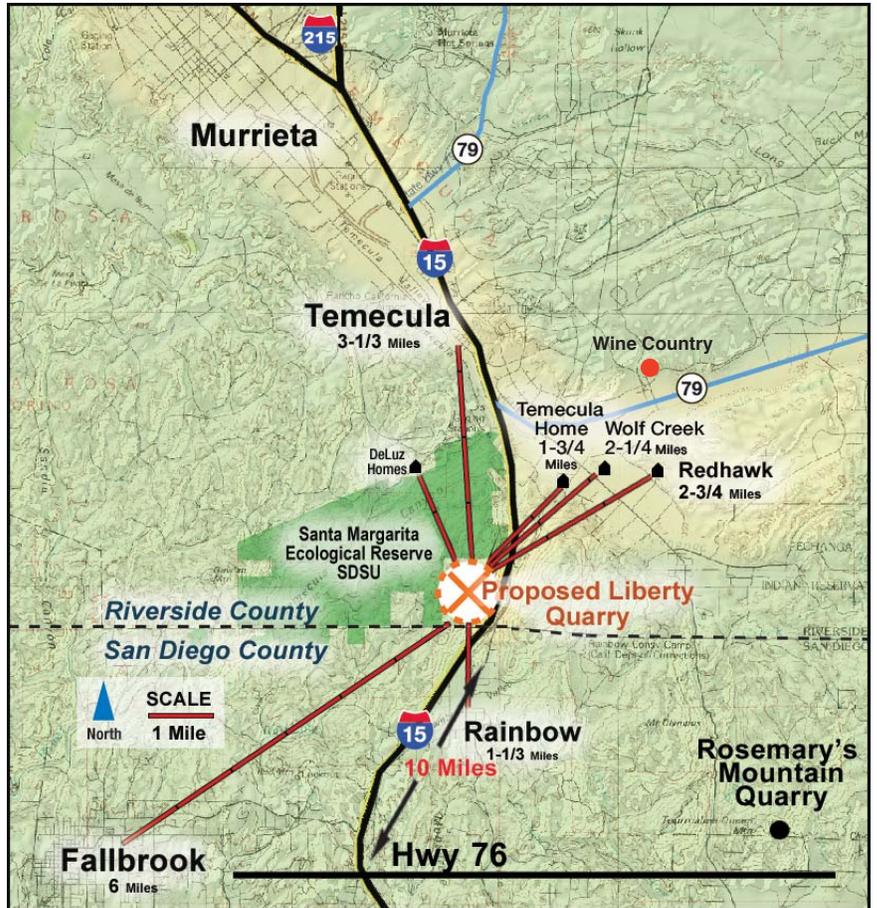
*Here is your guide to the real and imminent threat of Granite Construction's proposed quarry, and how it will affect the residents of Temecula, Murrieta, Rainbow and Fallbrook and what you can do to stop it.*

*Quarries built in a community change the way people LOOK at that community. The image is no longer of rolling hills and oaks, beautiful wine country and clean air; the image becomes that of an "industrialized area" a dumping ground for more of the same (hazardous waste site, etc.)*

*Join us in our fight to help save your community from one of the largest gravel quarries in the country! Arm yourself with knowledge by following the links in this fact sheet for detailed, accurate information. An educated citizenry is our best defense.*

*Time is of the essence. In the near future our local officials will either approve or disapprove this quarry. Visit our website: [WWW.SOS-HILLS.ORG](http://WWW.SOS-HILLS.ORG) to stay informed and sign up to get involved.*

*Don't delay. The future of our community rests in your hands.*



*"Destiny is not a matter of chance; it is a matter of choice."*

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN



## We will pay with Poor Air Quality and Health Issues

- The constant spewing of diesel emissions from gravel, cement, and asphalt trucks while idling on the heavily congested I-15, are a proven danger to your health.
- Diesel exhaust and diesel soot are two of the most serious causes of pollution. They contain over 450 chemicals and over 40 known toxins. *There is no known safe level of exposure.* They can cause pulmonary and heart problems.
- Silica dust from mine blasting and crushing can cause silicosis, a life threatening lung disease.
- Our daily winds will carry the soot from the trucks and dust from the quarry over all of our communities.

### Dig a Little Deeper

For information about: the effects of silica, go to [www.sos-hills.org/silica](http://www.sos-hills.org/silica)  
The effects of diesel and auto exhaust, go to [www.sos-hills.org/exhaust](http://www.sos-hills.org/exhaust)



## We will pay with Traffic on I-15

- By Granite's own projections, there would be 1,600 daily truck trips on and off the freeway at Rainbow Valley Boulevard, including asphalt and cement trucks as those products would also be manufactured at the quarry site.
- The CHP weigh station at Rainbow is already very congested. The additional 1,600 truck trips going in and

out of the quarry N-S will add more congestion to the I-15, especially during morning commute traffic traveling both north and south.

- Granite says most of their trucks will be going to the south, but nothing would prevent them from selling their products to the north.
- The Rainbow freeway exit would become an industrial traffic hub. The quarry would operate 20 hours a day, six days a week.
- Granite says they would be taking trucks off the freeways from the north, but in reality ALL their trucks would be at our doorstep!

### Dig a Little Deeper

For information about the effects of truck traffic, go to [www.sos-hills.org/traffic](http://www.sos-hills.org/traffic)



## We will pay with Loss of Property Value

- Quarries and mines have a negative effect on property values. People do not want to live next to such an industrial complex with all the problems inherent in this kind of operation.
- We bought our homes in an area with good air quality for our families. We could become the worst area for air quality in Riverside County if the quarry is built.
- Until a decision is made to deny the quarry permit, a seller must disclose to a prospective buyer the potential downgrade to neighborhood with a pit mine operation in the community.

## We will pay with Impact on Agriculture

From avocados to wine grapes, from citrus to exotic flowers, agriculture is an important part of the economy of this area.

Several experts have spoken out about potential damage to crops with the increased pollution and the need for increased use of pesticides if the quarry is approved. Bees that pollinate our crops are already threatened by disease.

### Dig a Little Deeper

For information about the effects on agriculture, go to [www.sos-hills.org/agriculture](http://www.sos-hills.org/agriculture)

## We will pay with the loss of the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve

*The 4600 acre Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve will be compromised by the Quarry project. It was established 46 years ago and surrounds the proposed Quarry on two sides.*

The Reserve provides a protected area for research and education on Southern California's ecosystems. This is the flagship Reserve and Field Station for San Diego State University and an important member of the national Field Stations program.

The Reserve encompasses the first five miles of the Santa Margarita River; the last fully protected, free flowing river in Southern California.

The Reserve is also at the center of the last inland to coastal wildlife/habitat linkage in Southern California.

The unique and irreplaceable Reserve serves as an "outdoor laboratory" for researchers from all over the world to study global, national and regional issues such as:

- Climate change
- Earthquakes
- Endangered species
- Water pollution

- Wildfires
- Homeland Security projects
- Agriculture studies

### Dig a Little Deeper

For more information on the Reserve, or to join one of our public tours or hikes, please visit the website at <http://fs.sdsu.edu/kf/>  
If you are interested in a tour of the reserve, please call 951-676-6912 or (909) 661-9737 to make a reservation.

## We will pay with pollution of The Santa Margarita River

- *This river is the last free flowing River of its type in Southern California*
- It is also the water supply for our Marines at Camp Pendleton.
- There is great concern that this river could be polluted if Liberty Quarry were to be built.

### Dig a Little Deeper

For information about the Santa Margarita River, go to [www.sos-hills.org/river](http://www.sos-hills.org/river)

## We will pay with loss of The Wildlife Corridor

*The Santa Ana-Palomar Linkage is the last inland-to-coastal linkage in all of Southern California.* In 2000, this corridor was designated as a “Special Linkage Area” for Riverside County and incorporated into their Multiple

Species Habitat Conservation plan. This plan is crucial to the maintenance of the biodiversity in the Southern California area, not just for the native mountain lions but for a host of other endemic and native species of plants,



animals and insects found in Riverside County.

The proposed quarry would destroy the wildlife corridor because it will be built on the last piece of land needed to complete the corridor

### Dig a Little Deeper

For information about the wildlife corridor, go to [www.scwildlands.org](http://www.scwildlands.org)

## How does the Indio Quarry REALLY compare to the proposed Liberty Quarry?

Granite Construction has been taking tours to their Indio facility to demonstrate how little impact Liberty Quarry would have on Temecula and surrounding cities.

This is like comparing a mountain to a mole hill. Indio has no blasting as they start with sand and rocks not an entire granite mountain that will be leveled. But, see for yourself. We viewed both sites and made a short video to show you the differences. It is posted on YouTube and easy to access and view.

### Dig a Little Deeper

To view the video on YouTube go to: [www.Youtube.com](http://www.Youtube.com) and search for “Huge Pit Mine”, or go to [www.sos-hills.org](http://www.sos-hills.org) and click on the link there

## What about Rosemary’s Mountain Quarry?

Granite Construction already has a gravel facility about 10 miles south of the proposed Liberty Quarry site and east on Highway 76 before Pala. Why are two quarries, so close together, really needed?

### Dig a Little Deeper

For information go to: [www.sos-hills.org/rosemarymt](http://www.sos-hills.org/rosemarymt).

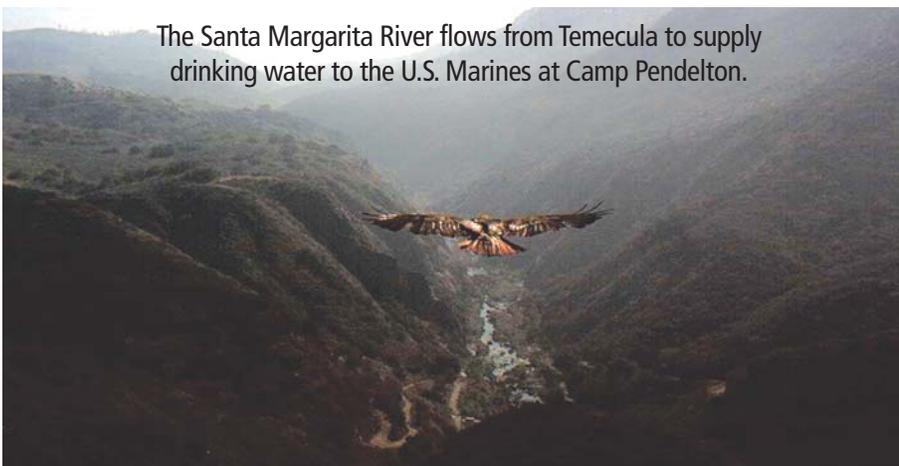
## The Mitigation Process

- Granite insists they will be able to “mitigate” all the problems inherent in a quarry that concern us. *This “mitigation” means that they can pollute our air while purchasing clean credits from other companies in the county and elsewhere that are NOT polluting.*
- In recent history, quarries (including Granite) find it more profitable to pay the air quality fines rather than spend the money to comply.
- Another form of mitigation is for Granite to give equivalent undeveloped land in a completely different area. The reality is there is nothing equivalent or resembling this pristine area in California.

### Dig a Little Deeper

For information on quarry fines go to: [www.sos-hills.org](http://www.sos-hills.org) and click onto <http://tinyurl.com/2ifuzf>

The Santa Margarita River flows from Temecula to supply drinking water to the U.S. Marines at Camp Pendleton.



# Show Up and be Heard!

Be Part of People Making a Living Sign

## 1:30 pm, May 4th, Sunday



### Patricia H. Birdsall Sports Park

Corner of Pechanga Pkwy and Deer Hollow; across from Great Oaks High School

**Wear orange hats and orange shirts if you have them. Hats will be free at the event and shirts for a \$10.00 donation. There will be entertainment, music, and speakers.**

Sponsor by SOS-Hills and  
Rainbow Against the Quarry  
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### Other major supporters: Donating for your future

- The Sierra Club
- Audubon Society
- Endangered Habitats League

Local businesses have joined the fight against the quarry. See the businesses and groups who have also taken a stand.

Visit [www.sos-hills.org/supporters.htm](http://www.sos-hills.org/supporters.htm)

SOS-Hills is a non-profit corporation and can only function if we receive your financial support, the donation of your time...or both! We are all volunteers and we pay no salaries. All monies go directly towards this cause.

**Make a tax deductible donation today!** Mail your check to: SOS-Hills, 42890 Calle Corto, Temecula, CA 92590

**Volunteer!** Call: 951-676-6912 Kathleen Hamilton, SOS-Hill or 760-451-2413 Jerri Arganda, Rainbow Against the Quarry

SOS-Hills voice mail: 909-661-9737

**Attend SOS-Hills and Rainbow Against the Quarry Meetings**  
**Visit our web site for up to date information and to sign up for email or mail notices!**