

A Classic Modern Tale of Abuse of Power by a California Elected Official 9/6/2012

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This story began eight years ago in Riverside County and, after eight years, has in the last few months turned into a morass of deceit, confusion and an absolute mockery of justice....It appears the "door is open for a well crafted story by an excellent investigative reporter.

The players are:

- **Granite Construction**, a mega construction/mining company with very deep pockets and great skill at "buying" influence.
- **The City of Temecula**, population 100,000 people and surrounding communities numbering 200,000 total. The city government is truly ideal and has built beautiful parks, libraries, high scoring schools, theaters, etc. Host to a growing and successful wine country with over 35 wineries and first class golf courses and resorts, it is a popular tourist destination. The area is flush with equestrian estates and events.
- **Pechanga Resort and Casino** is located here with a five star golf course, casino, dining rooms, casino, and performance venue. They have made the best of the land they were forced to settle on to by the military in the 19th century and have the largest and most successful casinos in the State of California. Adjoining the Temecula Valley is the mountain that is the location of their creation; a story they kept to themselves until now.
- **Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve**. 4,500 acres of outdoor research labs used by scientist all over the world, run for 50 years by San Diego State University. Flowing through this land is the only remaining free flowing river in Southern California and it is also the water supply to Camp Pendleton. Also identified in this area is the only remaining corridor for migrating animals between the Santa Ana Mountains and the Palomar Mountain Range. This path is 3 miles wide and the quarry is square in the middle of it.
- **County of Riverside Supervisor Benoit**.

The story line is a simple one.

- Granite Construction decides it wants to build one of the largest production output open pit gravel quarries in the country right in the middle of this area so they can not only control the aggregate business in the region, but also be able to undercut other construction companies by providing their own supplies, including concrete and asphalt. The site borders the City of Temecula with the nearest city resident property only 1,300 feet away. It also adjoins the Ecological Reserve and their scientific studies. Granite starts a major newspaper campaign and make many donations to local politicians and social organizations to gain their favor. It would be one mile long and 1,000 feet deep and operate 20 hours a day for 75 years. It is a very big carrot.
- The people in the community rally and gather scientific research to counter the false claims made by the corporate paid "consultants". There are parades, races, and events

of all sorts to raise funds over the years. The Ecological Reserve holds open houses on their “protected” area to let people see the value of their work that can’t be done anywhere else. The City of Temecula tries to annex the land to protect it. And finally, the Pechanga people reveal their most sacred story to the public so they will understand the value of this land.

- The Riverside County Planning Commission, appointed by the County Supervisors, holds 50 hours of public hearings with thousands of people attending. They turn down the application 4 to 1. The Riverside County Supervisors hold hearings in the Riverside Convention Center to accommodate the large crowds. They vote to deny the quarry 3 – 2. The people of Temecula, the Reserve, and the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians hold celebrations, believing they have stopped the monster from ruining the health and fiscal value of the prosperous valley.
- The story should end here but it doesn’t. In an unexpected and shocking turn of events, 89 days after voting to deny the Liberty Quarry project, the Supervisors voted to CERTIFY the faulty EIR.
- Next Supervisor Benoit who’s area is the other side of the county, puts forward a plan to add open pit mining to the list of projects that can be fast-tracked for approval. This is shortly after Granite resubmits their quarry application. Now they can move forward with only three weeks of environmental review and at a rapid pace (projected review by the Board of Supervisors within 90 days).
- The City of Temecula files a lawsuit against the county for certifying the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), as does the local organization SOS-Hills. The Pechanga will take action too but haven’t yet and we don’t know what it will be.
- The story is evolving now and needs to be told. Our only hope is to shed light on the situation so that this blatant abuse of power cannot ruin the lives of thousands of hard working citizens who followed the law, did the correct procedures, and protected their valley. Now they have no voice...but the chance to tell this story.
- **It is a classic story of abuse of power that doesn’t belong in this century**

Liberty Quarry Timeline 9/4/12

- 2004, Granite Construction submits application for Liberty Quarry to County of Riverside
- 2005, August 17, 300+ people attended scoping session in Temecula. Granite promises to deliver Draft Environmental Report (DEIR) in 6 months.
- 2005, November 12, 300+ people attend Benefit Concert, Our Hills are Alive
- 2006, May 7, 1000+ people attend Walkin' Rally, parade on city streets, followed by speeches at park amphitheater.
- 2007 March 18, 800+ people create Living Sign spelling out No Quarry
- 2007, April, Granite files an "updated" project application, which modifies the Project Description, however, there is not a second Scoping Session conducted to explain the changes.
- 2008 May 4, 800+ people create second Living Sign spelling out No Quarry
- 2009, July 17, Draft Environmental Report delivered....nearly 4 years after promised in 6 months in 2005! Why? Because they had to work and rework the numbers.
- 2010, June 13 1,000+ people participate in Run For the Hills, 5-K run walk
- 2010, September 26, 800+ people attend the second Walkin' Rally and march in 108 degree heat, followed by speeches inside auditorium
- 2011, March 23, Final EIR is released by County Planning Department with their recommendation for approval
- 2011, April 26, 2,000 people attend first Planning Commission Hearing in Temecula
- 2011, May, 3,000 people attend second Planning Commission Hearing in Temecula
- 2011, June 22, 1,000 people attend third Planning Commission Hearing in Temecula
- 2011, July 18, 1,000 people attend fourth Planning Commission Hearing in Temecula
- 2011, August 15, 1,000 people attend fifth Planning Commission Hearing in Temecula
- During these hearings, the Pechanga people reveal this mountain is the location of their creation story, their "Garden of Eden"
- 2011, August 31 – After a total of 50 hours of hearings over the five sessions, the Planning Commission votes 4 to 1 to deny the permit as there are not overriding benefits to approve the project versus the project's significant negative environmental impacts.
- 2012, January 30, 2000 people attend the third Board of Supervisors Hearing about the Quarry in Riverside Convention Center. Granite Construction holds 'job fair' and invites out of work Union members NOT from the area to be bussed in to apply for a job, get a free green t-shirt and lunch, only to find that there were no real jobs. They fill half the auditorium in support of Granite.
- 2012, February 14, 2000 people attend the second Board of Supervisors Hearing in the Convention Center. Same offer made to out of work Union people, job application, green shirt and lunch.
- 2012, February 16, 1500 people attend the third Board of Supervisors Hearing about the Quarry in County Chambers. **Supervisors vote to DENY the Quarry, 3-2**
- After 7 years, 15 events with total attendance of over 13,700 local citizens, Temecula residents celebrate that they have used all legal arguments and scientific testimony believe they have stopped the quarry.

THEN COMES THE ABUSE OF POWER BY THREE (3) COUNTY SUPERVISORS

- 2012, May 15, County Supervisors VOTE 3-2 TO CERTIFY THE EIR FOR THE QUARRY THEY DEINED and that their own Planning Commission rejected!
- 2012, July 25, 2012 – Granite resubmits Liberty Quarry application

- 2012, July 31: Supervisor Benoit request study of adding surface mining to projects that can be fast-tracked through the county approval process.

ONE MAN, SUPERVISOR BENOIT WHO HAS NO CONNECTION TO TEMECULA, THREW ASIDE THE ACTUAL WELL DOCUMENTED "WILL OF THE PEOPLE" OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY AND THE PECHANGA PEOPLE FOR HIS OWN GAINS!

Community Response

Response of local Doctors and Business:

150 plus local Doctors sign a statement of opposition to the quarry.

500 plus local businesses sign a statement of opposition to the quarry.

City of Temecula response:

Application is made to LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission) to annex the land into the city limits. This annexation was included in the original charter of 1989 when the city was formed. LAFCO denies the request, stating that the quarry issue should be settled at county level first. Hearing held June 4, 2009

The city hired many experts to counter the “facts” in the EIR provided by Granite Construction. In 2012, the City filed a lawsuit against the County of Riverside for certifying the EIR.

SOS-Hills response:

Grass roots organization organizes countless fund raising and awareness building events over the years. Hundreds of volunteers work to collect donations and signatures and provide information to the community.

In 2012, SOS-Hills filed a lawsuit against the County of Riverside for certifying the EIR.

Village of Rainbow, San Diego County response:

Issues a statement to County of Riverside Planning Dept. opposing the project because of detrimental environmental and traffic impact to the community.

Fallbrook Health District response:

Issues a statement to County of Riverside Planning Dept. opposing the project because of detrimental health impact to the Fallbrook community.

City of Menifee response: Issues a statement to the County of Riverside Planning Dept. opposing the project because of detrimental environmental and traffic impact to local communities.

Pechanga Band of Indians Response: (more in separate section)

During all the hearings, the Pechanga people shared that this mountain is the location of their creation story, their “Garden of Eden”.

Legislation is introduced at the state level, AB 742, to protect such sacred lands from mining in the vicinity. Legislation is stopped in committee to see what happens locally.

Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve Response:

Open house and regular tours of the research facility on the adjacent property. Scientific testimony given at all hearings. While a quarry can be located hundreds of different places in southern California, there is no other place for the 4,500+ acre Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve.

American Lung Association Response:

Writes a letter of opposition to the project because of detrimental air quality impacts on local communities near the project.

Sierra Club Response:

Writes a letter of opposition to the project because of detrimental air quality impacts on local communities near the project.

Temecula Chamber of Commerce Response:

Voted to oppose the project after originally remaining neutral and allowing them to be sponsor at annual golf tournament.

Wildomar Chamber of Commerce Response:

August 25, 2012 Californian editorial "Wildomar: Chamber of Commerce rescinds support for Liberty quarry"

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/wildomar/wildomar-chamber-of-commerce-rescinds-support-for-liberty-quarry/article_ed85d319-370c-5675-aaa6-29dc7f35f216.html

Caltrans withdraws support of Liberty Quarry, August 12, 2011, Californian, Aaron Claverie, http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/swcounty/region-caltrans-no-longer-listed-as-quarry-supporter/article_0c5bf0f3-82ad-5db8-a5de-6319797d630e.html

Local Newspapers Response:

Editors of both Californian and Press Enterprise both publish editorials opposing the project

LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSING THE LIBERY QUARRY PROJECT

- TEMECULA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (over 1,000 businesses as members)
- TEMECULA VALLEY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU
- CITY OF TEMECULA
- CITY OF MENIFEE (Supports City of Temecula’s Position)
- PECHANGA BAND OF INDIANS
- PALA BAND OF INDIANS
- BUSINESS AND NON-PROFIT GROUPS OPPOSED (B.A.N.G.O.) – OVER 520 LOCAL BUSINESSES
- 23 TEMECULA WINERIES
- PHYSICIANS AGAINST THE QUARRY (over 150 Physicians)
- FALLBROOK HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
- FALLBROOK COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
- RAINBOW COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
- REALTORS AGAINST THE QUARRY (over 230 realtors)
- THE RANCON GROUP
- JC RESORTS (TEMECULA CREEK INN)
- CALIFORNIA AVOCADO COMMISSION
- SAN DIEGO COASTKEEPER & INLAND EMPIRE WATERKEEPER
- ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COALITION
- CLEAN AIR NOW
- NATIONAL RESOURCE DEFENSE COUNCIL
- CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
- SIERRA CLUB
- ENDANGERED HABITAT LEAGUE
- THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
- CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ACTION & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
- SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY
- SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION
- SAVE OUR SOUTHWEST HILLS
- CLEAN AIR TEMECULA
- TEMECULA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD (Letter of Concern)
- AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION (Letter of Concern)

Media Response

Links to specific articles in following section

List of media who reported on quarry issue during Planning Commissioner's meetings and Supervisors meetings: KPCC news, KABC7, NBC, BBC, KPBS, Assoc Press, Sac. Bee, S.D. Union Tribune, L.A. Times, P.E., Californian, North County Times, Fallbrook Village News, Valley News, Patch, "Santa Cruz Sentinel", "Press Enterprise Sacramento", "Capitol Alert" for starters.

More Details and Links to Articles

2004 - Granite submits permit for Liberty Quarry to County of Riverside.

Lilburn Corporation is not on the list of approved companies to perform EIR for the project, so Granite requests that their favored company be added to the list. Lilburn's mission statement on their web site includes this promise to clients "Getting to Yes."

2005 - Public scoping session held in Temecula.

Introduction of product and tentative information on scope of proposed quarry and impacts on the community. Erroneous pro-quarry arguments are aired for the first time, i.e. 16 million truck miles will be saved with project, 99 direct jobs and 300 indirect jobs will be added to the county labor force.

Aug 18, 2005 – California (Dave Downey) Article about Scoping Session in Temecula.

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/opponents-sound-off-on-quarry/article_44d7d08d-a471-5906-9c19-26664311baac.html

March, 2009 – Californian (Tom Pfingsten) UCSD holds open house – 300 people attend and SOS-Hills shuttles every 20 minutes.

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/fallbrook/fallbrook-university-plans-first-open-house-at-ecological-reserve/article_2f6b6514-3cb5-54fd-a70e-43ee479da9f0.html

May 8, 2006 - Press-Enterprise (John Asbury) and **Californian** (Deirdre Newman) write about first Walkin'Rally

July 20, 2009 Draft EIR presented.

Cover letter with DEIR included this statement:

“Significant and Unavoidable Environmental Impacts: DEIR No. 475 determined that the proposed project would result in significant and unavoidable impacts to Air Quality and Traffic/Transportation, which cannot be mitigated to below a level of significance. In addition, the DEIR determined that the proposed project would contribute to cumulatively considerable and unavoidable impacts to Air Quality (criteria pollutants and greenhouse gases), Biological Resources (wildlife movement), Traffic/Transportation (funding and timing of road improvements), and Utilities (water supply), which cannot be mitigated to below a level of significance. As a result of the potential significant and unavoidable impacts, adoption of a Statement of Overriding Considerations will be required in order for the project to be approved.”

September 24, 2009 – Californian_(Aaron Claverie) LAFCO final denial of annexation by Temecula.

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/temecula/temecula-city-landowner-stymied-by-commission/article_d7f478c5-2082-5cf8-8f98-da640cb187d0.html

Oct. 19, 2010 - Fallbrook Village News (Andrea Verdin) Healthcare District thumbs down on Liberty quarry project
Fallbrook Board of Directors for Healthcare Dist. voted unanimously to oppose and wrote Planning Commissioners and Supervisors.

<http://www.thevillagenews.com/story/65500/>

November 2010 – Californian_(Aaron Claverie) Temecula: City annexation official

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/temecula/temecula-city-annexation-official/article_48d13d40-9e2c-5573-ab48-564d20c848e0.html

March 24, 2011 – Californian (Aaron Claverie) Final environmental report on quarry released. Riverside Planning Department issues EIR with recommendation to approve project. *Non-responsive to most public comments. Many sections of response to public comments originating with Granite/Granite PR firm, rather than Planning Department staff.*

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/swcounty/region-final-environmental-report-on-quarry-released/article_99cf12a9-2075-52e1-88ef-ce5b481468b3.html

April 24, 2011 Press-Enterprise (Jeff Horseman) Planners to hear quarry dispute.

<http://www.pe.com/local-news/riverside-county/temecula/temecula-headlines-index/20110424-planners-to-hear-quarry-dispute.ece>

April 26, 2011 Riverside County Planning Commission

Five public hearings with a total of 50 hours of testimony in Temecula. Approximately 1800 people attend first hearing.

Partial List of experts who testified against the project:

June 20, American Lung Association writes letter to planning commission about air quality

Howard Umdahl – dewatering of the mountain

Dr. Matt Rahn – severing of wild life corridor, disrupting ongoing research at reserve

Courtney Coyle – destruction of Pechanga creation site

Claremont McKenna College expert from the Rose Institute – Detrimental economic impact on local/county economy.

April 26, 2011 – Californian – (Aaron Claverie) Temecula: More than 1,000 turn out for quarry hearing.

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/temecula/temecula-more-than-turn-out-for-quarry-hearing/article_6e225c5c-56bd-5ac7-800b-38aa849f4bd1.html

June 22, 2011 – Californian (Aaron Claverie) Temecula: Opponents criticize quarry's environmental report.

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/temecula/temecula-opponents-criticize-quarry-s-environmental-report/article_da1ab82b-a4bb-5d20-af7f-4cbffb00757a.html

June 22, 2011 – Press-Enterprise (Jeff Horseman) Experts weigh in on quarry report.

<http://www.pe.com/local-news/riverside-county/temecula/temecula-headlines-index/20110623-temecula-experts-weigh-in-on-quarry-report.ece>

July 10, 2011 – Californian (Aaron Claverie) Temecula: City-financed study contradicts quarry's alleged benefits.

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/temecula/temecula-city-financed-study-contradicts-quarry-s-alleged-benefits/article_97a3128e-92cd-53ee-8049-cb37398c7680.html

July 18, 2011 – Californian (Aaron Claverie) 'Dueling experts' at fourth quarry hearing.

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/temecula/temecula-dueling-experts-at-fourth-quarry-hearing/article_e10b448e-d5e6-50f1-bfd7-1650469180aa.html

July 18, 2011 – Press-Enterprise (Jeff Horseman) Company defends its Liberty Quarry project.

<http://www.pe.com/local-news/local-news-headlines/20110719-temecula-company-defends-its-liberty-quarry-project.ece>

Aug. 13, 2011 – Press Enterprise (Jeff Horseman) Sacredness of Temecula area quarry site adds to fight.

<http://www.pe.com/local-news/local-news-headlines/20110816-sacredness-of-temecula-area-quarry-site-adds-to-fight.ece>

Aug 22, 2011 - Capitol Alert (writer Torey Van Oot) "The latest on California Politics and Government" (all about AB 742)

<http://blogs.sacbee.com/mt/mt-search.cgi?IncludeBlogs=41&search=AB+742&keywords=AB+742&aff=5>

Aug, 23, 2011 Temecula Patch (Cindy Rhodes) Pechanga Bill AB 742 was approved on Aug. 23, 2011 by State Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water.

"Pechanga Tribe earns small victory in sponsored quarry bill"

<http://temecula.patch.com/articles/text-of-quarry-killing-legislation-released>

August 25, 2011 – Californian (Aaron Claverie) Sixth, final quarry meeting set for August 31.

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/temecula/temecula-sixth-final-quarry-meeting-set-for-aug/article_13d57532-bab5-5bad-b52a-5520a6003c01.html

Aug. 31, 2011 Press-Enterprise (Jeff Horseman & John Hill) Liberty quarry: Riverside planners deny mine permit *LOTS of GOOD quotes from the Planning Commissioners.*

Also, another version of P.E. (same 2 writers) "Planners deny proposed open pit mine."

<http://www.pe.com/local-news/local-news-headlines/20110901-liberty-quarry-planners-deny-mine-permit.ece>

August 31, 2011 – Californian (Aaron Claverie) Panel nixes proposed quarry.

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/temecula/region-panel-nixes-proposed-quarry/article_4ee16852-3d58-5373-972c-aa78ba622fce.html

September 1, 2011 – Californian (Aaron Claverie) Quarry appeal could be heard before year's end.

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/temecula/temecula-quarry-appeal-could-be-heard-before-year-s-end/article_ada8437e-29c5-5893-9a65-63de2fe34ef5.html

October 25, 2011 – Press-Enterprise (Jeff Horseman) Liberty Quarry: Official planning commission denial delayed.

<http://www.pe.com/local-news/riverside-county/temecula/temecula-headlines-index/20111026-liberty-quarry-official-planning-commission-denial-delayed.ece>

October 26, 2011 – Californian (Aaron Claaverie) Commission postpones final denial of quarry until December.

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/swcounty/region-commission-completes-denial-of-quarry/article_ef585a11-3dff-5b3f-9494-9ef670aef1ab.html

At the end of these hearings with testimony from both sides the planning commission rejects the EIR - 4 to 1.

Dec 7, 2011 Californian (Aaron Clavarie) Riverside Planning Commissioners final vote to deny Liberty quarry 4-1 *Commission completes denial of quarry" ...Karrie Reuther quote (regarding Granite appeal) says, "It's as if the Planning Commission hearing never happened. Essentially, it all starts over again."*(ARROGANCE!)

GOOD quotes from John Petty in this article.

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/swcounty/region-commission-completes-denial-of-quarry/article_ef585a11-3dff-5b3f-9494-9ef670aef1ab.html

December 7, Press-Enterprise (Jeff Horseman) Quarry developer vows appeal after panel's vote.

<http://www.pe.com/local-news/riverside-county/temecula/temecula-headlines-index/20111207-temecula-quarry-developer-vows-appeal-after-panels-vote.ece>

Dec. 16, 2011 - Californian (Aaron Claverie) Granite Construction's Liberty Quarry appeal filed.

December 23, 2012 – Californian (Aaron Claverie) Chamber of Commerce votes to oppose Liberty Quarry.

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/temecula/the-temecula-beat-chamber-of-commerce-votes-to-oppose-liberty/article_620b17ca-665d-55f2-8ca1-0d7229b79a75.html

January/February 2012 Riverside Board of Supervisors holds three public hearing with testimony from both sides.

Jan. 30, 2012 Press-Enterprise (Duane W. Gang and Jeff Horseman) First appeal hearing hearing Riverside. *Granite Const pays union workers to show up for a "Jobs Fair" & hands out green shirts and a free lunch. Some members came from Corona, San Bernardino (all bussed down) SOS members (me too) talked to these guys personally and most didn't know anything about the quarry....thought they would get a job.*

<http://www.pe.com/local-news/riverside-county/temecula/temecula-headlines-index/20120211-liberty-quarry-supervisors-face-political-backlash.ece>

January 30, 2012 – Californian (Aaron Claverie) Supporters tout job creation at first quarry hearing.

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/swcounty/region-supporters-tout-job-creation-at-first-quarry-hearing/article_286594af-cf74-5c5c-b73e-f4375b25a0a7.html

February 6, 2012 – Californian (Aaron Claverie) Opponents slam quarry project during 8-hour-plus hearing.

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/temecula/region-opponents-slam-quarry-project-during--hour-plus-hearing/article_64954f7c-f9b8-551c-ad88-45a68a343211.html

February 9, 2012 – Californian (Aaron Claverie) *Article about huge housing development at Temecula Creek Inn, less than one mile from quarry, that would likely not happen if quarry is approved. One example of loss of revenue to county.*

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/swcounty/region-controversial-quarry-voted-down-by-board/article_4374b39c-0aa1-51f0-a271-2f6967ec94ea.html

February 11, 2012 – Press Enterprise (Jeff Horseman) Supervisors face political backlash.

<http://www.pe.com/local-news/riverside-county/temecula/temecula-headlines-index/20120211-liberty-quarry-supervisors-face-political-backlash.ece>

Feb 14, 2012 – Press Enterprise (Jeff Horseman) Quarry Hearings.

<http://www.pe.com/local-news/riverside-county/temecula/temecula-headlines-index/20120214-liberty-quarry-no-vote-tuesday-supervisors-reconvene-thursday.ece>

February 16, 2012 – Californian (Aaron Claverie) Controversial quarry voted down by board.

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/swcounty/region-controversial-quarry-voted-down-by-board/article_4374b39c-0aa1-51f0-a271-2f6967ec94ea.html

Feb. 16, 2012 Sacramento Bee "County rejects quarry plan opposed by tribe, city" (from Assoc Press)

Feb.17, 2012 Press-Enterprise Supervisors decide quarry denied. *BOTH have quote from Tavaglione; "There are just too many uncertainties for me". (his reason why he voted to deny quarry)*

February 16, 2012 – Press Enterprise (Jeff Horseman) the Board of Supervisors vote to deny the permit 3 to 2.

<http://www.pe.com/local-news/riverside-county/temecula/temecula-headlines-index/20120216-liberty-quarry-supervisors-turn-down-mine-3-2.ece>

March 7, 2012 – Californian (Gary Warth) Rosemary's Mountain Quarry operating at 10%. *This is the quarry that Granite construction owns 10 miles south of proposed Liberty Quarry that could easily take care of aggregate needs to the south.*

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/swcounty/region-shocking-twist-in-quarry-hearing/article_09491fa0-097a-5cde-acd6-820ce8db2987.html

March 2, 2012 – Press Enterprise (Jeff Horseman) City of Temecula has spent \$1.4 million fighting quarry.

<http://www.pe.com/local-news/riverside-county/temecula/temecula-headlines-index/20120302-temecula-city-spent-nearly-1.4-million-fighting-quarry.ece>

April 16, 2012 – Press Enterprise (Carl Love) Supervisors Deny Quarry 3-2.

<http://www.pe.com/local-news/columns/carl-love-headlines/20120218-quarry-vote-came-down-to-quality-of-life.ece>

Press-Enterprise (Jeff Horseman) Quarry Opponents Vigilant.

<http://www.pe.com/local-news/riverside-county/temecula/temecula-headlines-index/20120218-temecula-quarry-opponents-vigilant-as-developer-weighs-options.ece>

April, 2012 VICTORY PARTY!

May 15, 2012 Press-Enterprise (Jeff H) Supervisors vote to formally deny Liberty quarry 3-2 then 3-2 to certify EIR.
<http://www.pe.com/local-news/riverside-county/temecula/temecula-headlines-index/20120515-liberty-quarry-project-denied-but-opponents-say-door-open.ece>

May 15, 2012 – Californian Aaron Claverie) ‘Shocking’ twist in quarry hearing.
http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/swcounty/region-shocking-twist-in-quarry-hearing/article_09491fa0-097a-5cde-acd6-820ce8db2987.html

May 16, 2012 Press-Enterprise (staff writers J Horseman & N. Rodriguez) Quarry opponents angry over report certification. (*GOOD quotes from Jonathan Evans, staff attorney for Center for Biological Diversity*“.)
<http://www.pe.com/local-news/riverside-county/temecula/temecula-headlines-index/20120516-temecula-quarry-opponents-angry-over-report-certification.ece>

May 18, 2012 Press-Enterprise (editorial by correspondent "Temecula: Historian's work still impacts area tribes." *Interview with John Harrington of U.S. Bureau of American Ethnology, now part of Smithsonian. This is a treasure of information on data, research, etc of Native Americans, including interviews with Luisenos in Temecula from 1925-1933; tribal culture, interviews, etc.*
<http://www.pe.com/local-news/riverside-county/riverside/riverside-headlines-index/20120519-temecula-historians-work-still-impacts-area-tribes.ece>

May 18, 2012 – Press-Enterprise Certification of the EIR.
The supervisors, in an unprecedented and surprising move, vote to CERTIFY the EIR that their own Planning Commissioners had rejected, and based on which the Supervisors had denied the project on February 16th.
<http://www.pe.com/local-news/riverside-county/temecula/temecula-headlines-index/20120516-temecula-quarry-opponents-angry-over-report-certification.ece>

July 25, 2012 Press-Enterprise (Jeff) "Liberty quarry: Granite resubmits min application" (*GOOD facts and quotes.*)

July 26, 2012 Press-Enterprise (Jeff) Liberty quarry: Supervisors feud over revised plan. *GOOD quotes*
<http://www.pe.com/local-news/politics/politics-headlines-index/20120726-liberty-quarry-supervisors-feuding-over-revised-plan.ece>

July 25, 2012 – Press-Enterprise (Jeff Horseman) Granite resubmits application for Liberty Quarry to County.
<http://www.pe.com/local-news/riverside-county/temecula/temecula-headlines-index/20120725-liberty-quarry-granite-resubmits-mine-application.ece>

July 27 , 2012 - Press-Enterprise
Law suit against the County of Riverside with the purpose to decertify the EIR.
<http://www.pe.com/local-news/riverside-county/temecula/temecula-headlines-index/20120727-temecula-lawsuit-fights-liberty-quarry-report.ece>

July 27, 2012 – Californian (Aaron Claverie) Quarry lawsuit filed, seeks to stymie new ruling on mine.

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/temecula/temecula-quarry-lawsuit-filed-seeks-to-stymie-new-ruling-on/article_5ff661a6-b1fb-5ea1-b3c2-8a691776dd08.html

July 30, 2012 – Press-Enterprise Editorial Opposing fast tracking.

<http://www.pe.com/opinion/editorials-headlines/20120730-riverside-county-quarry-rush.ece>

July 31st, 2012 Press-Enterprise (Jeff Horseman) Proposal for fast tracking the quarry approval process.

Supervisor Benoit introduces a motion to study adding surface mining permits to the fast tracking process for approval by the county. Chairman Tavaglione characterized the Planning Commission Hearings “a circus”. The county attorney, when asked if she had consulted outside council about the issue, stated she had only spoken to Granites attorney.

<http://www.pe.com/local-news/politics/politics-headlines-index/20120731-riverside-county-liberty-quarry-closer-to-fast-track-approval.ece>

July 31, 2012 – Californian (Dave Downey) Quarry project gets green light for fast-track review.

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/temecula/region-quarry-project-gets-green-light-for-fast-track-review/article_8a9d8a5f-a285-510a-895c-70e9cf670a3b.html

August 6, 2012 – Press-Enterprise (Jeff Horseman) Second law suit filed against the certification of the EIR by SOS-Hills and the Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District.

<http://www.pe.com/local-news/riverside-county/temecula/temecula-headlines-index/20120806-liberty-quarry-second-lawsuit-seeks-to-block-environmental-report.ece>

August 4, 2012 – Californian (Dave Downey) Granite showers supervisors with campaign cash.

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/swcounty/region-granite-showers-supervisors-with-campaign-cash/article_9bfb2297-bcee-59a6-8f7f-03cddd801a9f.html

August 18, 2012 Californian, (Aaron Clavarie) Temecula: Granite corrects website after outcry, county notice. *(original statement on Granite's website: "We are pleased that the Board has updated it's policy to make mining applications eligible for the same fast-track consideration as other commercial and industrial projects.")*

August 23, 2012 – Californian (Mike Jurkosky) Riverside County's quarry addiction.

http://www.nctimes.com/news/opinion/letters/riverside-county-s-quarry-addiction/article_c5553b54-a3fa-560c-bb25-1ee94218d73e.html

August 25, 2012 Californian editorial "Wildomar: Chamber of Commerce rescinds support for Liberty quarry"

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/wildomar/wildomar-chamber-of-commerce-rescinds-support-for-liberty-quarry/article_ed85d319-370c-5675-aaa6-29dc7f35f216.html

The continued huge abuse of power is burdening the local community with the cost of over a million dollars so far.

Additional information worth noting:

Certain key Planning Department staff members and leaders known for their skepticism of data presented by Granite/Lilburn were removed from the Liberty Quarry Project upon request from head(s) Planning Department. *More information about this on request.*

Granite enjoyed access and cozy relationships with the Riverside County Planning Department and key personnel to an unprecedented level.

Some studies used in preparing the Liberty Quarry Environmental Impact Report (EIR) are now more than five plus years old and no longer represent actual conditions.

June 28, 2012 – Congress awards health care to families of Marines for drinking contaminated water at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina from the 1950's to mid 1980's. *Granite did NOT prove that the water that flows past the proposed quarry that is the water supply for Camp Pendleton would not be poisoned. Story:*

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/sick-families-nc-military-base-water-contamination-finally/story?id=16670758#.UDfnBUTdLB8>

Fines and other Problems with Granite Construction

Here are references to just a FEW of the many violations by Granite Construction in several states. We have a very complete list if you want more on this topic.

Oct. 2, 2005 – Californian (Dave Downey) Granite Violations by Nevada Environmental Commission.

http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/air-violations-raise-questions-about-quarry-operator/article_7fa01d41-c1c6-591b-a222-b574be93b45f.html

Aug 25, 2011 - Santa Cruz Sentinel (Jennifer Pittman) Granite paid \$4.6 million to settle allegations they didn't hire disadvantaged business enterprises on a light rail project in Minnesota.

http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/ci_18750427?IADID=Search-www.santacruzsentinel.com-www.santacruzsentinel.com

Taking advantage of San Diego Fire Victims

June 10, 2011 - Californian (Aaron Clavarie) Granite pays \$400,000 settlement.

Quotes from San Diego County officials about lawsuit pertaining to overcharging fire victims from 2007 fires.

October 26, 2009 – San Diego Union-Tribune (Brooke Williams) Federal agency launches probe of debris haulers.

<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2009/oct/25/federal-agency-launches-probe-debris-haulers/>

May 26, 2011 – San Diego Union-Tribune (Brooke Williams) Wildfire debris haulers settle suit for \$900,000.

<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2011/may/26/wildfire-debris-haulers-settle-for-900000/>

Trying to build a road in Oregon

September 4, 2007 – State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality DQE

Penalizes California-based Contractor on State Highway Project \$240,000 for Water Pollution Violations. Agency cites Granite Construction for 40 of 61 violations regarding discharges into Yaquina River and its tributaries from June 2006 through May 2007.

<http://www.deq.state.or.us/news/prDisplay.asp?docID=2439>

June 17, 2010 - DJC Oregon (Nathalie Weinstein) Shifting bridge parts raises flag for ODOT.

<http://djcoregon.com/news/2010/06/17/oregon-bridge-project-delayed/>

March 19, 2012 (www.aggregateresearch.com) Granite served with notice of default for stalled \$173 m road.

<http://www.aggregateresearch.com/articles/24721/Granite-served-with-notice-of-default-for-stalled-173m-road.aspx>

More fact finding

September, 2009 - Truth updates (Robbie Adkins)

<http://www.libertyquarry.com/TruthUpdates/index.php>

Pechanga Response

The Pechanga people were forced to come forward and reveal their sacred creation story, which unfolded on this mountain. There are many reasons that they kept this to themselves, not the least of which is to prevent scavenging of artifacts on the property. They did not purchase the land because up until a few years ago, they were not rich people. They were forced on to land that the military thought was of no value many years ago...and they survived. One person who testified at the Planning Commission hearings had a map from over 100 years ago from an "explorer" in the Temecula Valley that showed the mountain as their sacred mountain.

It is a blessing for them that due to the success of their casino, they now have financial assets to fight to protect their "Garden of Eden". They sponsored bill AB 742 with the State of California but it was stalled in committee. We don't yet know what they are planning but they are a major player in this battle.

They have an excellent web site with links to all articles pertaining to the quarry. Rather than listing them all here, I suggest you go to:

<http://www.pechanga.net/content/pechanga-sponsors-anti-liberty-quarry-legislation>