



Fallbrook Healthcare District

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Carolyn Syms Luna, Planning Director
Riverside County Planning Commission
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October 19, 2010

RE: STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION TO LIBERTY QUARRY

Dear Director Luna,

The Fallbrook Healthcare District was established in 1950 to promote the health and wellness of the communities of Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow and parts of the community known as De Luz. The District is committed to identifying, promoting and supporting healthcare needs within its community and thereby, to opposing actions that present the potential of harm to the well-being of its' population.

With that commitment comes the responsibility to speak out on issues which have a strong likelihood of negatively impacting the public health of residents of our community. The greater Fallbrook community services more than 12,000 school children, over three different school Districts. Twenty percent of our community population is over the age of sixty. Consequently, our District believes that the contemplated approval and opening of the so-called Liberty Quarry in the hills northeast of Fallbrook, and adjacent to Interstate 15, poses a variety of serious threats to the health, safety and well being of the community we serve.

With the common occurrence of Santa Anna winds in our county, the particulate matter generated by significant blasting activities at the Quarry will find its way into the atmosphere, and into the lungs of our residents, especially the most vulnerable citizens: school children and seniors. The increased truck traffic on Interstate 15 will add more than 4,000 daily trips along this major highway, adding air pollutants, lengthening the commutes of our working residents, and increasing the likelihood of additional and more serious vehicle accidents. Finally, the blasting activities necessitated by quarry operations may harm environmentally sensitive areas of the District community, including dozens of mitigation properties already set aside for environmental protection and enhancement.

The negative impact of the Liberty Quarry would be of immediate and, we believe, long range health impairment to the citizens that this District serves. For all of these reasons, the Fallbrook Healthcare District by unanimous vote of its' Board of Directors on October 13, 2010, strongly urges the Riverside County (Planning Commission) Board of Supervisors to vote "NO" on the Liberty Quarry.

Sincerely,
Milton G. Davies, 
Board President
Fallbrook Healthcare District

cc: Riverside County Board of Supervisors
Riverside County Planning Commission
Jerri Arganda, Save Our Southwest Hills, Board Member