



Dear {FIRST_NAME|Preserve Calavera Supporter }



Source for barn owl photo: Wikipedia

Just for fun- enjoy this story and video about how owls can turn their heads 270 degrees

: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-21279609>

Occasionally we need to look outside our backyard to learn what is happening with the environmental issues that affect us all. The League of Conservation Voters just posted their scorecard showing how all state and national elected representatives voted on key environmental legislation in 2012. To see their results:

<http://scorecard.lcv.org/>

But of course the environmental issues in our backyard are the ones that will have the most immediate impact on us – and our children. The proposed Quarry Creek project in Carlsbad is our top priority concern at this time. Over 50 people testified at the Carlsbad Planning Commission hearing on February 20th - and we estimate over 100 supporters were in the audience – **thank you all so much!** They recognized the value

of our proposed compromise: take development off the panhandle and reduce the number of units. This will preserve the heart of the Buena Vista Creek Valley, protect the regional wildlife corridor and creek, and the historic sense of place that can never be replaced. Reducing the number of units is key to reducing the traffic failures this project will cause along College, Lake, Plaza, Vista Way and the ramps to # 78. The loss of this valley, and the horrific traffic congestion will impact all of us who live here today - and generations to come.

With your help we can end up with a compromise that works for everyone ! The Planning Commission delayed their decision until March 6. **Right now**- we need you to:

1. Show up at the March 6 th Planning Commission meeting (see below for details).
2. Email Don.Neu@carlsbadca.gov and tell the CB Planning Commissioners why you want them to preserve the panhandle and fix the traffic congestion this project will cause.
3. Email the Mayor and Council of Oceanside council@ci.oceanside.ca.us and tell them you want **no traffic failures** in Oceanside - keep the barricade on Marron Rd by Walmart until 100% of the traffic failures are addressed.
4. Tell your friends to come to the next mini-tour on Sat Mar 16th (see below).
5. Stay tuned for the final CB City Council hearing- date still TBD.

March Activities

Mar 6 Wed 6 PM

Carlsbad City Planning Commission Hearing on Quarry Creek

We need **YOU** to attend this meeting and show the Commission that Carlsbad, and all of North County, cares about preserving this valley. Public testimony will not be allowed at this meeting- but it is hard for them to ignore the community when we are sitting in the room right in front of them. Meeting at Carlsbad City Hall 1200 CB Village Dr- just east of I-5.

Mar 7 Thurs 1- 3:00 PM

City of Carlsbad Habitat Management Plan Annual Meeting

City staff and preserve managers will present information on Carlsbad HMP Preserve System assembly and configuration, implementation of preserve management plans and the required monitoring actions during the last year. The City of Carlsbad's draft Habitat Management Plan Annual Report for 2011-2012 is now available

at: <http://www.carlsbadca.gov/services/environmental/hmp/Pages/announcements.aspx>.

Meeting is held at 1635 Faraday Ave, Carlsbad. If you are concerned about illegal trails, dog poop, wildlife movement corridors, or other impacts to our natural lands please come and express your concerns.

Mar 13 Wed 6 PM

Bi-Monthly Preserve Calavera Board Meeting

Meetings are open to all members but RSVP required for location and gate code.

Mar 16 Sat 10 – 11 AM

Mini-tour of the Buena Vista Creek Valley and Grounds of the Marron Adobe

Here is your chance to come and see the Buena Vista Creek Valley and see why this area is too priceless to bulldoze for 656 more homes. There will be a short walk into the valley, tours of the grounds around the historic Marron Adobe and exhibits that tell about the early history of this area. We will meet at the cul-de-sac along Haymar Rd. From # 78 heading east take the College exit. Take first right onto Haymar/Plaza- this is frontage road along # 78 that goes past Mossy-Nissan. Head 7/10th of a mile west along Haymar- parking in cul-de-sac and along both sides of the street. Call 760-724-3887 for more information. Advance reservations are not required. Tour takes place rain or shine.

Mar 22 Fri 1:00 PM

Community Meeting- New Plans to Clean up our Polluted Creeks

Tory Walker with Tory Walker Engineering will present proposed new water regulations and how we can move to a watershed based approach that will help clean up our polluted creeks and coastal waters. Meeting is open to the public and will be held at the Buena Vista Audubon Nature Center at 2202 S. Coast Hwy in Oceanside (right next to Buena Vista Lagoon). Please RSVP if you will be attending so we know how many to plan for.

Future Events

April ? Date TBD- final City Council hearing on the Quarry Creek Project

April 20 – Sat - Annual Wildflower hike with James Dillane of CNPS

Our all volunteer organization can't do what we do without your help. Your time, talent and donations can make a difference - right here in your own backyard. Call or email us to see how else you could get involved.

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