



Dear {FIRST_NAME|Preserve Calavera Supporter}

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You were awesome at the Carlsbad City Council meeting on Tuesday night! The crowd filled the chambers, the hallways, the back room and chairs outside. Over 50 speakers shared their compelling reasons for why we care about the Buena Vista Creek Valley and why the destructive Quarry Creek project needs to be scaled back and taken off the panhandle. We ended with the compelling images and words from some of the hundreds of people that have visited this valley in the last few months.

We couldn't help laughing when the staff showed a slide and claimed that traffic would be better with the project than without it. Somehow ignoring that they were also recommending overriding considerations because the project would cause traffic failures that had not been mitigated. The City Council watched, listened, asked several insulting questions and then.....did nothing. They closed the public hearing so there can be no further public comment. They deferred their discussion and input to staff to their next meeting and decided the implementing agreements would be heard at the following meeting with a third possible meeting on April 30th (this is the date the Housing Element requires entitlements for 506 units). Then the following day they changed course and decided to both give direction and approve the implementing documents at a single meeting at **6 PM on Tues April 2, 2013**. (This requires the staff to "guess" what documents the council needs. Hmm...)

This makes the Tues night meeting the most important one in our 12 year effort to preserve the heart of this valley! We need you to come one more time- and show by your presence that we are committed to preserve this valley. There is also a chance that they will reopen the public hearing on some limited issues which would allow us to speak again.

And- just to make it more interesting- the following day, at **2 PM on Wed April 3** we expect the Oceanside City Council will decide if they will accept whatever Carlsbad approves, or will actually require traffic failures in Oceanside to be

addressed. So we need you Oceanside residents to come to two meetings in 2 days!

With your continued support we can end up with a compromise that works for everyone !

Then take a break and enjoy some of the great programs we are featuring this month- our annual wildflower hike with James Dillane,



, program on Snakes, Lizards and Frogs,

and the annual Oceanside native garden walking tour. And end the month at the Oceanside Green Fair or Carlsbad Arbor Day planting at Lake Calavera.

Let's work and play celebrating the rich natural resources of coastal north county!

April Activities

April 2 Tues 6 PM

Carlsbad City Council – Final decision on Quarry Creek

We need **YOU** to attend this meeting and show the Council that Carlsbad, and all of North County, cares about preserving this valley. The city council is expected to take their final action on the project- the number of units, amount of development on the panhandle and any other special conditions. Public testimony may or may 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.

April 3 Wed 2 PM

Oceanside City Council – decision to accept or reject the Carlsbad action

on Quarry Creek

This may be the last chance to impact what happens to this valley. Oceanside holds the trump card- the barricade across Marron Rd. Oceanside can keep the barricade up if they determine the traffic failures this Carlsbad project will cause on Oceanside streets is not acceptable. Or they can throw Oceanside residents under the wheels of the 5,500 additional car trips this project will cause. You can call or email Oceanside Council members at council@ci.oceanside.ca.us or 760-435-3065 and tell them keep the traffic barricade up on Marron until traffic is fixed. Then come to the meeting and tell them in person. Oceanside City Hall is at 300 N.Coast Hwy in downtown Oceanside.

April 17 Wed 6:30 PM Social 7 PM Social

Snakes, Lizards and Frogs in San Diego County- Monthly BVAS Program

Jeff Lemm, herpetologist with the San Diego Zoo Institute for Conservation Research, will share his 20 years of field work and research on our local reptiles and amphibians. We will learn about some of the critters we have loved since childhood- and others – hmmm- maybe not so much. But our friends at BV Audubon promise no one will have to hold a snake! Meeting is open to the public and held at the BV Nature Center at 2202 S. Coast Highway in Oceanside (right on the border of BV Lagoon).

April 20 Sat 8:30 AM -12:30 PM

Annual Wildflower Hike At Calavera

James Dillane of the California Native Plant Society will lead this annual visit to the Lake Calavera Preserve. This rich area includes varied habitats with several rare species. Beginners welcome. First hour will be a slow teaching hike, 2nd hour (and beyond) will be a faster paced plant assessment. For those who can't get enough of our native plants the hike may continue to the summit of Mt. Calavera where we will stop for snacks. Hike includes undeveloped trails, some rough terrain, and 500' elevation gain. Wear good hiking boots/shoes with good tread, hat and bring water, sunscreen and snack if you are planning the longer hike. Meet at Calavera trailhead next to Sky Haven near Azure Lado Drive in Oceanside. (Thomas Guide p 1107 C3). Space is limited- RSVP required. Email info@preservecalavera.org or call 760-434-4312.

April 21 Sun 2 PM

California Native Garden Walking Tour

Come see 15 native plant gardens in the historic Seaside neighborhood of Oceanside. Plant experts and neighborhood locals lead walking tour of these wonderful front yard gardens. Meet at St. Mary's School parking lot at 515 Wisconsin Ave in Oceanside. (1 Block east of 101 Café on Coast Hwy. in Oceanside). Sponsored by the Buena Vista Native Plant Club and Oceanside Coastal neighborhood Association. Walk is free, kids will be selling cookies and lemonade along the route. For more info www.BVAudubon.org.

April 27 Sat 11 am- 4 PM

Oceanside Green Fair - largest Earthday event in North County

This will be the highlight of a week long Green Week in Oceanside. Come to the fair and see environmentally friendly businesses and local organizations (stop by our booth and play with our wildlife tracking box.) Event also includes a clean-up at Buccaneer Beach, composting workshops and free electronics recycling. Fair is held at the Jr Seau Amphitheater next to the Pier at the Oceanside beach. For more information see www.greenoceanside@ci.oceanside.ca.us.

April 27 Sat 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Arbor Day Volunteer Trail Event at Lake Calavera

This is one of the regular trail volunteer work sessions. Work activities will include trail erosion repairs, planting a restoration site, and litter pick-up along trails. City will provide tools, gloves, water, and snacks. Wear close-toed shoes with good tread, long pants, sunscreen and a hat. Meet at the trailhead on Skyhaven Lane in Oceanside. (From 78 EB take College exit, turn Left of Lake Blvd go about 1.5 mi and turn Rt on Skyhaven about ¼ mile. Parking on both sides of street.) For more info call 760-434-2978.

Future Events

May 18 Sat – Special Endangered Species Day Event with Buena Vista Audubon Society

June 15 Sat Trail volunteer project at Village H

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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