

I-424 Christy and Edward Woodbridge

Comment Letter I-424

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My husband and I purchased our home which is located one block to the north of Buena Creek Road and Hollyberry, in Vista (S.D. County) in 1973. Buena Creek Road was named for the Creek that, during the rainy season, is filled with water. The Road is a very winding two-lane road. It connects Santa Fe Road in Vista and Twin Oaks Valley Road in San Marcos. At that time this area was blessed with beautiful , mountainous green hillsides of coastal sage scrub, and a sprinkling of smaller homes, built on large parcels of land. At night it was gloriously quiet except for the sound of owls and coyotes . Our downtown was so bereft of businesses that there was no light pollution to speak of. Additionally, you would rarely hear any traffic on Buena Creek after about 10:00 p.m.

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As time passed, Los Angelenos, looking for more space and less traffic, moved to our little rural corner of the world...and move they did. We now, almost 45 years later, are populated with housing tracts, a fair amount of regular/normal sized homes and a plethora of very large estates built on our surrounding hillsides. As happens with the increase in housing, so goes the traffic.

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Buena Creek Road has remained exactly the same as it was all those years ago except for several left turn lanes which had to be added for safety. The Road is mistakenly shown on the County Master Plan map as a four lane. This will be amended next year to reflect its two lane status. But for now is shown in error.

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This Road is now very heavily traffic between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and about 8:00 p.m. Steady traffic starts around 4:30 – 5:00 a.m. and goes until 7:30- 8:00 p.m. The residents of this area, having gone through ever increasing nearby wildfire where we were preparing to evacuate our homes. With the exponential increase in traffic comes the realization that there is no way we would be able to evacuate and keep from being burned alive in our cars.

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For this reason, we are opposed to the Newland-Sierra Project.

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