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EVENT: VERDUGO HILLS COMMUNITY MEETING
GRASSROOTS FORUM ON THE CANYON HILLS DEVELOPMENT

DATE: Thursday, **December 4, 2003, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**
LOCATION: **Faith Lutheran Church, 100320 Mt. Gleason Ave., Tujunga**

Tujunga, CA – On October 2, 2003 the LA City Planning Department circulated a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Canyon Hills Project with a 90-day public comment period ending on December 31, 2003.

A community meeting is being held to describe the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process for the Canyon Hills Project, conduct short presentations on key sections of the DEIR and advise the public on how they can comment on the DEIR and their role in this process. Following the informational section will be an open forum during which the participants can ask questions and voice their opinions, observations, comments and suggestions. Light refreshments will be served.

Canyon Hills is a major development planned for the Verdugo Mountains in the La Tuna Canyon-Sunland-Tujunga neighborhoods of the northeast San Fernando Valley. Intended to be a gated private community of 280 luxury homes, the development would bisect the 210 freeway, extending west from La Tuna Canyon Road towards Sunland. The Canyon Hills Project site is located on a portion of 887-acres owned by Whitebird Development Group, a Nevada corporation based in Texas, whose property consists of almost ten percent of the remaining open space in the Verdugo Mountains.

SPONSORS: Sierra Club, Glendale/Crescenta Voice, Canyon Area Preservation, Verdugo Hills Conservation Group, Shadow Hills Property Owners Association and Valley Horse Owners Association, with the participation of members of the La Tuna Canyon Community Association, Lake View Terrace Homeowners Association and Tujunga Watershed Group.