

WHITEBIRD DEVELOPMENT GROUP, A NEVADA-BASED CORP, WANTS TO BUILD 280 HOMES ON 194 ACRES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE 210 FREEWAY, WEST OF LA TUNA CANYON ROAD!

THIS PROJECT –CANYON HILLS – WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT, NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON SCHOOLS, TRAFFIC, NOISE, AIR QUALITY, VISUAL QUALITY, AND RECREATION

Last November, the Sierra Club took a formal position against the Canyon Hills Development. This development would impact our local Sierra Club members in the San Fernando, Crescenta Valley, and Verdugo Hills Groups. We value the rural areas of Sunland, Tujunga, La Tuna Canyon and surrounding communities. This development would very negatively impact that rural character.

WHY IS THE CANYON HILLS DEVELOPMENT BAD FOR OUR COMMUNITY?

- The Development threatens the quality of life we have come to know and love in our community.
- Profit from this development goes to out of state investors located in Nevada and Texas.
- Whitebird, the developer, is not legally entitled to do business in California or Los Angeles County.
- Worsen area traffic-EIR indicates an additional 2,700 daily vehicle trips on La Tuna Canyon and surrounding streets. The number of trips may be understated.
- 5 years of Construction Noise including blasting from dynamite to build the roads and lots.
- An additional 15 years to build all the homes (20 years of total construction). (Oakmont IV, a smaller development, was finished in 1988. Even today homes are still being built on its vacant lots)
- Scarring from Grading visible from the 210 and La Tuna Canyon for about 20 years.
- Light Pollution from miles of new street lights forever.
- Elimination of areas and access to areas used by Equestrians, Hikers, and Mountain Bikers.
- Grade ridgelines by as much as 80 feet and permanently alter 310 acres.
- No guarantee that almost 700 acres in the Verdugo Mountains will be preserved from development because the developer does not own most of that land and is under no obligation to purchase or preserve it.
- Grade about 125,000,000 Cubic Feet of land, filling canyons and cutting ridges for this project.
- Increase air pollution and dust during and after construction.
- Amend land use designations and zoning to allow for a greater density than is currently allowed. The property is currently designated for horse-keeping and livestock use.
- Significant loss of at least a few hundred mature trees and other habitat replaced by small trees.
- Loss of rare habitat and significant impact to other area plants and animals.
- Substantially impact the rural nature of La Tuna Canyon and adjacent areas.
- The EIR indicates a small impact on schools, but if each new house had 1 ½ children of school age, it would add 420 children to our local area schools.
- Substantial loss of life or property during a wildfire as the Northern portion of the development would effectively have only one way to escape the fire.
- Numerous trash truck trips to haul out the estimated 5,000,000 lbs of trash generated during construction.
- This development does not improve or help our community.

We need volunteers to help us during the release of the EIR. We need people to comment on how this development will impact your lives in a way the Los Angeles City Council who will decide this project will understand. We need people to help spread the word about this development. We will need people who are willing to pass out flyers or other information about the project. We may need people who can make a few important phone calls. Maybe you are a person or know of a person who has expertise in analyzing an Environmental Impact Report. In short, we need anyone who is interested in stopping this project that will very negatively impact our community. WE HAVE UNTIL 12/31/03 TO COMMENT ON THE EIR.

AN OUT-OF-STATE DEVELOPER WANTS TO DO THIS TO OUR VERDUGO MOUNTAINS !



What our Verdugo Mountains could look like with this Development



What we will Lose in the Verdugo Mts.

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