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Environmentalism is the real problem:

Let's build an animal bridge across the freeway and give the quarry land to the Santa Margarita preserve. Never heard of the preserve?

Let's pollute the air and congest the freeways by shipping sand and gravel in from other areas instead of having a quarry in our back yard. Let's give those jobs to other areas. After all, isn't that what we have welfare for? Isn't it more important that the mountain lions and bobcats on the west side of the freeway be allowed to feed on the coyotes and small children of Temecula east of the freeway?

The environmentalists need the quarry land. Why don't we give them another 5,000 acres? How will we pay for that? Don't worry about that, it's just taxpayer money.

All of these ideas aren't conservation, but they are the raw politics of environmentalism. We do need to make sure companies doing business in our back yard practice conservation.

Liberty Quarry is not a dust quarry, it is a sand and gravel quarry, and state law requires the quarry to stop production when the wind reaches 25 mph, the same speed most children fly by on their bicycles. The silica dust of environmentalism is the real danger here.

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Annie[\[-\]](#) wrote on Aug 10, 2008 12:05 PM:I agree 100 percent Jim!!!!
Great Job...you should write on the subject more often!

Ols timer[\[-\]](#) wrote on Aug 10, 2008 4:41 PM:Apparently, Jim Welker must have arrived in this area very recently,as he doesn't seem to know what is going on.
He probably doesn't read very much either, or he would know that there is a quarry within a few miles of here.

Its not environmentalists...[\[-\]](#) wrote on Aug 10, 2008 9:49 PM:...its NIMBYs, which have a long legacy in Temecula.

They have always played Chicken Little, and told us the sky is falling, but when looking back on it, I can't think of a single time they were ever right.

Bring the quarry, its no big deal.