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Not getting all the facts

Those who have been reading letters about the proposal to establish Liberty Quarry south of Temecula are not getting all the facts. Having lived for decades in an area with many quarries and lots of wind, I am aware that some of the claims made by opponents of the quarry are misleading.

For over 50 years, I lived in the foothills of the San Gabriel mountains. Almost every town to the east and west had at least two rock plants, and the San Gabriel Canyon and smaller canyons on both sides were notorious for high winds. On windy days, dust would fill the air, but it wasn't coming primarily from rock plants. The open spaces were the biggest sources of dust because there was no way to control it.

However, the quarries would suspend operations until the winds subsided. If they hadn't, they would have been subject to fines and lawsuits. Through the years, as the open spaces were taken for housing, buildings, and even more rock quarries, the dust subsided. Liberty Quarry will be no different, and today's air-quality standards are much more stringent than they were in the past.

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Comments



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Dan Scott: "On windy days, dust would fill the air, but it wasn't coming primarily from rock plants. The open spaces were the biggest sources of dust because there was no way to control it." --So you are saying exploding and exploiting the land controls dust more than undisturbed land? Ah, ha, ha, ha!!! That's a good one.