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We need a quarry in our backyard

Water is getting scarce in some places, so we'll need to go to rock lawns (yards) like Phoenix has. Grass is beautiful, but farmers need the water more than we do.

We need a quarry in our backyard for a cheap local rock supply. We need one right here in the Temecula Valley. That quarry is called the Liberty Quarry in Temecula. We need it, not only for the rocks to eventually replace our lawns, but for all its other uses, as well.

Water will eventually be too expensive to use for most ornamental purposes. That's with the present water rates. The water rates will, more than likely, go up. Nothing seems to go down. I know about all the controversy and all the issues against the local quarry, but many of the opponents talking points just don't hold water (pun intended).

Study the issue, and you'll see that the quarry will be very good for us. The number of trucks will go down and silica issues are not an issue. If the quarry is bad due to silica blowing through our neighborhoods, just live at the beach and wait till you have a windy day.

Bob Kowell

Murrieta

Quarry supporter responds

As long as those in opposition to Liberty Quarry make up stories and falsehoods about the project, the rest of us who support the quarry will respond. Joe Benvenuto ([Community Voices, June 5](#)) admits he doesn't know how much diesel fuel it takes to operate 1,500 trucks on Rainbow Canyon grade, but certainly he must realize it would take a lot more fuel to bring those trucks from Corona. Does he think that will clear the air and lighten our freeways?

Joe goes on to claim that Liberty Quarry will be one mile long and one mile deep. I don't know who started those stories, but quarry opponents spread them around like they're true. If people can't tell the truth in one area, how can we trust anything they say?

Not to be outdone in spreading misleading information, Robert Martinez (Community Voices, June 5) claims that Granite Construction is only interested in money and greed and does not care about the health or the environment. If that were true, then why don't we stop all business expansion in this country? We could eliminate greed in one step. But when Robert's income dries up, I bet he'd be the first to complain.

Ezra Chapman

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