



TRANSMISSION TOWERS COULD CROSS VALLEY



NEVADA HYDRO SIMULATION: Looking to the east from De Palma Road, south of the Shops at Sycamore Creek center and north of Glen Eden. Yellow building at right is the proposed lake switchyard. Lee Lake can be viewed behind the switchyard.

Nevada Hydro resubmits LEAPS application to FERC

A license application for a controversial power project that would greatly impact the Temescal Valley scenic view could be approved at any time by the **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)**.

FERC is reviewing the application resubmitted by **Nevada Hydro Company Inc.** to build its **Lake Elsinore Advanced Pump Storage (LEAPS)** project in the Cleveland National Forest with 32 miles of 500 kV transmission lines and 170 high-voltage steel towers.

The plan calls for water from Lake Elsinore to be pumped at night into a to-be-constructed reservoir and then returned via gravity to generate electricity through turbines.

One set of transmission lines would run northeast across the Santa Ana mountains then head east, crossing Temescal Valley and the I-15 to connect to Edison's Valley-Serrano lines that run across the Temescal Mountains. **Glen Eden, Terramor, Sycamore Creek and Horsethief Canyon Ranch** would be the closest communities to the lines.

The other set of lines would head southwest from the pumped storage facility to connect with San Diego Gas & Electric lines.

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ACTION NEEDED NOW

Comments can be submitted to FERC via its eComment page on the website:

<https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>

Follow the directions on the page. It's best to prewrite your comments in a Word doc and then copy and paste into the eComment template. FERC prefers that comments be kept short and to the point. Begin your comments with:

Re: Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project Project Number 14227

Comments to The Nevada Hydro Company's May 31, 2017 Notification of Intent to File License Application

Comments also can be snail-mailed to:

**The Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20426**

Letters should be copied to **Jim Fargo** at the above FERC address. He has primary responsibility for the LEAPS project and can be reached by email at:

james.fargo@ferc.gov or phone at **202-502-6095**.

The **WeAreTV Development Committee's** reasons for opposing the application can be found in the continued story on Page 2

Transmission towers

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The project's intent is to provide additional electricity during peak power usage and to replace electrical output lost with the closure of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

The project was originally submitted in 1995. FERC initially approved the application in the early 2000s but then dismissed it in 2011 because of uncertainty over whether Nevada Hydro had rights to use Lake Elsinore water.

The previous project partner, **Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD)**, backed out of the project and terminated its agreement with Nevada Hydro in 2011. A lawsuit on the water rights issue is scheduled to begin before a San Diego County Superior Court jury on Sept. 22.

The **WeAreTV Development Committee** is sending a letter to FERC outlining reasons why the application should be denied:

DOWNED POWER LINE SAFETY: According to the Riverside County General Plan's Temescal Canyon Area Plan, the Temescal Valley portion of the project would traverse a very high wildfire susceptibility area, a 100-year flood and dam inundation zone, and a seismic activity area associated with the Elsinore Fault Zone. Weather-wise, the project lies in the Elsinore Convergence Zone noted for extreme weather patterns including tornados.

The lines would cross both the I-15 freeway and Temescal Canyon Road, the only two north-south evacuation routes in Temescal Valley in case of a major disaster. There are no east-west roadways into or out of the area.

Is there a high school in Temescal Valley's future?

Hello Neighbors!

The **WeAreTV Education Committee** continues to meet with Corona-Norco Unified School District administrators and our elected board member, Trustee **Bill Pollock**, to bring a high school to Temescal Valley.

The committee has created a survey to find out the type of high school the majority of Temescal Valley residents would prefer – a small vs. large campus to be built sooner vs. later?

We are asking all Temescal Valley residents to participate in the survey whether you have students in your household or not. We all pay school district taxes and we all care about property values. A high school located here would increase property values and at the same time decrease commute-time traffic on our roadways caused by parents driving students to Corona schools.

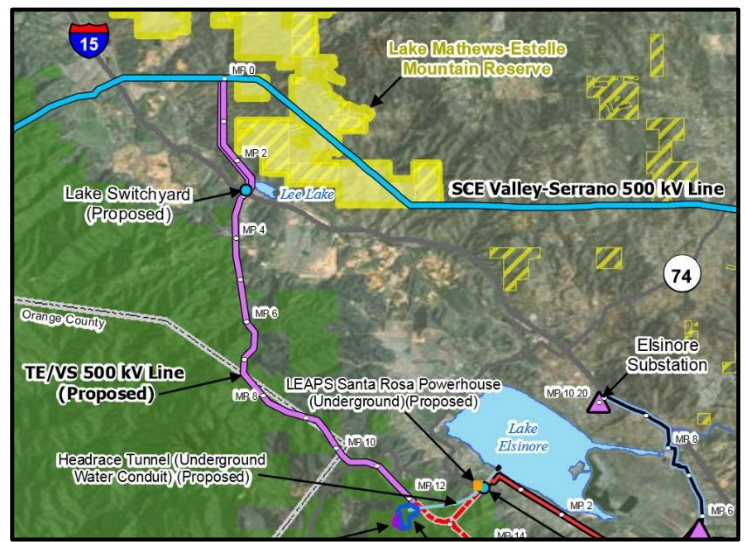
Won't you please take a minute to share your opinion? The survey is short – just three questions and a place to comment if you so desire.

Thank you ...

Larissa Adrian, Chairwoman
WeAreTV Education Committee

TAKE THE SURVEY:

<http://tinyurl.com/TVECHighSchool>



NEVADA HYDRO LEAPS: The purple line indicates the path of the 500 kV transmission lines from the Cleveland National Forest into Temescal Valley.

CHANGE IN CONDITIONS: Riverside County has approved land use changes to property adjacent to and under the planned transmission lines since the project's dismissal in 2011. New development has been constructed. A draft Federal Environmental Impact Statement under **National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA)**, guidelines was released in January 2007 -- 10 years ago. The impact of such an intensive project should be studied under current conditions, not those of 10 or 20 years ago.

CONSERVATION: The lines would traverse land area within the **Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (RCA)**, jurisdiction. Construction of the towers and associated facilities would disturb endangered and threatened species of animals and plants protected by the RCA's **Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan**.

VISTAS: The transmission towers, lines and the construction of related facilities would impact the view from the I-15 freeway, which has been designated a **State Eligible Scenic Highway**.

EDISON PROJECTS: The final Environmental Impact Report has been released for Edison's Valley-IvyGlen transmission lines and the Alberhill Substation. A public hearing on these projects soon will be scheduled by the **California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)**. If approved, Edison's 115 kV subtransmission lines will cross the I-15 freeway almost exactly where the Nevada Hydro transmission towers are proposed.

LACK OF STATE APPROVALS: FERC has indicated it may grant the new application with no additional review. According to the **California Department of Fish and Wildlife**, there is only an outdated Draft Environmental Impact Report for the project that was never approved. There is no current project application before the California Public Utilities Commission.

The following entities already have sent letters opposing the project and/or requesting State and local agency review:

Glen Eden
Terramor
City of Lake Elsinore
California Department of Fish and Wildlife



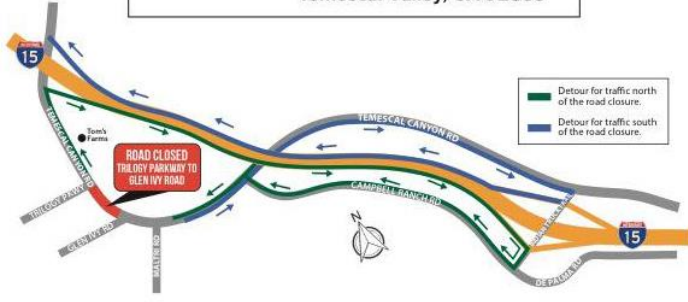
TEMESCAL CANYON ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PUBLIC MEETING

The Temescal Canyon Road Drainage Improvements Project Team would like to invite you to attend a Public Meeting on August 9th at Trilogy Lodge in Temescal Valley. The project team will be present to provide information and answer questions you might have regarding the closure of Temescal Canyon Road between Trilogy Parkway and Glen Ivy Road. We look forward to see you there.

If you have questions, please call Dennis Green at (909) 800-0451.

NOTE: Meeting Location has been updated.

DATE: August 9, 2017
TIME: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Location: Trilogy Lodge
24503 Trilogy Parkway
Temescal Valley, CA 92883



JULY PHOTO WINNER

The theme was “Patriotic.” Congratulations to **LINDA MYERS**, a resident of The Retreat, for her entry, “Just a Boy in Search of Gumballs”

Calling all photographers! The theme for the August contest is “Shadowy.” Find out how to enter:
<http://www.wearetv.org/blog/faire/2018photo.pdf>



WINNING PHOTOS: The winners of the 2017 Temescal Valley Community Faire Photo Contest are now displayed at the El Cerrito Public Library, 7581 Rudell Road, adjacent to El Cerrito Middle School. Monthly winners also will be displayed. From left, Cathie Smith, Rob Mucha and Dan Smith hung the photos last month.

TCR closure postponed; meeting to be held Aug. 9

A notice published last week on social media announcing a full closure of Temescal Canyon Road was met with more than 100 angry comments from citizens, mostly parents who must drive their middle and high school students to schools in Corona.

The closure of Temescal Canyon Road between Trilogy Parkway and Glen Ivy Road was scheduled to begin Aug. 16 and take four to six weeks to complete. Students go back to school on Aug. 9.

The roadwork would place a culvert under Temescal Canyon Road to allow water to pass under the roadway when Coldwater Creek overflows. The area is subject to flooding during heavy rains. The work was scheduled for late last year, but was postponed because of heavy rains and then a delay from Caltrans in responding to the county’s request to post detour signs.

The outrage to the announcement gave rise to a social media posting by **Tricia Almiron**, county **Supervisor Kevin Jeffries’** community representative for Temescal Valley, announcing that the project had been postponed. It read:

“Some of you may have heard that this work was scheduled to begin on August 16th. Our office was just informed of this proposed construction timeline this week. We are aware that school is scheduled to start soon, so Supervisor Jeffries has requested that the County Transportation Department postpone this closure to a future date to minimize the disruption it will have on the community.”

Almiron said a community meeting would be held 7 p.m., Wednesday Aug. 9 at Trilogy Lodge, 24503 Trilogy Parkway.

Dennis Green has been named community liaison for the project. He can be reached at **909-800-0451**.



There's a new face at El Sobrante Landfill – Meet Art!

Hello Temescal Valley Neighbors:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Community Relations Representative for the **El Sobrante Landfill**. My name is **Art Marquez** and I could not be more excited to take on this new opportunity.

It is an absolute pleasure to be a part of this amazing team, as well as community, and I look forward to everything we can accomplish together.

I am a local Corona resident. I graduated from **Santiago High School** (Go Sharks!), and I am a graduate of UC Irvine.

The majority of my professional life has focused in building community programs and relationships. Most recently I worked for the city of Ontario in the Utilities Department, where I obtained experience in the waste industry.

As a family man, I am grateful that I am in a position that allows me to give back and make a difference in the community. This leads me to share one of my favorite quotes:

“Society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.”
-Greek Proverb

I look forward to meeting you as I start attending and supporting many Temescal Valley activities. In the meantime, please see my contact information below.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or requests. I will office out of El Sobrante Landfill, so please feel free to stop by anytime.

Sincerely ...

Art Marquez
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951-382-2175 cell
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Help needed for Aug. 26 community cleanup along De Palma Road

If you have no plans for the morning of Saturday, Aug. 26, **Bob Hafner** and the **WeAreTV Beautification Committee** could use your help in cleaning up De Palma Road between Glen Eden and Horsethief Canyon roads.

The group will meet at 7 a.m. at the Glen Eden community sign on De Palma Road. Bring gloves and wear closed-toe shoes – other supplies will be furnished. This is a good opportunity for teens who need community-service hours. Bring your form with you.

If you have questions, email Bob: bob.hafner@verizon.net

CALENDAR

EVENTS

- **CNUSD Schools Back in Session:** Wednesday, Aug. 9.
- **Parent Information Night:** TVES, 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 10.
- **Sycamore Summers:** Science programs -- Saturday, Aug. 12: “Tricky Tracks: Wildlife tracking” Saturday, Aug. 26: “Turtles & Tortoises of SoCal” 10 a.m., Sycamore Creek Interpretive Center, 11875 Indian Truck Trail.
- **Santiago Sharkfest:** 5 to 9 p.m., Friday, Aug. 11 at the football stadium. Admission: \$1.
- **Movie in the Park:** “Finding Dory,” presented by RivCo MARS program, 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 12, Deleo Park.
- **Luiseno School 6th-8th Grade Registration:** Monday, Aug. 14. 6th Grade: A-L, 9 to 9:45 a.m.; M-Z, 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. 7th Grade: A-L, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.; M-Z, 11:15 a.m. to noon. 8th Grade: A-L, noon to 12:45 p.m.; M-Z, 12:45 to 1:30 p.m.
- **Luiseno School Meet-n-Greet:** 9 to 10 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 15.
- **LEUSD Schools Back in Session:** Wednesday, Aug. 16.
- **Movie Night:** Temescal Canyon High School, 8 to 10 p.m., Friday, Aug. 18, on the upper field.
- **Temescal Valley Little League Fall Ball Registration:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 19 and 26, in front of Sycamore Creek Vons. \$90.
- **Day of Wonder:** “Insects & Arachnids of California,” at Sycamore Creek Interpretive Center, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 19, 11875 Indian Truck Trail.
- **Luiseno Back-to-School Night:** For K-5 students, 6 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 23, in the classrooms.
- **Community Cleanup:** Sponsored by the Beautification Committee, 7 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 26. Meet at the intersection of Glen Eden and De Palma roads.

TEMESCAL VALLEY MEETINGS

- **Community Meeting:** A presentation by the county's Transportation Department regarding the Temescal Canyon Road closure, 7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 9, Trilogy Lodge, 24503 Trilogy Parkway.
- **Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council:** No meeting this month. Next meeting: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 13, Trilogy Lodge, 24503 Trilogy Parkway.
- **We Are Temescal Valley Education Committee:** 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 17, Senor Tom's restaurant.
- **Temescal Valley Water District Board Meeting:** 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 22, 22646 Temescal Canyon Road.
- **We Are Temescal Valley Public Safety Committee:** 6:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 28, Trilogy's Blue Water Sports Club, Center for Well-Being Room, 24491 Trilogy Parkway.
- **We Are Temescal Valley citizens' group:** 8:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 9, Trilogy Lodge, Temescal Room, 24503 Trilogy Parkway.

MEETINGS THAT AFFECT US

- **Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Board Meeting:** 4 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 10 and 24, 31315 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.
- **Corona-Norco Unified School District:** Study session, 6 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 15, Business meeting, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 5; 2820 Clark Ave., Norco.
- **Riverside County Planning Commission:** 9 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 16 and Sept. 6, Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside.
- **Riverside County Board of Supervisors:** 9 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 29 and Sept. 12, Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside.
- **Lake Elsinore Unified School District:** 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 14, 545 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.