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# WE ARE TEMESCAL VALLEY

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## FERC approval allows LEAPS to move forward

Despite more than 100 protests, the **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)**, on Sept. 29 issued its approval to accept a draft license application for a significant hydro-power project without requiring further review or public scoping.

This action opened the door for the **Nevada Hydro Company Inc.** to file a final license application for its **Lake Elsinore Advanced Pump Storage (LEAPS)** project, which it did Oct. 2.

This application, with little exception, is based on a 10-year-old environmental impact statement. Most all the comments received by FERC communicated the need for additional studies and public review before Nevada Hydro be allowed to file the license application. In granting the approval, FERC noted that in processing the final license application, if necessary, additional review and public scoping would occur.

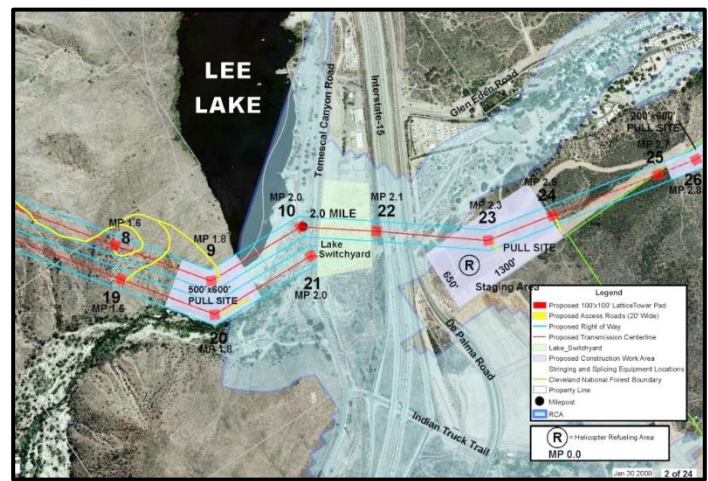
In addition to letters of opposition sent by concerned citizens, protests were registered from state, county and city agencies and organizations, as well as elected officials. Among them:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
California Water Resources Control Board  
Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians  
Southern California Edison  
Riverside County 1st District Supervisor Kevin Jeffries  
U.S. Rep. Ken Calvert, 42nd Congressional District  
City of Lake Elsinore  
Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District  
Center for Biodiversity  
Sierra Club  
San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society  
Glen Eden Corporation  
Sycamore Creek Community Association  
Horsethief Canyon Ranch Community Association  
The Retreat Community Association  
Terramor at Temescal Valley  
Lakeside Temescal Valley

The LEAPS project would be built 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 along 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.



**500 kV LINES:** This diagram is from the Final License Application and shows the partial path of the transmission lines through Temescal Valley.

**LATE-BREAKING NEWS:** Nevada Hydro rep **Rex Wait**, speaking at the Oct. 11 TV MAC meeting, announced a 60-day public comment period to request additional studies for the LEAPS project. **REQUEST DEADLINE IS DEC. 1.** If you submitted earlier comments, resubmit those comments **NOW**.

### HOW TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL STUDY REQUESTS

Requests for additional studies 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. **The docket number is P-14227.** Begin your comments with:

**Re: Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project**  
**Project No. P-14227-003**

Comments also can be snail-mailed to:

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

Here's the FERC Approval:

<http://www.wearetv.org/blog/docs/FERC.pdf>

Here's Nevada Hydro's cover letter for the Final License Application:

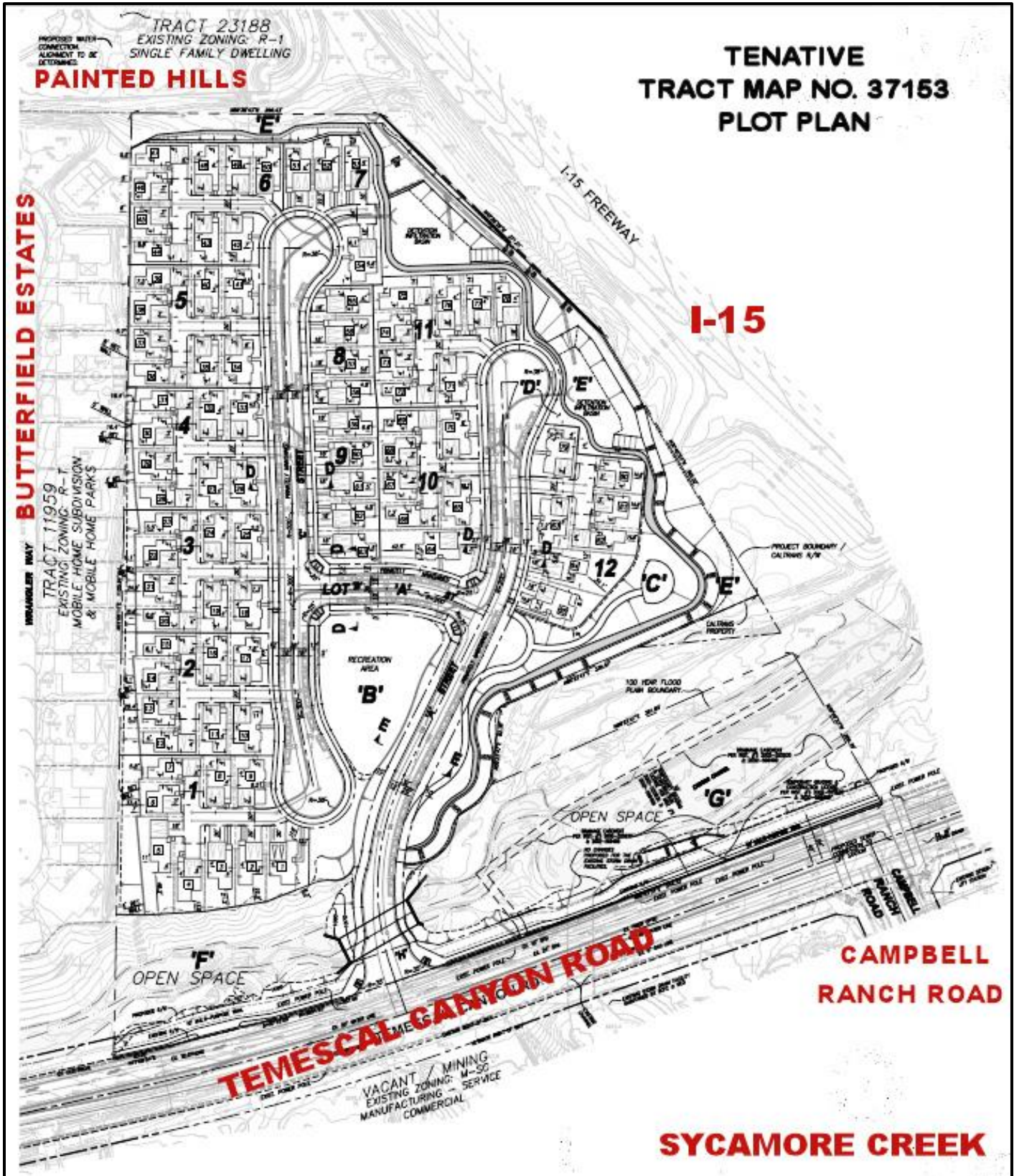
<http://www.wearetv.org/blog/docs/FLA.pdf>

Here's the Final License Application:

<http://nevadahydro.com/index.php/projects/final-license-application/>

# 83 CONDOS PROPOSED

A developer wants a **zone change** from commercial office to high-density residential to **build 83, 2-story condominiums on 9 net acres of land** located on **Temescal Canyon Road** near **Campbell Ranch Road** and the **I-15**. The development would back up to **Butterfield Estates** and border **Painted Hills**. A **public hearing** for the project is on the **Planning Commission's Wednesday, Nov. 1 agenda**. Comments for or against the project should be sent **NOW** to county planner **Russell Brady: [rbrady@rivco.org](mailto:rbrady@rivco.org)**. The **WeAreTV Development Committee**, in meeting with the developer, has suggested a better land use would be service-oriented such as an assisted senior care facility.







## SEPTEMBER PHOTO WINNER

The theme was anything beginning with the letter “P.” Congratulations to Amie Kinne, a resident of Dawson Canyon, for her entry, “Poppies.”

Calling all photographers! The theme for the October contest is “Costume.” Plenty of opportunities at the Civil War Re-enactment and on Halloween!

Find out how to enter:

<http://www.wearetv.org/blog/faire/2018photo.pdf>

## HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS HERE

**Trunk or Treat**, the annual Halloween event that attracts hundreds of trick-or-treaters to **Deleo Regional Sports Park**, this year will be held on **Saturday, Oct. 28**.

The **4 to 8 p.m.** festival will feature costume contests, arts and crafts, pumpkin decorating, a spooky train, a maddening maze, cotton candy and games. Local vendors and organizations will provide “treats” for the kids from the decorated trunks of their vehicles.

Both **Todd Academy** and **Temescal Valley Elementary School** will host Trunk or Treats – **6 to 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 27** for Todd, and **Tuesday, Oct. 31** for TVES.

## TRIM MILKWEED FOR HEALTHY MONARCHS

**Tracy Davis**, chairwoman of the **WeAreTV Identity Committee** and local monarch butterfly expert, reminds gardeners that it’s time to cut back milkweed plants to encourage the butterflies to begin their annual migration.

Many people plant tropical milkweed because the flowers are pretty and it stays green year-round. Monarchs will not migrate where tropical milkweed is planted. Winter breeding exposes the butterflies to a parasite that kills or weakens them and their caterpillars. Planting native milkweed encourages proper seasonal migration and reduces the incidence of parasitic exposure.

## County provides update on Olsen Canyon Mine permit

Since the November 2015 introduction of plans to put a new mine in Temescal Valley, many residents who spoke out against the project are asking, “What’s happening with the **Olsen Canyon Mine**?”

The mine would span 422 acres east of the I-15 between the Dos Lagos Golf Course and the El Sobrante Landfill in the hills above the Wildrose Business Park. The project currently is going through the county’s permit process.

Because of the environmentally-sensitive nature of the property, the mining permit application must first be reviewed under the county’s **Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan**. According to **Ken Baez**, a county planner who deals with MSHCP issues, “This project is currently under review for the HANS process (**Habitat Evaluation and Acquisition Negotiation Strategy**), and finalizing the **Criteria Refinement Review** by the wildlife agencies.”

Baez said **Olsen Canyon Properties, LLC**, and its consultants are working on comments from the wildlife agencies, which should be completed this month. Once the HANS process and the Criteria Refinement Review is completed, the planning process for the application will move forward.

That next step will be overseen by planner **John Hildebrand**, who said the county will need to conduct the environmental review process and analyze any associated technical studies. This usually is a lengthy process.

Once completed, all documentation and the staff report with recommendations will be available for public review and comment. A **Planning Commission** public hearing will be scheduled and, ultimately, a public hearing before the county’s **Board of Supervisors** to either deny or approve the permit.

**Learn more about the Olsen Canyon Mine:**

<http://www.wearetv.org/2015/11/15/olsen-canyon-mine-what-we-know-about-it/>

## Work starts on Cajalco interchange

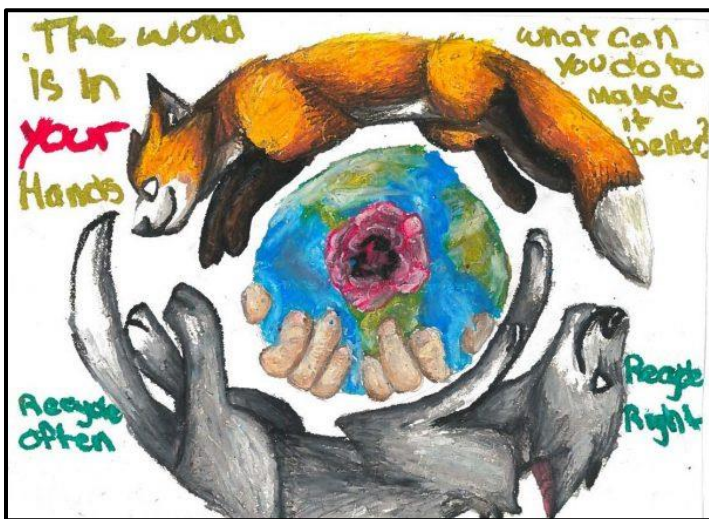
The **city of Corona** is beginning work on the **Cajalco Road interchange**. The \$45 million project should be completed by Fall 2019.

According to city literature, the project includes the widening of Cajalco Road from a two-lane bridge to a six-lane overcrossing bridge on a new alignment north of the existing bridge. In addition, the bridge will include a striped median, outside shoulders and a sidewalk on the southern side.

The existing northbound and southbound ramp intersections will be reconfigured and all existing ramps will be realigned. The existing northbound on-ramp will be modified to serve the westbound Cajalco Road traffic, and a northbound loop on-ramp will be constructed to serve the eastbound Cajalco Road traffic.

**Learn more about the project and sign up for construction alerts:**

<http://i15cajalco.com/>



**LAST YEAR'S WINNER:** Riley Hall, an 8<sup>th</sup>-grader at El Cerrito Middle School, was awarded \$800 for the school.

## El Sobrante Landfill again sponsors calendar contest for students

Waste Management El Sobrante Landfill has announced its **5th Annual Temescal Valley America Recycles Day Calendar Art Contest**.

Artwork and illustrations should depict the theme, "Our Neighborhood is Going Green, to Help Temescal Valley Stay Clean!" The deadline for entries is **Monday, Nov. 6**.

Students attending **Todd Academy, Temescal Valley Elementary, Luiseno** and **El Cerrito Middle** schools are strongly encouraged to participate, according to **Art Marquez**, the landfill's community relations representative.

Twelve illustrations will be chosen by a panel of Temescal Valley judges for the 2018 calendar. Judging will take place next month on or close to **Nov. 15**, which is **America Recycles Day**.

The top three winners will earn a combined total of \$1,800 in donations for their schools, and all 12 winners will receive a special gift basket for their green masterpieces! The students, their principals and parents will be honored at the **Jan. 10 Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council** meeting.

Contest rules and entry form can be found at:

<http://www.wearetv.org/blog/docs/calendar.pdf>

## Civil War coming to Tom's Farms

It's a wonderful opportunity to get up close and personal with our nation's history. **Tom's Farms** on **Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 14 and 15**, again brings the **Civil War Re-enactment** to Temescal Valley. Battle times on both days are at **11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.**



Between the shows, attendees can walk the grounds, mingling with and talking to historic figures such as **Abraham Lincoln**, **Jefferson Davis** and scores of costumed ladies and gents from this period in U.S. history. It's **FREE!** And, there's ample parking.

## CALENDAR

### EVENTS

- **Community Garage Sale:** Throughout Butterfield Estates, **Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Oct. 13, 14 and 15**. Plus crafts, antiques and plants.
- **Annual Civil War Re-enactment:** Sponsored by Tom's Farms, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., **Saturday, Sunday, Oct. 14, 15**. Battles at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. both days. It's a great history lesson for the kids. **FREE!**
- **Day of Wonder:** At the Sycamore Creek Interpretive Center, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., **Saturday, Oct. 21**. "Creatures of the Night." 11875 Indian Truck Trail. **FREE!**
- **\$40 Windshield Repair:** Offered by **Alfredo's Auto Glass**, either in shop or mobile service, **Wednesday, Oct. 25 and Nov. 1 only**. 12847 Temescal Canyon Road, 951-847-6846. Must mention you saw offer in this newsletter.
- **Trunk or Treat:** Sponsored by Todd Academy PTA, 6 to 8 p.m., **Friday, Oct. 27**.
- **Trunk or Treat:** Sponsored by RivCo Economic Development Agency and MARS program, 4 to 8 p.m., **Saturday, Oct. 28**. Deleo Regional Sports Park, 25655 Santiago Canyon Road.
- **Halloween:** Watch out for little trick or treaters crossing streets, **Tuesday, Oct. 31**.
- **Trunk or Treat:** Sponsored by Temescal Valley Elementary School PTA, 6 to 8 p.m., **Tuesday, Oct. 31**.
- **100 Mile Club:** Kids from all Temescal Valley schools can add to their miles, 8 to 9 a.m. **every Sunday** at Deleo Regional sports Park, 25655 Santiago Canyon Road.
- **Sycamore Creek Interpretive Center:** Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., **Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays**, 11875 Indian Truck Trail. Kids learn about conservation and the environment through many hands-on exhibits. **FREE!**

### TEMESCAL VALLEY MEETINGS

- **We Are Temescal Valley Education Committee:** 6:30 p.m., **Thursday, Oct. 19**, Senor Tom's restaurant.
- **We Are Temescal Valley Public Safety Committee:** 6:30 p.m., **Monday, Oct. 23**, Trilogy's Blue Water Sports Club, Center for Well-Being Room, 24491 Trilogy Parkway.
- **Temescal Valley Water District Board Meeting:** 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday, Oct. 24**, 22646 Temescal Canyon Road.
- **We Are Temescal Valley Identity Committee:** 6 p.m., **Friday, Nov. 3**, Senor Tom's restaurant.
- **We Are Temescal Valley Beautification Committee:** 7 p.m., **Friday, Nov. 3**, Senor Tom's restaurant.
- **We Are Temescal Valley citizens' group:** 8:30 a.m., **Saturday, Nov. 4**, Trilogy Lake Center, Tahoe Room, 24477 Trilogy Parkway.
- **Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council:** 7 p.m., **Wednesday, Nov. 8**, Trilogy Lodge, 24503 Trilogy Parkway.

### MEETINGS THAT AFFECT US

- **Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Board Meeting:** 4 p.m., **Thursday, Oct. 12 and 26**, 31315 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.
- **Lake Elsinore Unified School District:** 6 p.m., **Thursday, Oct. 12**, 545 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.
- **Riverside County Board of Supervisors:** 9 a.m., **Tuesday, Oct. 17, 24, 31 and Nov. 7**, Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside.
- **Corona-Norco Unified School District:** Study session, 6 p.m., **Tuesday, Oct. 17**; Business meeting, 7 p.m., **Tuesday, Nov. 14**, 2820 Clark Ave., Norco.
- **Riverside County Planning Commission:** 9 a.m., **Wednesday, Oct. 18 and Nov. 1**. Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside.