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Temescal Valley Update 10/12/22

It Is Official: Olsen Canyon Mine Proposal is Dead! The proposal to construct a new mine in Olsen Canyon (across the wash from the Wildrose Business Park) prompted the largest and loudest TV MAC meeting since Supervisor Jeffries took office, with almost 200 people expressing their opposition and concerns to the application. Subsequent to that meeting in November 2015, the community has repeatedly asked for an update on the mine, but we have been unable to get anything, as the applicant has attempted to work through various challenges without any progress. We are happy to now be able to announce that the Riverside Conservation Agency (RCA) has just officially completed the purchase of the entire property, protecting that sensitive habitat area permanently, and eliminating the threat of a new mine at that location. Altogether just over 600 acres were purchased as part of this agreement, and RCA is currently removing trash and debris from the site from homeless and criminal activity. In the future, the rail easement along the wash across that property between Dawson Canyon Road and Dos Lagos is planned to become a portion of the Butterfield Historic Trail, though significant funding will be needed to repair a bridge across one of the canyons.

Blue Water (Formally Known As LEAPS) – Last month we heard from Blue Water (The new LEAPS Program). For additional information please see their website here: <https://www.bluerenew.life/> Blue Water will be having multiple Town Halls across the area, their next scheduled meeting is Saturday, October 15, 9am to 2pm at The Lake Community Center Gymnasium, 310 W. Graham Ave., Lake Elsinore, CA 92530. **This is not a county sponsored event;** just information in case you wished to ask more questions or learn more about the proposal.

Planning News: - For information about upcoming development projects please visit our website: <https://www.rivcodistrict1.org/District-News/Planning-News>. This site lists projects across District 1. The communities are listed in alphabetical order by area; please scroll down to see projects in Temescal Valley.

Vacancies on Local Commissions: If interested in applying to any of the below vacancies please reach out to Damian Fussel at dfussel@rivco.org or 951 955-1010.

1. In Home Support Services (IHSS) – Recipient of IHSS Services – One (1) opening
2. Behavioral Health Commission – Family Member – One (1) opening
3. Advisory Council of Aging – One (1) opening

Upcoming Events

Deleo Fall Festival, October 15, 2022