

# Let's stop the quarry together

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In April, Ken Johnson wrote a letter about, "Quarry company pits neighbor against neighbor."

Well, it seems to be happening again, only this time it is county against county.

I am seeing something happening that will be, in my opinion, like "slow poison" and will destroy the strong bond that has held together all the opponents in both counties. I thought there was no county line where this issue was concerned.

This needs to stop, now!

It troubles me when a friend makes a statement like, "It's obvious our neighboring county is expecting Temecula to pay the price of dirtier air and more traffic so it can benefit from our resources" ("Ordinary people trying to protect their community" May 26).

If by "resource" we are talking about the (proposed) Liberty quarry, the "San Diego Region Aggregate Supply Study," released in January 2011 and conducted in cooperation with Cal Trans, states that San Diego's needs can be met with regional sources already in place as well as "sea importation" from Vancouver Island, B.C. The proposed Liberty quarry was not considered in their findings.

Granite's statement, "All trucks will be going south," is another fabrication to prove their first lie that they will be "taking trucks off the road." Use your head! The trucks will go where the need is. The Riverside area is where the growth is predicted.

Rainbow and Fallbrook are "ordinary people" too, trying to protect our community and we have been doing this for six years right by your side. Have you forgotten?

Statements I have heard uttered such as, "San Diego wants to dump on Temecula" don't fit here! There are thousands of people in Rainbow and Fallbrook fighting this battle and it would never occur to any of them to even think "dump on Temecula!"

What is going on here? It needs to stop now!

If anyone needs someone to put blame on, blame the politicians.

Blame Granite's wily PR firm, which twists and overstates their words and phrases until people begin to accept them as truths.

Blame Supervisor Bill Horn, who has refused to stand up for all the people who live in his district and voted him in.

If anyone is going to "suffer" the consequences of having a mine at that location, it will first be Rainbow.

Please ---- think about the "words" before you say them. We are all in this together until we drive this project away once and for all. Don't drive a wedge between communities that have the same goal ---- it is not "US" and "THEM."

This is what Granite has been doing with other cities and Temecula ---- pitting them against each other. This unravels the bond; this makes people distrustful. Let's not do this to ourselves.

Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Let's be that change, together.