

color and the elderly live. These communities are often located near freeways, shipping yard and other areas with heavy diesel truck traffic.

Diesel emissions are also released throughout the process of fuel production, refining, distribution and dispensing. Diesel refining, distribution and storage facilities are predominantly located in these communities, which are already burdened by major air pollution and toxic risks. Continued use of diesel fuel increases toxic air pollution and raises the risk of lung cancer and other lung diseases in these communities.

To totally avoid diesel exhaust exposure, Washingtonians would have to stay indoors with the windows and doors tightly sealed. There are ways to reduce the risk, such as limiting exercise and activity to areas far from freeways or industrial complexes. But for most Washingtonians avoiding diesel exhaust is nearly impossible.

Reducing Fine Particles and Toxic Emissions

Reducing fine particles and toxic emissions from diesel engines will reduce:

- The incidence and severity of asthma attacks, chronic bronchitis, emphysema, coughing, wheezing and phlegm formation.
- Lost school days for children and workdays for parents and adult asthmatics. A recent study by the Washington State Department of Health indicated that one in six households have someone who suffers from asthma.
- Hospital visits due to asthma and other respiratory ailments. Exposures to diesel exhaust have been linked to increased hospital admissions for respiratory and heart diseases and up to 60,000 premature deaths annually.
- Cancer risk from diesel exhaust, which is estimated to be as high as 1,400 in a million southern California studies. The risk of cancer from diesel exhaust is not only for occupational levels of exposure. Breathing outdoor air, which contains diesel exhaust, also puts ordinary people at risk, especially school children. (For comparison, we spend millions of dollars every year on toxic waste cleanups to reduce risk to levels of one in million.)
- Reduce chronic health effects on children's lungs. Fine particles and toxic emissions have been shown to reduce lung function growth in the developing lungs of children. Children with decreased lung function may be more susceptible to respiratory disease and more likely to have chronic respiratory problems as adults.
- Susceptibility to allergens. Reactions to allergens such as pollen can be more severe when there is also exposure to diesel exhaust.
- Exposure to priority pollutants. The Environmental Protection Agency has established maximum concentrations for six priority pollutants, above which adverse health effects may occur. The Puget Sound area is close to exceeding limits for particulate matter and ozone. Diesel exhaust generates large amounts of particulates and one of the precursors of ozone.

Eliminating Diesel Exhaust Without Eliminating Buses and Trucks

There is a way to transition from diesel and avoid the related health dangers without eliminating buses and trucks. Alternative power sources such as natural gas and fuel cells can eventually replace diesel fuel. Buses and trucks run on natural gas today, and fuel cells are being developed that could be capable of powering them in the future.

To significantly reduce the amount of pollutants and cancer-causing toxic air contaminants, Washington must promote cleaner alternatives where possible and substantially reduce diesel emissions through the use of retrofit devices and lower-emitting diesel fuel. The **American Lung Association® of Washington** is advocating for restrictions on diesel emissions and promotion of alternative fuels. We will also work with school districts to encourage them to switch over to buses powered by natural gas. Until we make a concerted effort to rid our state of dirty diesel fuel and transition to lower-emission fuels and cleaner alternative fuels, diesel

We need to support regulations and voluntary efforts to curb emissions from school buses, as well as trucks and cars. One such voluntary program is the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency's Diesel Solutions program, a partnership that encourages retrofits of diesel vehicles and the use of low sulfur diesel fuel in public and private diesel fleets. This voluntary initiative will leverage ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel into western Washington and enable a wide range of public and private fleets to join a consortium to retrofit diesel vehicles. To learn more go to the Diesel Solutions page on the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency website: **Puget Sound Clean Air Agency - Diesel Solutions**

Health Studies:

EPA, the World Health Organization, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences have listed diesel exhaust as a likely carcinogen. Recent studies indicate lung cancer risk can be significantly increased by exposure to diesel exhaust. A 100-cities epidemiological study indicates an 87 percent increase in lung cancer rates for each 10 micrograms increase in fine particle (PM_{2.5}) levels.

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- **Children's Exposure to Diesel Exhaust on School Buses.** Environment and Human Health, Inc., February 2002.

School Bus Studies:

This February 2001 study from NRDC and the Coalition for Clean Air shows that children who ride a diesel school bus may be exposed to up to four times more toxic diesel exhaust than someone traveling in a car directly in front of it. The study found that excess exhaust levels on school buses were 23 to 46 times higher than levels considered to be a significant cancer risk according to the U.S Environmental Protection Agency and federal guidelines.

- **<http://www.nrdc.org/air/transportation/schoolbus/sbusinx.asp>**

Environment and Human Health, Inc. cites the particular risk to children from regular exposure to exhaust from diesel school buses.

- **http://www.ehhi.org/pubs/children_diesel.html**

Seattle Air Toxicity Study 2001:

The report confirms early results from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National-Scale Air Toxics Assessment (NATA), which show the Puget Sound region in the top five percent in

The Clean Air Agency's report is based on actual air monitoring conducted by the state Department of Ecology and on agency staff analysis of the sources of toxic air pollutants uncovered by the monitoring. The staff analysis includes review of monitoring data and NAT/ modeling, emission inventories, source apportionment and application of best available risk factors.

This is the first time a relatively large group of toxic air pollutants has been studied, analyzed for cumulative health effects and then ranked by their effect on people's health. The data indicate the cancer risk from outdoor air toxics could be as high as about 700 in a million.

- http://www.pscleanair.org/news/other_pubs.shtml#.20020516psatedf

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John Steven McGroarty
(1862-1944)
Third State of California Poet Laureate, 1933-1944



John Steven McGroarty
1862-1944

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Biography

John Steven McGroarty, poet, historian, dramatist, journalist, and Congressman, was born in Foster Township, Lazerene County, Pennsylvania and educated in public schools and Hillman Academy in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. At age 16, John McGroarty was certified to teach in public schools, at 19 began his career in journalism, at 21 was elected Justice of the Peace, elected Treasurer at 27, and admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar at age 32.

In 1901, Mr. McGroarty moved to California, and worked for the Los Angeles Times. In 1934, he was elected to the 74th Congress of the House of Representatives and served two terms.

Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD) from the University of Santa Clara. Decoration of Knight of Saint Gregory from Pope Pius XI. Decoration of Knight Commander, Order of Isabella, from King Alphonso XIII of Spain, later confirmed by the Spanish Republic

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Made Poet Laureate of California by joint action of the Assembly and the Senate of the Legislature of the State of California in 1933. The office is for life. He regarded this as his greatest honor.

California Applications Program

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Santa Ana

- **What is a Santa Ana?**
 - **What is the historical record of Santa Ana events?**
 - **Are we currently experiencing Santa Ana conditions?**
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What is a Santa Ana?

The Santa Ana is a dry, sometimes hot and dusty, wind in southwestern California that blows westward through the canyons toward the coastal areas. Santa Anas are a seasonal phenomena, occurring mostly during fall, winter and spring, tending to peak in December. The wind usually has its origin when cold air spills southward into the Great Basin, trapped between the Rockies to the east and the Sierras and Southern California coastal range to the west. This cold air mass is characterized by unusually high pressure near the land surface. Winds are driven into Southern California when the pressure of this interior air mass exceeds the pressure along the California coast. Winds are often strongest in mountain passes which are ducts for the continental air flow. Because the air over the higher elevations of the Great Basin sinks as it flows into coastal California, it is heated adiabatically, and temperatures are often quite warm. This continental air mass is invariably dry, so humidities in Santa Anas are low, often less than 25% relative humidity. Santa Anas have occurred irregularly over the time period since about 1950 when we have collected detailed wind and humidity observations, with some months experiencing Santa Ana conditions 30% the time, and other months less than 5% of the time.

Santa Anas have several colorful nicknames including "devil's breath".

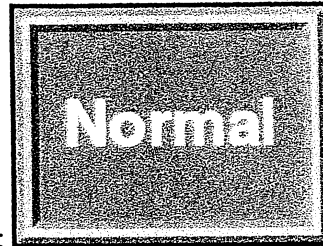
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What is the historical record of Santa Ana events?

Santa Anas typically occur from October into March. Many associate Santa Anas with autumn because at that time the winds often spread wildfires across areas that have gone months with little or no rain.

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Are we currently experiencing Santa Ana conditions?



Our current conditions are:

We use an index of three different weather parameters to detect Santa Ana conditions. These parameters are:

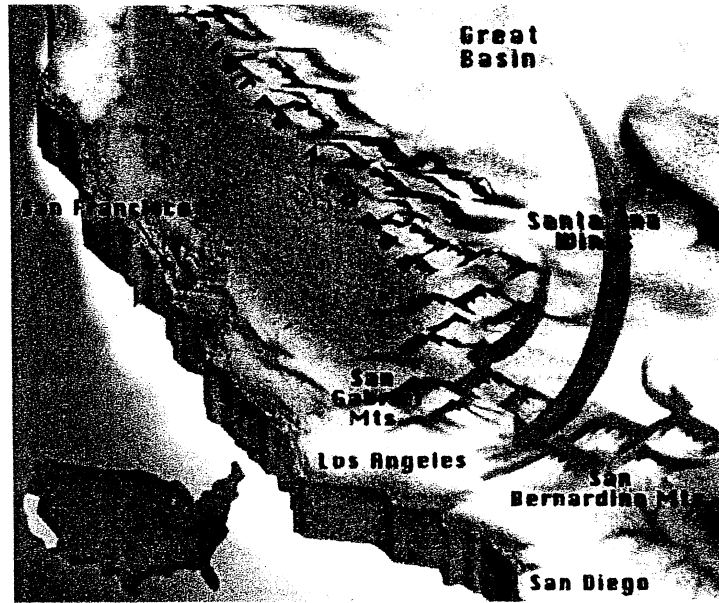
- the surface pressure difference (must be relatively high) between weather stations over the Great Basin and those sited along coastal Southern California
- at the coastal Southern California stations, the humidity of the air at or near the surface (must be relatively low)
- the direction of the wind at or near the surface (must be in the sector between north-northwesterly and easterly)

Detailed textual information of the data used to determine our current conditions can be found by clicking on the above condition image.

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What atmospheric circulation features are associated with Santa Ana events?

Any low-pressure system in the Pacific off the California coast may change the stability of the Great Basin High. The Great Basin High winds then turn southward along the eastern slopes of the Sierras. The low-pressure system over the Pacific literally sucks the winds through the mountain passes of Southern California toward the coastal areas.



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Dusty Skies over Southern California - From NASA Earth Observatory New Images (June 2002)

The following image and news article were taken from the NASA Earth Observatory News site:

<http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Newsroom/NewImages>



Southern California's "Santa Anas" are dry, north-easterly winds having speeds in excess of 25 knots (46 kilometers/hour). Santa Ana conditions are commonly associated with gusts of more than twice this level. These offshore winds usually occur in late fall and winter when a high pressure system forms in the Great Basin between the Sierra Nevadas and the Rocky Mountains. The air warms as it flows downslope from the high plateau, and its speed increases dramatically when forced through narrow canyons and mountain passes. Due to Southern California's uneven terrain, the strength of the winds varies greatly from place to place, and the Santa Anas can be sufficiently strong to pick up surface dust.

This view from the Multi-angle Imaging SpectroRadiometer shows the pattern of airborne dust stirred up by Santa Ana winds on February 9, 2002. The image is from MISR's 70-degree forward-viewing camera, and airborne particulates are especially visible due to the camera's oblique viewing angle. Southeast of the Los Angeles Basin, a swirl of dust, probably blown through the Banning

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ATTRIBUTION: Attributed to Representative JOHN STEVEN MCGROARTY.—Senator John F. Kennedy, *Profiles in Courage*, p. 10 (1956).

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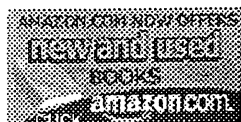
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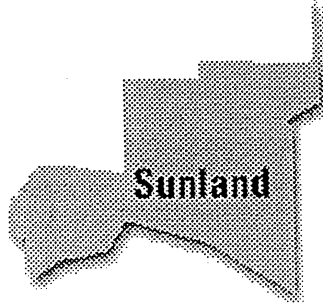


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More on Sunland...

The McGroarty Art Center is also in Tujunga. It was built in 1923 by poet laureate and Congressman John Steven McGroarty. The statesman named his home "Rancho Chupa Rose," and upon his death in 1944, it became the property of his niece, Margaret McHale. The home and 16 adjoining acres were purchased by the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks in 1953. The complex was declared a historical monument in 1970, and four years later it opened the restored John Steven McGroarty Memorial Archive Library.



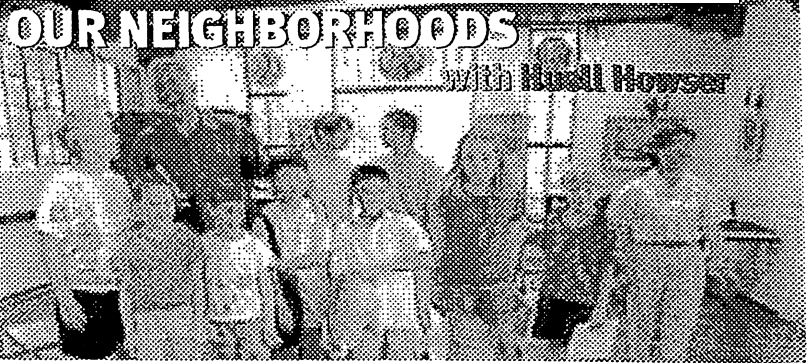
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This month, Huell travels to the northeast section of the San Fernando Valley to the beautifully modest towns of Sunland and Tujunga, which is a Shoshone Indian word, meaning, "place of the old woman" or "mother earth." Upon his journey, he learns that in the early 1900's, the land in Tujunga had been advertised to incoming settlers as small plots of land with a large supply of river rock with which to construct homes. Sunland is widely known for its vast orchards and is also the original location of the Sunland Olive Company, which has since moved to Porterville, but has retained the "Sunland" name. Huell stops first at the Bolton Hall Museum, built in 1913 entirely from river rock, and number two on the list of the most historic sites in the City of Los Angeles, where almost all the town's events were held, and where events are still held today. Huell also saunters over to the McGroarty Arts Center in Tujunga, originally built for a wealthy congressman, also constructed from river rock, and today is used for piano, dance, and ceramic classes, among other art-related activities. Huell concludes this sixth episode of **Our Neighborhoods** in the backyard of Sunland/Tujunga, in the beautiful San Gabriel Mountains. Tune in to LA CityView 35's production of **Our Neighborhoods: Sunland/Tujunga** on **October 7, 2:30 p.m.** & **October 10, 8:00 p.m.**

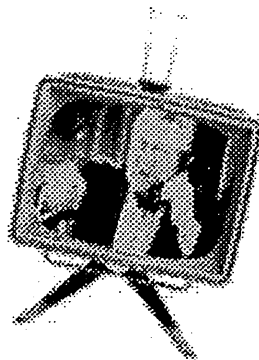
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RE; Canyon Hills Project
Case # ENV-2002-2481-EIR
Ref: SCH #2002091018

To All Those Concerned,

I am certain your office is quite busy fielding the concerns of the citizens in my neighborhood (Sunland), and the surrounding areas being affected by the many gross inaccuracies of the Canyon Hills Project – DEIR. I'll be brief; I know how important your time is.

The Canyon Hills Project –DEIR is misleading, flawed, inaccurate, and wrong in countless areas. Is Whitebird Inc. perhaps referring to some other holding in some other state? These mountains, I do know well.

Whitebird states in the DEIR:
Section IV,D,1, page 1
Environmental Setting –
(The last sentence of the Introduction states:)

“No Federally- or State-listed threatened or endangered plant or animal species were detected/identified on site”

I know first hand of the Peregrine Falcons I, and others, have seen on this land. I worked with these birds at a Raptor rescue during High School. I was introduced to these beautiful birds and taught about declining populations, and delicate habitat.

The Peregrine Falcon is an ENDANGERED animal in California as of 1998. The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) sets guidelines and directives on these matters. Does the Federal government need to be involved with this as well? This DEIR does not fly (to use a horrible pun). Regardless of the bird's status, for Whitebird to negate it from their report horrifies me, and makes me extremely cautious of them. It's a lie. And it is just one of many in the deeply flawed DEIR.

We, the concerned constituents, need to rely on you to demand that Whitebird make accurate studies and true statements when undertaking such a project and release the new EIR for further study and additional comments.

Thanks for your time. Sincerely,

David Hedge
8530 Wentworth St.
Sunland, CA 91040