



Community News

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This is the first in a series that will update residents on the progress of the Merriam Mountains Community. We will keep you informed as the community plan moves through the approval process. Every attempt has been made to identify all area residents. Please contact us if we have missed some neighbors that would like to be included.

COUNTY ENTITLEMENT

SUBMITTALS

The 4th submittal of the entitlement package and the 3rd screen check EIR were made to the County of San Diego on December 21, 2006. The submittal included a number of plans and technical studies that are being reviewed by County Staff for compliance with county standards and other applicable statutes. Once the entire submittal meets staff requirements, it will be made available for review by individuals, neighborhood groups and other interested parties.

FIRE PROTECTION PLAN

One of the technical studies is the Fire Protection Plan which was "approved" by County Staff on January 2, 2007. The Fire Protection Plan and other technical studies will be subject to public comment and subsequent review by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

MERRIAM MOUNTAIN PRESERVE

The Merriam Mountains project will preserve over 1,192 acres in perpetuity. This preserved area will remain as natural biological habitat. The Project will also build over 18 miles of public multi-use trails, a community athletic field and many public and private parks. In all, 74% of the Merriam Mountains community will be preserved as open space. We intend to connect the Merriam Mountains trail system with other community trails and would be pleased to work with interested parties to insure this happens.



Commitment to Community

Merriam Mountains believes in the community and shows this commitment by participating and contributing to local organizations. Some efforts we have supported to date include the Escondido Union School District MAP program, the Boys and Girls Club of San Marcos, the Valley of Discovery Education Foundation and the Escondido Rotary Club's Coeur de Cuisine event. We would be interested in learning of other opportunities. Above, Merriam Mountains Project Manager Joe Perring, presents a check to Escondido Union High School District Trustee Tina Pope for the *MAP Your Future, Reach Your Destination* program.

COMMUNICATION

Merriam Mountains is committed to keeping the community informed. We will continue to mail updates and are available to make presentations to your organization or committee. We also have our San Marcos office at 100 San Marcos Blvd., Suite 400, directly across from San Marcos City Hall. You may also contact one of your sponsor group members as we update these groups on a regular basis. Visit our website at www.merriammountains.com.

FRIENDS OF MERRIAM MOUNTAINS

We have started an advocacy group called the Friends of Merriam Mountains. As our support for Merriam Mountains grows, so does our membership. The group will serve as our advisors, will be the first to review new concepts and ideas and will meet regularly to review any community concerns. They will represent us at hearings and community meetings. To become a member please complete the attached advocacy card or call Linda.

From: Merriam Mountains
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San Marcos, CA 92069

To:

Yes! I support Merriam Mountains!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Comments: _____

- Please update me about Merriam Mountains
- You may use my name as a supporter:

Signature

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