

A LONG AND WINDING ROAD!

Since we first announced that our roadway would be repaved with sound mitigating pavement as a condition of our 2010 settlement with the San Rafael Rock Quarry, residents in our area have looked forward to an end to road work and a new, quieter road. That repaving project is now complete—and, although there were some unexpected turns and twists along the way, there is a noticeable and measurable reduction in the noise. We expect more roadwork when funding comes through for repaving Pt. San Pedro Road between the quarry entrance and Biscayne Drive. We are grateful that our new, hardworking Roadway Committee has been monitoring issues relating to the road.

Roadway Committee: Under the leadership of Kevin Hagerty, the Roadway Committee's mission is to study, review and evaluate roadway issues that affect residents who live in communities along Point San Pedro Road. The Roadway Committee works with the appropriate government agencies and/or businesses to develop recommendations that can be implemented to address problems and issues.

During the past year the Roadway Committee has worked with the City on median maintenance and traffic congestion issues and worked with the County and City on Point San Pedro Road repaving and bike lane issues.

During 2015, the Roadway Committee plans to continue monitoring the median maintenance issues, will work on developing and implementing a road safety plan for Point San Pedro Road and will monitor and provide input on the City's plan for traffic management around the new SMART train station as it impacts traffic on the 3rd Street corridor that is used by East San Rafael residents.

San Rafael Rock Quarry (SRRQ): The Coalition leadership has met and will continue to meet periodically with the County and SRRQ representatives to discuss their progress on fulfilling the SRRQ's permit obligations. There are still outstanding issues as part of the 2010 agreement to grant Dutra Group operating permits. The SRRQ has announced that work is going to be started soon on reclamation – work that may affect nearby neighbors and will need to be monitored for compliance. A summary of many of the most significant provisions of the 2010 revised permit and reclamation plans are posted on the Coalition's website. As further updates become available, they will be communicated via our website and email list.

Loch Lomond Marina: Construction of The Village at Loch Lomond Marina, a development comprised of 81-units of housing plus commercial space, is underway. Andy's Market and other commercial entities are expected to remain open during the construction. Our Marina Committee will continue to monitor the construction activity to ensure minimal impact on our neighborhoods as well as adherence to the permits and construction processes approved by the

City of San Rafael and the S.R. Planning Department. Details of the various phases of the project plus contact information are available on our website.

Wetlands: Anticipated sea level rise has focused attention on the need to restore and maintain tidal wetlands and associated upland buffers. Tidal wetlands serve as nurseries for aquatic species, help abate flooding by absorbing runoff, and reduce greenhouse gases in the atmosphere by storing carbon. The Coalition will continue informing and educating our community about the vital wetlands and inlets along the Pt. San Pedro Road corridor, including the wetlands at the SRRQ.

Disaster Preparedness: The recent earthquake in nearby Napa was a reminder to all that we must be prepared for emergencies. Disaster response kits were purchased and deployed along our corridor several years ago thanks to a \$5,000 grant obtained by the Coalition. We continue to provide information and encourage local homeowner associations to develop neighborhood plans and host “Get Ready” sessions to organize and prepare residents on the corridor for inevitable natural disasters. For more information or to schedule a "Get Ready" training in your neighborhood go to: www.readymarin.org

Election Education: The Coalition sponsors community meetings and candidate nights. Our annual summer community meeting has been a great way for residents to hear directly from elected officials and get up-to-date on issues. This year, we sponsored a candidate’s night for State Senate, Assembly, and Marin County District 1 Board of Supervisor Candidates.

Coalition Website: The Coalition website has a new look! Our webmaster recently completed a major update to bring the website materials up-to-date and make navigation to information easier and more intuitive. We use our website and periodic email announcements and action alerts to keep the public informed on issues and activities affecting the Pt. San Pedro Road community. The website contains much useful information, and the home page has a section for current news events of local importance. We are working on a section addressing the history of our area with text and photos. If anyone has any information to contribute, please contact Alan Schaevitz our webmaster at webmaster@sprcoalition.org. If you are not on our email list, please go to the Contact Us - Email & Mail Signup page on the website to add you information. If you are already on our list, this page can also be used to update that information.