



## CCAC Members and Friends

There are a substantial number of important issues just on the horizon. Please pass the word to friends and neighbors for their hearty participation.

### Open Space Financial Accountability and Audit Panel.

This group will meet on Tuesday, **September 1**, at 6:00 PM at City Hall in the Main Conference Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. At this meeting members of the FAAP will meet with the City Independent Auditor. The meeting is open to the public.

Planning Commission Meeting September 1, Tuesday, 7PM in the City Council Chambers.



**Route 66 Special Event Approval. This item should be of special interest to all Canyon Country Residents.** Route 66 special events have included summer weekly Bike Nights and Car Shows since 2003.

The city of Santa Clarita is now proposing to add conditions for these events far in excess of what is required at any other like events. This will put an undo burden on Route 66 and possibly end these events.

Those of you who support Route 66 and believe in fair play should attend the Planning Commission meeting and let the city know that requirements for events around the city should be consistent and realistic. Route 66 should not be required to do any more, or less, than that.

**Happy Valley Special Standards District. This is an example of city sponsored favoritism.** If Happy Valley residents are allowed to modify city requirements and set their own standards, then why not areas of Canyon Country? We need to watch this process very carefully. If it works for them, it should work for Canyon Country residents also.

### Landscape Maintenance District (LMD) Public Hearing

This hearing will be conducted during the regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, **September 8**, 2009 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers. Those of you who wish to share your views or concerns with the council will be allowed to speak, or submit written comments, at that time.

### Proposed Water Rate Increase Public Meeting

This important meeting will be held on Wednesday, **September 9** at 6:15 PM in the Boardroom of the Castaic Lake Water Rio Vista Treatment Plant located at 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road. If adopted your water rates will increase, based on SCWD's "anticipated increase" in their costs. New rates are being proposed for 2010, 11 and

12. These increases will amount to between **20 and 35%** dependent on how much water you use. I don't know about you, but ,I don't think that it is a good idea to approve rate increases based on the SCWD's perceptions of the future. One question we should ask is; will there will be an accounting of where these increases are spent and do they intend to return the excess in the event that they are wrong?

It is still not to late to send in a protest of these rates.

Written protests must be submitted at, or before, the public hearing. If submitted in advance, which I recommend, they must be US mailed to the:

***Santa Clarita Water Division, PO Box 903, Santa Clarita California 91380-9003.***

To be counted the written protests;

- (1) must be an "original" signed by the owner or record owner of the property receiving water service,
- (2) They must include the property address,
- (3) include the phrase "SCWD Water Rate Increase" and
- (4) clearly state that the rate increase is being protested. See how easy that is? That should give you an idea of how much they want to hear from us. So, I urge you, if you have not send in a protest letter, please do so today.

**As always,  
"Together We Can Make A Difference"**

*Alan Ferdman*  
**Alan Ferdman, Chair,  
Canyon Country Advisory Committee**

PS. Don't forget to mark your calendar for the next CCAC Meeting, Wednesday, September 16, 2009.