



HEARING INFORMATION

Monday, March 16, 9:00 am
[McMillin Companies Event Center](#)
2875 Dewey Rd.
San Diego, CA 92106

While the toll road item will come after 9am, we suggest getting there early to make sure you get a seat. And bust out your old Save Trestles tee shirts! We will have limited amount of tee shirts if you do not already have one. We will provide materials to make signs. Bring snacks and water just in case, as the hearing may go long.

TALKING POINTS FOR REGIONAL BOARD HEARING REGARDING TESORO EXTENSION

Speaking Before the Regional Board:

- Fill out a comment card, and indicate that you are speaking on Item 9 write "I support Staff's findings of denial for Tesoro" on your card.
- When speaking say your name and your hometown.
- Have a polite and positive tone--the Board will be more receptive to your message.
- Use a personal story or connection. Public speeches are always more effective if you speak from your heart.
- Tell the Board *why* you oppose building the road, using very concise words.
- **It's important to make the connection about how the first segment of the road could lead to construction of the full road to San Onofre State Beach.**
- ***Pick 2-3 points from below (PLEASE use your own words):***

General Talking Points:

- The Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) is trying to carve up the same road that was rejected in 2008 by the California Coastal Commission and the Bush Administration. *Their segmentation approach is a disguise to build the entire road down to San Onofre State Beach.*
- TCA has wasted more than \$300 million on this road to nowhere. It is time for TCA to give up on this ill-conceived proposal and stop wasting tens of millions of public dollars each year.

- TCA’s road-to-nowhere has now been denied by multiple agencies including the San Diego Regional Water Quality Board in 2008. It is time for TCA to stop wasting public funding on this ill-conceived project.
- TCA has said in the media, and at their Board meetings, they plan to complete the full road down to Interstate 5. ***BUT they do not have a plan on where it will go or how it will be funded.***
- “Segmenting” is illegal under state and federal law; and without a complete environmental review for the entire 16-mile road, there is no way to analyze the full impact of the project. The California **Attorney General filed a lawsuit against the TCA in May of 2012 calling the “extension a dead-end road to nowhere” and claims its real purpose is to pave the way for a 16-mile road linking 241 to Interstate 5 near the San Diego County line.**
- In 2008, thousands of people attended hearings to oppose the TCA’s road; please uphold the will of the people and reject the first section of this road again.

Directly Applying to Board’s Decision-Making:

- TCA is overlooking impacts to important wetlands, the San Juan Creek, and the surrounding watershed—which could affect the coastal zone resources. Each segment of the road will damage sensitive environmental resources.
- Experts believe the watershed is ALREADY under too much “development stress” and more projects (like a toll road) would further harm the watershed, potentially expose water and sewer lines and pose a safety risk to humans.
- In terms of water quality, it’s standard procedure to obtain baseline water quality information **before** the initiation of a project, in order to design appropriate project mitigation measures, the TCA has yet to develop adequate baseline water quality data for the project area.

Impacts to Native American Cultural Sites:

- The proposed project will result in the destruction of five archaeological sites, including some dating to the early Holocene. Archaeological sites dating to this time period are rare in Orange County and have become even more so given the destruction of hundreds of archaeological sites due to modern development, including toll roads.
- The five archaeological sites possess religious, cultural, and historic significance to the Juaneno/Acjachemen tribal community. The Juaneno/Acjachemen have already lost hundreds of their ancestral archaeological sites due to modern development, including the construction of toll roads in Orange County.
- These cumulative losses make the five sites threatened by this project even more significant and their potential destruction even more devastating.
- These sites represent a traditional cultural landscape that embodies Juaneno/acjachemen roots, ancestors, and patrimony and are an important part of the cultural history and heritage of Orange County and the nation.

I urge the Regional Board to adopt Staff’s findings of denial for the Tesoro Extension project.