

Ventura County Board of Supervisors
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On January 31, 2019, the Ventura County Planning Commission "considered" the HCWC, Wildlife Corridor Overlay Zone). What a joke. There was no consideration what so ever. Their minds were made up before the meeting even started. The outcry of the public was loud and clear. We do NOT want this. Why would anyone want a program bogged down with restrictions and red tape?

We elect our Board of Supervisors to represent US and not to cave in to special interest groups. I live in this area and know it like the back of my hand. We are 5 generations of Ventura County and I've spent most of my life in the back country. I know it from the ocean to well past the mountains.

From the ocean to the hill range in Ventura heading north, that connects with the Sulphur Mountain range, makes its own corridor clear to Upper Ojai, turns west and ends up in the Los Padres National Forest.

The Red Mountain hill range runs from the ocean to the mountains of the Los Padres National Forest on the west side of Highway 33 heading north, Wildlife has traveled these pathways for years without problems.

The low point of these pathways is the Ventura River, also running north and south. There are 5 bridges between the ocean and Los Padres National Forest. These bridges are open and offer pathways under or around. There isn't one cross fence blocking the Ventura River as it runs north and south.

In my lifetime there has never been a problem with passage for wildlife in these areas.

I have considered all the things listed as concerns of the HCWC. We must remember that 90% of this wildlife has been born here and has adapted to the present conditions. If you think lighting and noise affects this wildlife, think again. They are born into it, just as we are.

If you want to protect wildlife, you need to start saving our farms and & ranches. These people are the true stewards of the Earth. The farmer and rancher have done more for wildlife than any other group of people. When you fail to listen to these people, that's when problems start.

You might want to check what the state of Utah has done to protect both wildlife and domestic animals along highways. Highway 15, for example has miles of extra high fencing to direct animals to the corridors of both under and overpasses. This is a case of using more fencing rather than less.

We are animal people and have enjoyed things just as they are. We don't need more red tape which this project will bring.

Sincerely:

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