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To Donald P Wagner and all county supervisors:

I am writing you today, EARTH DAY April 22,2026, to reinforce a belief that NATURE needs to be protected and respected. As stewards of God's creation it is our responsibility to endeavor to represent this in our daily lives.

Points of interest - (Saddleback Meadows)

- \* The project threatens the welfare and safety of our community i.e., high fire hazard zone and dangerously constrains evacuation routes.
- \* The project violates the County's zoning code and foothill/Trabuco Specific Plan development standards. An example is the 30/30 Initiative which passed legislation.
- \* The environmental analysis is outdated; Substantial changes have occurred since the last document (2002). Which includes wildfire risk, climate change, local mountain lions "threatened" under California Endangered Species Act.
- \* The county can't ignore that the projects water supply is unknown.
- \* Contrary to the "hands tied" notion, the County is NOT required to approve the project given all of these impacts and risks - known and unknown.

Respectfully, Dennis Westergard

*"Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better."* - Albert Einstein

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