

Save the Trees at Boronda Road!

Monterey County Public Works is at it again. They now want to rip out 10 eucalyptus trees from the west side of Carmel Valley Road and down Boronda Road. This "improvement" will destroy approximately 30% of Carmel Valley's first site placed on the State and National Historic Registers.

These 130 year-old trees were planted between 1878-1881 by the manager of Nathan Spaulding, then-owner of the Los Laureles Rancho and builder of part of today's Los Laureles Lodge. The lane of eucalyptus leads down to the drive of the historic Boronda Adobe.

When we destroy our history, we toss out our heritage and our sense of place. The loss of these eucalyptus trees, a part of our past still alive in the present, would be an unspeakably tragic annal in the chronicle of Carmel Valley's history.

Please write to Monterey County Public Works asking them to put aside this plan to destroy our historic eucalyptus trees and instead create a four-way stop at this intersection. I doubt most of us would have any significant opposition to this. Not nearly as significant as chopping down the trees that we who live here revere and respect.

The initial study document on the proposed intersection improvements on Carmel Valley Road at Boronda Road and Rancho Roads is on file for review at the County Public Works Department, 168 W. Alisal St., Salinas, and the Carmel Valley branch library, 65 W. Carmel Valley Road. The document can be accessed on-line at:

<http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/publicworks/projects.htm>

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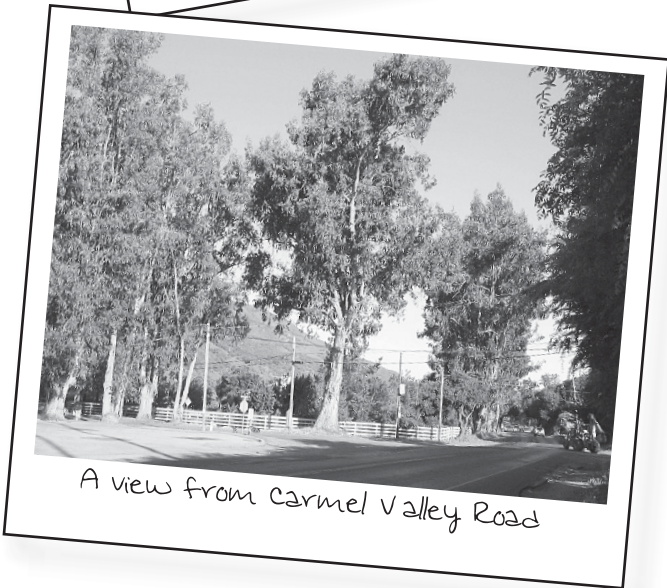
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<http://savetheborondatrees.blogspot.com>
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130 year old eucalyptus trees on Boronda Road.



A view from Carmel Valley Road

Written comment on this project will be accepted before May 4th. A public hearing date has not yet been determined. Write to:

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