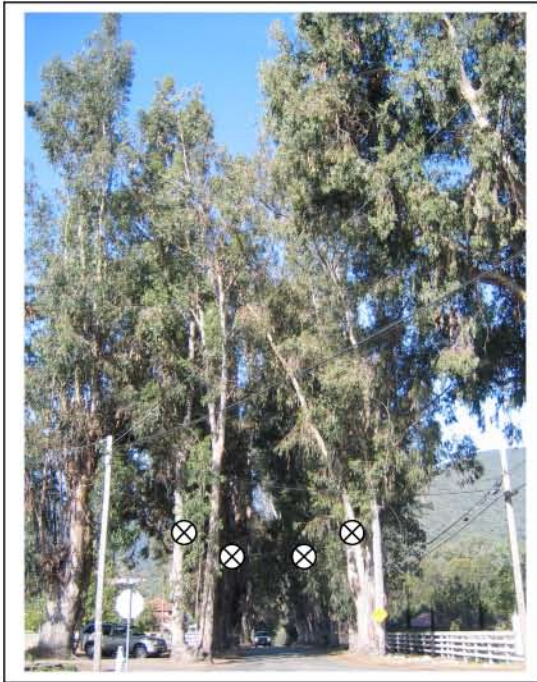


Save the Trees at Boronda Road!



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 federal Registers of Historic Places. (“X” marks trees “doomed” by Public Works. Note: utility poles are not marked!)

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. 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 cease this plan to destroy our historic site. Of the options proposed by the DEIR we support the “No Project” alternative. The second option of moving the project to the North side of Carmel Valley Road would be marginally acceptable. This would not be nearly as significant as cutting down the trees that we who live here revere and respect.

The initial draft EIR on the proposed intersection “improvements” on Carmel Valley Road at Boronda Road and Rancho Road 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, and on line at: www.co.monterey.ca.us/publicworks/projects.htm.

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For updates, sample letters, pictures and downloads please visit:

<http://savetheborondatrees.blogspot.com>

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Review period is March 18 through May 4, 2009. A public hearing date has yet to be determined. Write to:

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