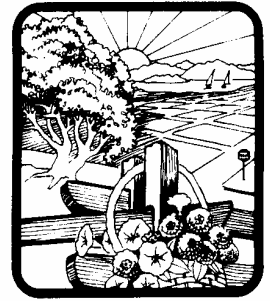


## SCOPE

### Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment

TO PROMOTE, PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT, ECOLOGY  
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Sent via email to: [sdjones@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:sdjones@planning.lacounty.gov)

**Re: Opposition to removal of two oak trees for a monument sign, Agenda Item 7, May 5th, 2015  
Tesoro Del Valle Project #92074, ROAK20140017**

Dear Mr. Jones:

We object to the approval of this project. The County of Los Angeles and the City of Santa Clarita both pride themselves on preservation of this important native tree. Destroying trees for a monument sign indicates the developer's apparent lack of concern for the community in which he intends to build.

Removal of 2 oaks and encroachment on 6 others, possibly endangering their health for mere advertising, should not be permitted. The sign should be re-designed to accommodate the oaks, not remove the oaks to accommodate the sign, or the sign should be re-located entirely away from native trees.

Preservation of our native trees is especially important in this time of drought. Native oaks use less water than other non-natives and protect and shade the area where they are located. Trees reduce overall temperature and remove air pollution.

New replacement trees may be hard to successfully start during periods of drought and require more water than existing oak trees.

We therefore urge you to veto this project.

Thank you for your time and attention to our concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Lynne Plambeck'.

Lynne Plambeck  
President