

Town of Yucca Valley

2009 – 2010 Proposed Law Enforcement Grant Comments

The town of Yucca Valley and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Morongo Basin Station, is seeking grant funding for OHV enforcement and education through the California Department of Parks & Recreation, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division (OHMVR). These grant funds will be used for the enforcement of laws related to illegal Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) operation and rider / public education. A draft copy of the proposed OHV enforcement grant is available for public review at the website listed below.

Written comments from the community are an important part of the OHV grant application process. Please include your name, address and other requested information and your written support or opposition to this request. Please include any information or ideas that you believe may help to improve the grant. Comments forms to the Morongo Basin Sheriff's Station to the attention of Sergeant Porter. Public comment forms must be received no later than April 1, 2010, to ensure inclusion with the grant.

Public comments relating to this grant can also be posted on the OHMVR website at:

[HTTP://WWW.OHV.PARKS.CA.GOV](http://www.ohv.parks.ca.gov)

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Although I do not have OHVs running on my half-acre, I am occasionally bothered by their noise as they run up and down my street and through my next-door neighbor's vacant half-acre. It must be acknowledged that any land the OHVs run on heavily will be ruined and never recover, not to mention that wildlife there will be at least traumatized and very likely killed. My sympathies are with the landowners who have been severely verbally and even physically abused by thoughtless OHV drivers. This is not to be tolerated in this day and age, in what is thought to be a civilized country.

Deletion of the staging element of San Bernardino County Ordinance 3973 would be a demeanor against desert landowners. It would show the entire County that the supervisors who allow this care nothing at all for the landowners. It would be an admission of guilt of accepting (money?) from special interest groups without consideration of the effects this will have on a large number of landowners.

Citing from *The Power of Premonitions* by Larry Dossey, M.D., page 67, "One of the most offensive stress-producing experiences in modern life is noise. In recent years, noise has become a major health issue in the developed world. In August 2007 the World Health Organization (WHO) released shocking statistics estimating the number of Europeans killed or disabled by noise exposure. Summarizing this information, *New Scientist* magazine reported, "Chronic and excessive traffic noise is implicated in the deaths of 3 percent of people in Europe with ischemic heart disease. Given that 7 million people around the globe die each year from heart disease, that would put the annual death toll from exposure to noise at 210,000 deaths... WHO plans to issue guidelines on noise exposure levels that can be used by local and national governments in justifying tough anti-noise rules... WHO's estimates... will likely transform noise in the public's eye from the category of a mere nuisance or annoyance to that of a lethal factor in health.

If noise is lethal, do the Supervisors want possible murder on their conscience?