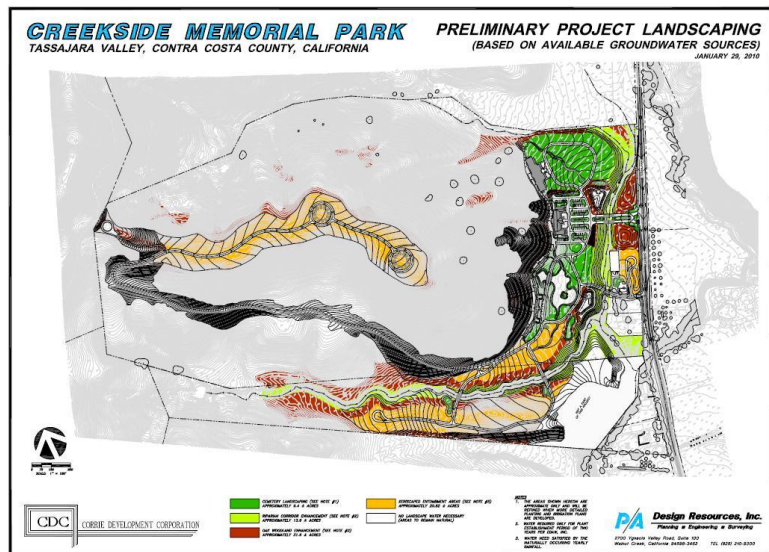


STOP THE CREEKSIDE MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY!

WHAT IS IT?

- Proposal for a cemetery on a 220 +/- acre site at 7000 Camino Tassajara between Highland Road and Windemere Parkway
- Plan to develop about 60 acres, including 24 to 30 acres of gravesites and about 13 acres of buildings and pavement
- Most gravesites (about 20 acres) will not have a traditional lawn cover
- Plans show an average of three burials per day, 365 days per year, for a total of about 100,000 burials over the 100-year expected life of the cemetery



RIDGELINE DESTRUCTION

- Up to 30 feet would be removed from the site's ridgeline. This ridgeline is visible up and down Camino Tassajara and from Windemere Hidden Valley trail.
- Total grading would be over 500,000 cubic yards; of this, over 130,000 cubic yards would be excess, stripped from the top of the ridge to provide more flat area for burials.
- Cemetery structures on the ridgeline – mausoleums and columbaria up to 14 feet high – would be visible from the Tassajara Valley and along the Hidden Valley trail.



THIS IS NOT AN AGRICULTURAL OR OPEN SPACE LAND USE – ITS EXCESSIVE SIZE MAKES IT URBAN, NOT RIGHT FOR THE TASSAJARA VALLEY!

HOW CAN YOU HELP STOP IT?

- Send an email to Contra Costa County Supervisor for District III (which includes the Tassajara Valley) Mary Nejedly Piepho: Dist3@BOS.CCCounty.us
- Sign the petition! Send us an email at owls@stopthecemetery.org for more details.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

- Visit our website: www.stopthecemetery.org
- Join us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/StoptheCreeksideMemorialParkCemetery

WHAT ELSE IS WRONG WITH THIS PROPOSED CEMETERY?

HUGE URBAN FOOTPRINT

- Many oversized structures, totaling over 60,000 square feet:
 - Chapel/administrative office – 32 feet high, with a 42 foot tower, 19,710 square feet at full build-out; consisting of two identical chapels, each 1,840 square feet and holding 138 seats, a waiting/reception center, administrative offices, arrangement rooms, display rooms, manager/accounting office and storage rooms (the 19,710 square feet includes 15,200 square feet of building, 3,720 square feet of covered walks and a 790 square foot garage)
 - Indoor mausoleum – 36 feet high, about 19,400 square feet
 - Outdoor mausoleums – four, each 24 feet high and about 1,900 square feet
 - Storage/corporation yard building - about 11,200 square feet; plan to remodel existing structure
 - Maintenance office – size not given; plan to remodel existing residence
 - Columbaria – five or ten of these, size not given
- Infrastructure: about 13 acres of impervious areas (parking lots with spaces for 82 cars, roads, buildings, etc.), new septic system, four or five new bridges, new man-made lake (0.88 +/- acre surface area), at least ten new wells, and a 180,000 gallon (or more) water tank.

HUGE UNSUSTAINABLE WATER USE

- The proposed cemetery's huge water usage is not sustainable; the DEIR states that it would be a "significant and unavoidable" environmental impact, even after mitigation
- It is also likely to affect the quality and quantity of the water in the wells used by neighbors; the DEIR states that this would be another "significant and unavoidable" environmental impact, even after mitigation

NO NEED FOR MORE CEMETERIES IN THE TRI-VALLEY

- Based on expected population growth, death rates, and the increasing choice of cremations, the existing cemeteries in the Tri-Valley area have more than enough space to handle the anticipated need

ENDANGERED SPECIES AND HABITAT DESTRUCTION

- A number of sensitive species (plants and animals) are found on the site
- The 150 +/- acre conservation easement along the steep sides of the central ridge would be an island, cut off from the wildlife corridors
- The 77 acres of grading would destroy much of the prime wildlife-friendly habitat

WRONG LOCATION FOR A CEMETERY

- An ideal site for a cemetery is one that is flat, has plenty of water and is located close to the people it serves. But this site is mostly hilly, with the only flat area barely above the 100-year flood level after supplying up to 10 to 14 feet of fill. It lacks water and is far away from the people it would serve.

TRAFFIC WOULD INCREASE

- Plans show three burials per day, of which two would be held in the chapels, both at full capacity of 138 seats
- Total daily trips estimated at 448 people – 19 employees, 276 chapel visitors, corteges, other visitors, and deliveries
- Since the site is far away from the people it would serve, it is inconsistent with state laws regarding urban sprawl traffic and greenhouse gas reduction (AB32, SB375)

WHY IS THIS PROJECT EVEN BEING PROPOSED??

- Once established, cemeteries can be huge money makers – at 1,100 burials per year (3 per day, 365 days/year), each costing \$10,000 or more, yearly revenue could be over \$10,000,000

BUT there is a significant risk that this cemetery would never reach this stage, becoming a blight instead:

- A new cemetery can take many years to become established, since most people want to be buried in the same location where other family members are already buried
- AND if the proposal were approved, all the grading would be done first, which would permanently destroy the ridgeline and 77 acres of existing wildlife habitat
- AND a cemetery is a permanent and irreversible land use, so there would be no second chance.