

Submitted by Chuck Bell --  
**FROM SUPERVISOR  
ROWE'S OFFICE**

Re: March 3rd LVEDA Meeting

Good morning,

Supervisor Rowe joined the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol and representatives from local legislators at the Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association Wednesday to discuss the impacts and action needed to combat the illegal marijuana cultivation sites throughout the Morongo Basin. Residents and business owners voiced their concerns over the continued health and safety concerns they have with these operations and the need for more Law Enforcement and Code Enforcement officers. Currently there are two Code Enforcement officers assigned to the entire region, with residents demanding more. The following information was discussed at that meeting:

**The report from the Sheriff's Department includes statistics from action taken after the August, 2020 LVEDA meeting:**

The current law is written operating an illegal marijuana grove is a misdemeanor, which means criminals are cited and released on site. In order to effectively discourage these operations from occurring in our county, we need to change the law to a felony. It is an uphill battle, but we can make it work if we get the right legislation passed. This is a quality of life concern that Sheriff McMahon is committed to eradicating. When responding to reports, priority is given to those operations that have the potential for explosions/fatal results. The Sheriff announced that he is requesting \$1 million in additional funding in the FY 21/22 budget for crime suppression specifically to combat illegal narcotic operations.

"Operation Homegrown" was a four month operation that consisted on 21 Deputies that joined the full-time 7-member Marijuana Enforcement team.  
142 Search warrants served  
42% were served in the Morongo Basin,  
16% in Yucca Valley  
84 Misdemeanors  
6 Felonies  
\$60 Million worth of plants destroyed

Illegal Operations throughout San Bernardino County: 800  
Operations in Lucerne Valley: 60

**California Highway Patrol:**

CHP announced that they continue to cite and impound vehicles illegally hauling water and arresting individuals with invalid driver's licenses. They have a mobile unit patrolling the area checking for overweight vehicles, drivers operating without a hauling permit and/or tank endorsement and drivers operating out of class. CHP Officer Mumford noted that almost every person stopped were not residents of Lucerne Valley, with most from the Central Valley or out of state.

**Congressman Jay Obernolte/  
Assemblyman Thurston Smith**

Representatives from Congressman Obernolte's office and Assemblyman Smith's office gave their full support to the local law enforcement agencies battling this problem.

**Supervisor Rowe**

Supervisor Rowe continues her commitment to the health and safety of residents of the Morongo Basin and Lucerne Valley and support of the Sheriff's Department in combating and destroying these operations. Supervisor Rowe fully supports the Sheriff's request for additional funding and would like your support to help make a difference.

She appreciates the contact you have had with her office and encourages each of you to speak during public comment at an upcoming San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors meeting informing them of crime, conditions and concern for safety that these illegal operations have caused for your neighborhoods and to **request more funding for law enforcement and code enforcement officers. The most effective means of getting your voice heard is to speak in person at one of the upcoming meetings:** (our emphasis added)

- **March 9th, 10:00 a.m.**
- **March 23rd, 10:00 a.m.**
- **April 6, 10:00 a.m.**
- **April 20, 10:00 a.m.**

In-person participation:

**San Bernardino County Bob  
Burke Government Center**  
63665 Twentynine Palms Highway,  
Joshua Tree 92252

**San Bernardino County Desert  
Government Center**  
15900 Smoke Tree St.  
Hesperia, CA

**San Bernardino County  
Covington Chambers**  
385 N. Arrowhead Ave.  
San Bernardino, CA 92415

Future meeting dates can be found at: <http://www.sbcounty.gov/Main/Pages/BOSMeetings.aspx>  
Information on public participation via email can be found at: [https://www.sbcounty.gov/uploads/cob/MeetingParticipation\(Final\).pdf](https://www.sbcounty.gov/uploads/cob/MeetingParticipation(Final).pdf)  
Please contact us if you have any questions or comments.

Thank you,  
Gayle Covey  
Deputy Chief of Staff for  
Dawn Rowe  
Third District Supervisor

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**KEYSTONE PIPELINE  
VS TRAIN  
VS SHIP  
TO MOVE OIL**

Contributed.

A little time was spent putting some numbers together:

- 1 Train has 100 cars, 2 engines and weighs 27,240,000 LBS.
- 1 Train carries 3,000,000 gallons of oil.
- 1 train uses 55.5 gallons of diesel per mile.
- It takes 119,000 gallons of diesel to



go 2150 miles from Hardisty, AB to Freeport, TX.

Keystone pipeline was to deliver 34,860,000 gallons of oil per day. It would take 12 trains and 1,428,000 gallons of diesel to deliver that amount. PER DAY! 521,220,000 gallons of diesel per year.

The oil will still go to market with or without the pipeline. By stopping the pipeline, billions of gallons of diesel will be wasted and pollute needlessly. Does that make you feel good?

Stop the Tar Sands all together? Then we must ship the oil from the overseas sandbox.

1 large oil tanker can haul 120,000,000 gallons of oil  
1 boat takes 15 days to float across the Atlantic.  
1 boat uses 63,000 gallons of fuel PER DAY, that is about 1 million gallons of the most polluting type fuel in the world PER TRIP.\* (See below)

Or take 3.5 days of Keystone Pipeline to move the same amount of oil with a fraction of the pollution.

\*In international waters, ship emissions remain one of the least regulated parts of our global transportation system. The fuel used in ships is waste oil, basically what is left over after the crude oil refining process. It is the same as asphalt and is so thick that when cold it can

be walked upon. It's the cheapest and most polluting fuel available and the world's 90,000 ships chew through an astonishing 7.29 million barrels of it each day, or more than 84% of all exported oil production from Saudi Arabia.

Shipping is by far the biggest transport polluter in the world. There are 760 million cars in the world today, emitting approx 78,599 tons of Sulphur Oxides (SOx) annually. The world's 90,000 vessels burn approx 370 million tons of fuel per year, emitting 20 million tons of SOx. That equates to 260 times more SOx being emitted by ships than the world's entire car fleet. One large ship alone can generate approx 5,200

tonnes of sulphur oxide pollution in a year, meaning that 15 of the largest ships now emit as much SOx as the world's 760 million cars.

Eliminate all gas consuming cars and diesel vehicles?

Worldwide car gas consumption is 403,583,712,000 gallons a year. That's billion.

Worldwide oil consumption is 1,500,000,000,000 gallons a year. That's trillion.

It takes 2.15 gallons of oil to make 1 gallon of car gas and .6 gal of diesel.

So it takes 867,704,980,800 gallons of oil to run the world's cars, most diesel vehicles for a year, and some ships.

That leaves 632,295,019,200 gallons of oil for other uses.

Passenger vehicles are only a very small percentage of the problem. If emissions are the problem -- why not just capture them at the exhaust?

Create an industry to clean exhaust, instead of crushing an entire industry and building a complete untested, replacement industry?

So are we willing to dramatically increase mining to get all the minerals necessary to make all these batteries and electric engines?

Mining is way worse for the environment than oil extraction.

Is stopping the Keystone still making you feel good?

AND BIDEN SHUT DOWN THE PIPELINE . . . . .

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