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# MERIT

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**CAMPO** - a great place to live. A historical town, where rural, friendly people live. Campo, former home of the original Mexican Port of Entry. And memories abound of Camp Lockett, the Buffalo soldiers, and World War II Cavalry units, the Gaskill Brothers and their famous (bigger and better than Wyatt's) shoot out near the Stone Store. The Stone Store now houses Campo's historical society and museum and the memorabilia from that era. Campo is also home to the San Diego Railroad Museum which attracts tourists each weekend. Campo has a new library under development and Camp Lockett is being considered as a new State Park. And there is more! But wait.

## Planned Changes for Campo

A two hundred and twenty-two (222) space trailer park (not a manufactured home project) situated south east of the Antique Truck Museum near the railroad.

A thirty-two (32) home project situated off La Posta Road north of Highway 94.

A nearly 700 acre planned community for 250 to 500 troubled adolescents, ages 8 to 18, run by St. Vincent de Paul Villages. This growth will include a corporate retreat, extensive camping facilities, an amphitheater, an ice skating rink and more.

The culmination of all these projects will bring more than one thousand five hundred to Campo on a full time basis and the total could well be more than two thousand people and there will be additional part-time population. Does Campo have sufficient **WATER** to provide for all this growth? With our sole source aquifer and our desert climate, will this added demand affect those of us already here? Will our rural roads and two-lane highways carry the burden of the increased traffic? Will our schools be asked to manage an extra burden?

Regardless of your vision for Campo YOU HAVE A VOICE. Ways to be heard include;

Contacting your elected representative: Write or call Dianne Jacob, Board of Supervisors, County of San Diego, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101 Phone (619)531-5522

At community gatherings: Attend the Campo/Lake Morena Sponsor Group meetings held on the fourth Monday of every month at 7:00PM at the Campo Community Center. The Sponsor Group is a neutral entity made up of local residents. Their focus is to listen to the community and help guide the County in planning our future development. Monday, **June 26<sup>th</sup>** at 7PM one of the topics will be drought. Plan to be there.

What is **MERIT**? A non-profit group of local, long-time residents - who accept change - but who have banded together to preserve and protect Campo and the environment from irresponsible and gross over development. You may write us at Post Office Box 665, Campo 91906, or we will see you around the community and at Sponsor Group meetings.