

WHOW, What's Going On

A lot of information has been put out by our City Council. Some of it is misleading. We are trying to give the community the facts in which to make a sound decision.

- How did the City purchase the Whittier Hills? Through taxpayer approved Prop "A" funds
- Are there stipulations on how the money is to be used? Yes, refer to Prop "A".
- Who owns the Land? – City of Whittier, but since Prop "A" funds were used to make the purchase there are strings attached.
- How much money will the City make off of royalties? – Any number put out by the City Council is a best guess. The County will probably receive the largest percentage of the royalties from the 30%.
- Can any of that money be used for schools – No, Prop "A" dictates where the money is to be spent. Schools are not included in Prop "A" funding.
- How much land will be required for the oil drilling? 17.2 acres. That is the equivalent of 17.2 football fields.
- If I don't live in the drilling area, how will I be impacted by this? If you travel on Mar Vista St., Colima Rd, Whittier Blvd or Lambert Rd. at some point in time, a 2.5 mile pipeline will be installed under the intersection of Colima Rd and Mar Vista to the intersection of Lambert Rd and Colima Rd.
- In the event of a disaster, will everyone be impacted? It will be your tax dollars responding to the disaster through emergency services and associated groups.
- What about our local streets during drilling? They too will be affected by the damage caused from oversized and overweight equipment being driven over streets that were not designed to handle the weight. That equipment will constantly be moved in and out of the drill sites.
- Who is going to pay for the damage to the streets? There is nothing in the lease agreement for road repair.

- What about Mar Vista School? Was there any consideration taken for the special needs children that will be attending next year? Drilling will be taking place along with a processing center for oil and gas within 400 feet of the school property.
- What about air, noise and environmental pollution from the drilling? That's unknown until drilling starts. Oil Drilling is exempt from some Federal laws. The Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act just to name a few.
- So why are we drilling? Members of our City Council have crusaded to save the environment and our hills, including purchasing the mineral rights to the property so no more oil drilling could take place. Now, they are crusading to start drilling in the hills saying how much money the City of Whittier is going to make. Just about every figure thrown out by the Council is a best guess. It is more important to redevelop major eyesores such as car dealerships than to destroy the natural beauty of the hills. Isn't that what most of us originally voted for back in the 90's?
- How can I help? Join, WHOW Whittier Hills Oil Watch and help us stop the destruction of our beautiful hills. Go to our website www.whittierhillsoilwatch.org and check out the facts. You can contact us through the website. **Stop the Oil Drilling.**