



## S. 771 PROTECTS SANTA CLARITA VALLEY FROM LARGE SCALE MINING

*The Soledad Canyon Settlement Act (S. 771) was introduced by Senator Barbara Boxer in April 2013. S. 771 is co-sponsored by Senator Dianne Feinstein. The new version of the bill seeks to accomplish the same goal as the previous legislation—resolve the mining dispute between the City of Santa Clarita and CEMEX USA.*

### THIS CRITICAL LEGISLATION IS POSSIBLY THE LAST OPPORTUNITY TO KEEP LARGE SCALE MINING OUT OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY

- 🌱 The City of Santa Clarita and CEMEX have, since 2007, worked as partners to resolve the 14 year dispute over CEMEX's plan to mine in Soledad Canyon.
- 🌱 CEMEX, the City of Santa Clarita and other entities have worked with Senator Boxer to craft federal legislation, as potentially the last chance to amicably resolve the dispute and prevent the possibility of future large scale mining.

### S. 771 CALLS FOR THE CANCELLATION OF CEMEX'S MINING CONTRACTS

- 🌱 CEMEX currently holds two, ten-year consecutive contracts from the United States Bureau of Land Management to extract 56 million tons of sand and gravel from a site in Soledad Canyon.
- 🌱 Under S. 771, the Secretary of the Interior will be given the authority to cancel CEMEX's contracts and prohibit future mining at the site.

### THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR WILL REIMBURSE CEMEX AT FAIR MARKET VALUE FOR CANCELLED MINING CONTRACTS WITHOUT TAPPING INTO THE FEDERAL BUDGET

- 🌱 The proposed legislation requires the Secretary of the Interior to sell federal lands in San Bernardino County. These lands have been identified by the Bureau of Land Management for disposal and were carefully selected to ensure that no environmentally-sensitive lands are sold for development as part of this bill.
- 🌱 The proceeds from the land sales will then be used to compensate CEMEX for the fair market value of their valid mining contracts—not the federal budget.

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