

Blackwater West - Impacts on Potrero

- * 200 students will arrive on Sunday and leave on Friday, staying in the dormitories during the week. This means additional traffic on weekends.
- * 100 students and 60 employees will commute daily - substantially increasing traffic on our rural roads during already high traffic times.
- * There will be gasoline delivery trucks, ammunition delivery trucks, food and other delivery trucks sharing our narrow roads with school buses, bicycles, pedestrians, and horseback riders. Extremely dangerous!
- * Their estimated water use is 10 million gallons a year for the first two years and over 7 in the following years. Potrero is an area where all residents are on private wells - we are totally dependent on a very limited ground water supply.
- * They have estimated sewage production at 6.5 million gallons a year to be handled with 5 septic tanks. There is a very real possibility of polluting our groundwater.
- * The noise from the 15 large shooting ranges and driving track operating day and night, will be horrible for the nearby residents and wildlife.
- * Rainwater will leach out lead from the spent bullets and take it directly into Mc Almond Canyon and into Cottonwood Creek which enters the Tijuana River. Bi-National Pollution!
- * This project means the disestablishment of agriculture preserve land. San Diego County cannot afford to lose more farmland.
- * If this business is allowed it will set a dangerous precedent and we will not be able to stop any other large, obnoxious, businesses from locating in our small (less than 800 residents) rural community.
- * Blackwater trains a private fighting force. This is absolutely not compatible with the peaceful lifestyle of Potrero!