



## **BIGHORN SHEEP UPDATE & SURVEY**

- Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) is preparing to build a barrier blocking the Bighorn sheep from PGA West. The Bighorn Sheep Institute, US Fish and Wildlife, California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Sierra Club support the barrier.
- Though many of us enjoy having the sheep among us, their health and safety are at risk. The barrier will be built. That decision is irreversible. The key question is: where?
- Initially CVAG proposed a fence on top of the canal levee paralleling Palmer 14 and then alongside Palmer 14 green and Palmer holes 15, 16 and 17 and Nicklaus Private holes 2, 3 and 4 to Lake Cahuilla.
- The PGA WEST Club and Residential Associations strongly objected to this intrusion on our magnificent natural setting and pristine mountain views and its erosion of our property values.
- In 2018 CVAG indicated a willingness to place the fence behind the levee and then proceed westward and south up the mountain and behind a ridge to Lake Cahuilla, leaving only a few hundred feet in view to PGA WEST residents and golfers.
- In February 2020, CVAG entered a \$2.1 million contract with American Fence Co. to build the SilverRock to Lake Cahuilla fence.
- This spring CVAG reconsidered placing the fence behind the levee because doing so would substantially raise the cost of the fence. The PGA WEST Club and Residential Associations will not be responsible for the increased costs of construction, nor indemnification of CVCC, nor CVWD for later maintenance. The Club and the Homeowners Associations will not bear the financial costs of constructing and maintaining the barrier fence behind the levee, nor will the PGA WEST entities agree to accept the long-term visual impact of the barrier fence above the levee.
- PGA WEST Club and the Residential Associations are again vigorously opposing this plan and any fence on or behind the levee. We propose that the fence proceed from the existing SilverRock fence directly up the mountain to the west, cross the ridge and then head down to Lake

Cahuilla, which was one of the alternatives listed in the Environmental Impact Report.

- PGA WEST residents and golfers would not see this fence. Our spectacular mountain views would remain without unsightly intrusion and our property values will not be negatively impacted.

Do you agree that the fence should not be placed on the levee, nor behind it?

**Yes**

Select

**No**

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