

Rough Acres Ranch
Notice of Preparation / Initial Study
Comment Letter #12
Morgan Family

Erin Crouthers

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Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2014 2:30 PM
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Mr. Bennett,
Attached are our comments regarding the proposed Rough Acres Ranch project (PDS2012-3300-12-021) in the community of Boulevard.

Sincerely,
Robert & Marie Morgan

We strongly object to the proposed Rough Acres Ranch project (PDS2012-3300-12-021) and have the following major concerns regarding the impact on our home and community.

- 1) Ground water use. We are entirely dependant on ground water for all of our household needs. The proposed project will require major water use during construction and require excessive continued use for ongoing activities. Our aquifer is already stressed from the historic drought. This additional drain can greatly reduce or completely deplete residential wells.
- 2) Impact on wildlife. This project will kill and/or displace many animals native to this area. We have witnessed the devastation on local wildlife during the construction of the Sunrise Powerlink. Unusual mountain lion sightings (including our backyard) and also mountain lion deaths from attempts to cross roads and freeways were reported to Fish and Game.
- 3) Impact on local roads. Our roads are not designed to handle large truck traffic as evidenced by the potholes and cracked asphalt on Jewel Valley Road in Boulevard caused by the installation of underground power lines currently under construction.
- 4) Impact on property values. The massive scope of this project will ruin the scenic beauty of the entire area. The noise generated by the various activities planned for this site (shooting range, outside amphitheatre, campgrounds, etc) will destroy the peace and quiet of this area. These are major factors that will contribute to the overall degradation of property values.
- 5) Increased fire risk. The introduction of more people using this area for recreational purposes will inherently increase the risk of man-caused wildfires.