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Mr. Slovick,

After attending your scoping meeting last week, my take home thought was: What is different about the current Newland Sierra project and the previous Merriam Mountain proposal that was rejected by the community and the Board of Supervisors five years ago?

The total size, 19,000 acres, is the same

The number of dwellings is insignificantly decreased from 2700 to 2100 homes.

The amount of blasting and earth moving (10,000 cubic yards) over a 10 year period, with all its environmental pollution, is the same.

The failure of Deer Springs and all roads in the area continues to fail whether widened to four or six lanes.

The failure to provide a viable fire evacuation plan persists.

There was inadequate water resources five years ago and there is even less now in our drought status.

The destruction of the pastoral character of the surrounding communities would be disastrous. Two of the most egregious examples of such damage would be to the Golden Door Spa and the Deer Springs Oaks Mobile home Park, both located just across Deer Springs Road from the project. The spa, which has provided a unique service to clients from all over the world for decades, relies on the serenity of this rural environment. The mobile home park is a cooperatively owned senior community that has been there for half a century.

I realise that you are obligated to consider each project on its own merits, or lack thereof, but there must be some benefit of learning from recent history. Merriam Mountain was rejected for several significant unmitigable deficiencies which are not only still present but worse in this one. These facts should, at least, make your job easier this time around. The only acceptable alternative is one that complies with the General Plan and zoning.

Thanks for your consideration of these thoughts.

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