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Subject: Comments on Newland Sierra Development
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- 1. Planning-The planned Newland Sierra development would destroy the rural nature of the surrounding area, with substantial adverse effects on the environment, healthy livability, and sustainability of the area!
I thought that the Planning Board was established to serve the citizens of SD County, NOT the profit desires of developers!
Many years and many dollars were spent to develop the General Plan--why should the Planning Commission abandon it??
There are many undeveloped areas in and near Escondido that would better support development--especially areas near Bus or rail transportation--Unlike the Deer Springs area!
- 2. Air Quality-The adverse effects of the building needed would gravely adversely affect the surrounding area, which includes a 457-home community (Champagne Village) a smaller mobile home park, and a large suburban-type area with single family houses (Hidden Meadows).
Champagne Village has many residents in their 70s and 80s, many of whom already have respiratory problems. The large amount of particulate matter that would be generated by the digging and blasting during several years of construction, and carried by the wind to these areas would be quite harmful to their health.
- 3. Noise-There would be substantial noise generated during several years of construction by the Grading, blasting and jackhammering needed to build what is planned. This would further greatly degrade the quality of life in the surrounding areas.
- 4. Water Resources- The Deer Springs and surrounding areas are already overburdened for scarce water resources. Adding thousands of people at the Deer Springs intersection would be completely irresponsible!!
- 5. Fire Safety- there have been several fires in the vicinity of the Deer Springs intersection during the past six months.
Adding thousands of people and many homes to the area would greatly overburden the existing firefighting resources, and significantly decrease the fire safety of the area!
- 6. Traffic-Deer Springs Road already needs to be widened to handle its heavy traffic load, especially from 3 pm to 6 pm daily. adding thousands of residents at the Deer Springs intersection will severely overburden even a widened road!
- 7. Trust- As mentioned above, The Planning Commission and the County Supervisors occupy positions of trust for the citizens of San Diego County. Their interests should lie in preserving and protecting the environment in which the citizens live, NOT abetting its destruction! Know that if this development is approved, we who will be harmed by it will fight with all our might to stop it! And we will vote against and actively work against ANY Supervisor who approves it !!

Sincerely,
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