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Comment Letter I-201

From: Gwen Hulbert [mailto:gwenh@hulbertfamily.com]
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 9:40 PM
To: Smith, Ashley
Subject: Draft EIR for Newland Sierra Project

Dear Ms. Smith,

On several fronts, I believe the Newland Sierra project is flawed.

This letter will address just one issue—proposed mitigation for wildlife and vegetation.

Changes to this habitat (Pre-Approved Mitigation Area)are *unmitigable*, in my opinion.

Preserving a chunk of land east of Ramona in no way mitigates the effect on the Merriam Mountains area. (Unless the affected mammals could gather on the freeway, stick out a hoof or paw and hitch a ride to Ramona for open space there?)

Several of the areas designed as open land would be surrounded by roads on all sides, as well as nearby development, severely impacting the species found in that area.

In conclusion: the county did a fine job of developing the General Plan several years ago, taking into consideration many complex factors.

Stick with it!

Sincerely,

Gwen Hulbert

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