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Comment Letter I-206

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TO: Ashley Smith, 5510 Overland Ave., Suite 310, San Diego Ca, 92123
From: Joan Van Ingen, 8975-315 Lawrence Welk Drive, Escondido, 92026
Re: Newland Sierra Project

I have been a resident here in Champagne Village (aka Welk Mobile Home Park) since 1981. We gave fought to protect our homes and lifestyles through many attempts to change the area - - a quarry , a high school at the busy intersection of Mountain Meadow Road, Champagne Blvd., and the access to both north and south entrances to the I-15. We also fought Stonegate and the Merriam Mountain projects. We have been successful in all these fights. Now we're back to the same old, same old tale of how "wonderful" Newland Sierra would be for us! However the parts of these earlier plans which gave us success have NOT BEEN CHANGED OR CORRECTED ONE IOTA! Now they tell us (again) how we will benefit from their project. HOWEVER, the winds still come west to east every afternoon, bringing the detritus from blasting, rock crushing and earth grading directly into our Village. The health survey we presented to the county proved that a majority of seniors living here would be adversely impacted! I would imagine that ignoring something of such importance would open the approving county body to lawsuits!

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The next, and perhaps most important, problem with this project is the fact that 457 homes here in Champagne Village would not be able to evacuate in case of fire! I live backed up to - either a small mountain, or a large hill! From my home I can see parte of the freeway, both north and south, and if I walk a block south from my home I can see Champagne Blvd. The last time there was one advisory about evacuation I looked in all directions and found that NOTHING WAS MOVING! I stayed home and ,luckily, we weren't impacted.

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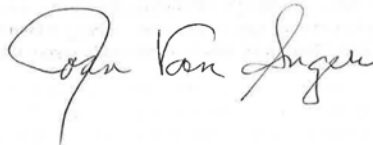
During the Merriam Mountain battle it was brought out that there were a huge number of horses in upper Twin Oaks (which Deer Springs feeds into). I don't know what the count is today, but it was about 2000 then - a definite hindrance to evacuation.

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Please respect and adhere to the General Plan, and don't force people who chose to live in this area to fight the fight again.

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WE ARE WINNERS!



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