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Comment Letter I-21

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Subject: Newland Sierra Project - Opposed

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Dear Ms. Smith:

As a resident in the neighborhood of Hidden Meadows, located just on the east side of the I-15 freeway from the proposed Newland Sierra project, I'm writing you to express great concern over the lack of planning associated with the Newland Sierra Project. I'm sure you are receiving many correspondences concerning this project so I have highlighted some of my concerns in the bullet points below.

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1. Previous research encourages focusing new housing where infrastructure already exists and close to employment.
2. A major concern is the lack of Fire and Police Protection for the suggested 2135 homes that will be developed on this piece of property.
3. The lack of emergency planning and evacuation routes cannot be overstated. San Diego County has a recent history of needing this type of planning.
4. The anticipated increase in traffic flow must be considered. This area is already heavily impacted by existing homes in the area and traffic from Riverside County. I commute daily from Hidden Meadows to San Diego. The increase in traffic as new developments have become a reality North of Deer Springs Road has been obvious. In fact there are several projects currently under construction on the I-15 near the 76 freeway that will have a negative impact on traffic in the Deer Springs area in the near future.
5. The impact to public safety, comfort, the lack of public transportation and the impact on our natural resources, most importantly water cannot be overlooked. We have just recently been relieved from State mandated water restrictions due a lack of water throughout the entire state of California. Please do not let the recent heavy rainfalls California experienced this past winter lead you to believe that we will not experience these condition again in the near future.

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6. Schools and other means of education for the families have not been considered and will not be funded by this project, leaving the financial burden on existing, nearby residents. [I-21-7
7. In the very recent past, a very similar project (Meriam Mountain) was denied by the County Supervisors. [I-21-8
8. There has already been an \$18 million study done on the area paid for with tax payer money. The recent study addresses most of these concerns. As a result of this study, the area is currently zoned for 99 houses...the 2135 anticipated units is greater than 210% more than this study allowed. [I-21-9

Please be advised that I am opposed to any amendment to the County of San Diego General Plan and to the Newland Sierra Project, as well as any similar projects that might come up in the future. [I-21-10

Sincerely,

Thanks,
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