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Comment Letter I-28

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**Sent:** Sunday, August 06, 2017 12:09 PM  
**To:** Smith, Ashley  
**Subject:** Newland Sierra Project

Dear Ms. Smith

Having just moved from East Los Angeles county to North San Diego County in order to find a less crowded and more rural lifestyle to spend my so called "golden years" I have many concerns regarding to the proposed Newland Sierra development.

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Deer Springs Road is already an extremely busy thoroughfare. Noise and congestion develops from very early morning through mid-morning and then again in the early afternoon until the evening hours. It is not uncommon to have to wait several cycles of the traffic light at Mesa rock Road to cross the intersection at Deer Springs Rd. If a traffic lane was added in each direction it would probably help to make the existing traffic bearable. How can you justify adding at least an additional 12,000 vehicles using Deer Springs Road to enter and leave the development each day? Also, what about the impact on our health caused by the additional noise, dust, and pollution?

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Water in Southern California is a precious commodity that must be imported to serve our needs. We are already told to conserve and modify our desired water use to keep the faucets flowing. It is my understanding that the existing infrastructure and water supplies are deemed insufficient for the current residents of the area. With the concerns of climate change and future droughts inevitable, how can the development be justified?

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Wildlife in the area would also be adversely impacted in a severe manner. Eliminating wildlife corridors severely impacts the population of hundreds of birds, animals and insects that call this area home. Please explain to me how this development can be considered an insignificant impact on the existing wildlife.

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Another concern is fire danger. If the conditions were right and a wildfire were to erupt, with so few routes to escape, wouldn't the addition of thousands of homes make an already dangerous situation even more deadly?

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Having just moved from the area I was born, raised, and for 57 years and watched as orange and lemon grove, dairy cattle, hay fields and pastures have given way to seas of homes and apartments, heavy traffic congestion, noise and other pollution, it feels like I have relocated to an area with the same future.

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I look forward to your response to my concerns, and thank you in advance.

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