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Comment Letter I-307

Constance Peabody 10403 Pinion Trail Escondido, CA 92026 August 7, 2017

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Dear Ms. Smith;

I am writing to voice concern over the proposed planned community project, known as Newland Sierra Project. I believe to approve this project would be unconscionable. The following are the reasons for my statement:

<u>Traffic congestion</u> – the area is currently close to a "death trap" with regards to egress in the case of an emergency. Residents are already practicing evacuation scenarios, and the concerns of congestion and timely escape are real fears for current residents and Fire Safety Personnel. The apprehension that our only route to safety, the passage that meets at the intersection of I-15 and Deer Springs/Mountain Meadow road exit, could be overrun, as it becomes an egress for a population explosion, is catastrophic.

General Plan disregard - to develop the area defined in the Newland Sierra Project goes against one of the major purposes of the General Plan, to discourage urban sprawl. The futuristic view of developing nearer to areas of employment and mass transportation is a conscientious effort to mitigate: the tax on resources (water, energy, air quality, safety personnel and equipment, infrastructure, and education facilities), and destruction of native wild lands and wild life and the inherent value those areas create for the human population. Sprawl is not meant to be an attractive word or condition. It is well-meaning to limit, if not prohibit, sprawl as the ten year, ~\$18,000,000 General Plan emphasized.

I can only view this proposal with suspicion. It strikes close to complete disregard for the well-being of the population and habitat it will impact. As is prevalent so often today, only a very few profit financially from such irresponsibility, and those same people are rarely around to assume responsibility when predicted consequences come to fruition. To deny this proposal, no matter how much time, money and persuasion has been incorporated into the Newland Sierra Project EIR, is the right thing for the county supervisors to do.

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