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Comment Letter I-323

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Subject: FW: Newland Sierra Project

From: John Raymond [mailto:jarskr1964@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 11:13 AM
To: Smith, Ashley
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M. Ashley Smith,

I am writing this email to express my opposition to the Newland "Sierra" Project and for the following reasons:

- The County Board of Supervisors have twice rejected Merriam Mountains development projects as inconsistent with County General Plan principles.
This is not about fighting housing. It is about good planning. Only a few years ago, the county decided where new residential growth should be directed and it was not here.
The project site sits on one of the only two remaining large blocks of natural habitat west of I-15 in a valuable "Pre-Approved Mitigation Area". Newland Sierra would sever important regional north-south and east-west corridors.
Where is the water going to come from to support this development? It has been reported in the newspapers that concerns about water affordability has been growing, with good reason. Few basic commodities are under as much cost pressure.
Traffic on I-15 is now bumper to bumper during the day and this project would only exacerbated the situation.

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For these reasons and others I urge the County Board of Supervisors to turn down this development.

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Respectfully submitted.

John Raymond

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