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**Subject:** Newland Sierra Project - Community Feedback

Ashley Smith,  
Project Manager  
Re: Newland Sierra Development

Hello Ms Smith -

We are writing to you to voice our strong opposition to the Newland Sierra project. We are 20-year residents of Hidden Meadows across the 1-15. Unfortunately, we have been out of town during recent community meetings on this topic and could not attend. However, we have heard that so many of our neighbors are showing up and am hearing from many that can't attend that are equally against this ill-conceived project.

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Let's be honest, the facts are well-known and the expensive studies have all been undertaken with similar results.

We are simply baffled as to why the County would even considering deviating from a very well crafted General Plan completed just 6 years ago that took over a decade. Oh, wait... big developer dollars influencing politicians? Sorry if we sound cynical, but I guess we have good reason.

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Here's a recap of the shortlist of issues:

1. Public Safety/Fire - escape routes. We've already had recent disasters of this kind. We were a couple of the residents that had difficulty evacuating the last fire due to gridlock on the 1-15. This issue alone should kill this project.
2. Traffic - inadequate roads to handle existing everyday traffic, let alone increased density. So many southbound 1-15 commuters use Deer Springs Road as a "short-cut" to the 78 in the morning, and reverse in the evening.
3. Water - While we have a short reprieve from the drought, the fact is this is

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a new normal. Our water supply cannot support this level of growth.

4. Rural character and endless sprawl. This is simply not the right path for this area, and is clearly indicated in the General Plan. We need to continue to focus on in-fill.

5. Schools & public facilities. Plans & funding are inadequate.

Please stop this ridiculous project once and for all. We've already voted down a nearly identical project a few years ago. The county needs to focus on close-in, small square foot size, affordable housing.

Thank you,  
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