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Comment Letter I-7

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Subject: Newland Sierra DEIR

Dear Elected Officials:

I am writing in regards to the proposed development, Newland Sierra located in the Merriam Mountains. I have several concerns/questions, several outlined in this email and the rest in an email to follow before the August 14 deadline. Is it possible to extend this deadline? Sixty days to read and try to understand a very technical document well over 8,000 pages seems to put the public's rights at a considerable disadvantage.

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In the 19 years I have lived here traffic has worsened to the point that I now have to take into consideration extra time just to get on to Buena Creek Road, along with stress of trying to dart out between traffic going upwards of 50 mph, from both directions. I also have to factor in a delay of 15-20 minutes due to the Sprinter station further down on Buena Creek and Santa Fe Ave. If I choose to go the other direction, I have to take into account a possible 30 minute delay just to go from Buena Creek Road to Deer Springs to the I15 interchange. This back up can begin as early as 3:30 p.m. due to the increase in homes, businesses and Cal State San Marcos. Where does the EIR adequately address handling the increase in traffic to roads already facing an F grade? I understand the development proposes to widen Deer Springs to 6 lanes, but I wasn't able to find out where this is supposed to happen and how from an engineering standpoint it could happen. There is discussion about an I15 interchange, but I unable to find any information on how or where or who is financing this.

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The development is located in one of the highest fire risk areas in the county. How will evacuation be handled? If the DEIR adequately addresses how residents of the development will evacuate onto the major connecting roads, I wasn't able to find any discussion for what will happen after they join the thousands of other residents also evacuating on to those major roads? Given that BCR and Deer Springs can be bumper to bumper under normal conditions, what will happen during a fire? With each Santa Ana you can almost count on a fire breaking out near Deer Springs and the I15. Fortunately, we've been lucky so far that firemen have been available immediately to extinguish the fire, but when that perfect storm occurs, what is being proposed?

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Looking at the topography, the amount of blasting and rock crushing that will be required is massive. What is the proposed blasting schedule, how much, and how long do they expect blasting to continue? I was not able to find a noise assessment/impact report. Also, what affects will there be on air quality both during the construction phase and for years after? How will the safety of passing cars be assured?

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Thank you for your time and consideration of above concerns.

Respectfully,

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