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Comment Letter I-70

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From: mmrope@wildblue.net [mailto:mmrope@wildblue.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 11:26 AM  
To: Smith, Ashley  
Subject: What he said and my two cents

Yes, I copied and pasted another's letter (with permission). But agree with his sentiments!! All these communities are great on paper, but suck in actuality. Don't any of you get out and actually look at the places you're determined to destroy in the name of progress. 10 years ago, during the Witchcreek fire we were FORCED to stay in our home. We can see the 15 from our front door. The CHP had the 15 closed in both directions at 395 and Gopher Canyon. The only way out was thru Gopher Canyon's 1 land road to Oceanside. We watched for over 8 1/2 hours until they finally got the freeway cleared. We couldn't have left with our little girl and animals if we had wanted to, it was terrifying. So, please add more houses, cars and stupidity to this area. And then, let's have another fire and watch while confusion reigns. What are you people thinking?

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Ashley Smith  
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Dear Ms Smith:

There is much environmental concern and lack of planning about the Newland Sierra Project.

1. Of major importance is the lack of Fire and Police Protection for the suggested 2135 homes that will be developed on this piece of property.
2. Secondly, the anticipated traffic flow is not even considered and this area is already impacted with lack of planning for the existing homes in the area, let alone the flow of traffic from the Riverside County area.
3. The impact to our safety, comfort, lack of public transportation and an impact on our of natural resources, most importantly water cannot be overlooked.
4. Schools and other means of education for the families has not been considered, and certainly not paid for.
5. Previous research encourages to focus new housing on infrastructure close to employment, where is this?
6. The lack of emergency evacuation routes cannot be overlooked. And, San Diego County does have a recent history of needing this type of planning.

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In the past, this has been denied by the County Supervisors. Also, there has since been a \$18 million study done on the area with tax payer money. The recent study addresses many of these concerns. As you know the area is currently zoned for 99 houses...the 2135 anticipated units is greater than 210% more than this.

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Please know that we are opposed to this action.

Sincerely,

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