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From: Mattson, Gregory

To: Rob Cameron; Liz Jackson; Jim Jackson; Sean Kilkenny
Subject: Fw: Otay Ranch Village 14 & Planning Areas 16/19 - Comment

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To: Mattson, Gregory

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Mr. Gregory Mattson

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Dear Sir:

This is in regard to Otay Ranch Village 14 and areas 16 and 19 as presented in the DEIR. My concerns regard three issues: road traffic, water resources, and wildlife preservation. Since making my home in Jamul in 1999, I have been engaged in community efforts first to prevent, then to contend with, the establishment of a casino because of the very same concerns.

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Road Traffic

During construction of the casino, Highway 94, designated Grade F by Caltrans, on occasion was jammed because of accidents so that emergency vehicles were unable to gain access. In 2007, I had experienced evacuation due to the Harris Fire. Had there been casino traffic at that time, the casualties would have been multiplied well beyond the deaths and injuries recorded.

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I live with the possibility that evacuation could be necessary at any time during much of any year and am in readiness to leave, trailering my equines. Since Otay Ranch villages will add thousands of autos to east county roadways on a daily basis, the potential for disaster is ever-present.

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Water Resources

Years ago, when other developments were proposed for our area, Otay Water made it known that its resources were fully subscribed, and no further development should occur. In recent years, any passerby has seen Otay Lakes' depths radically reduced due to drought. Yet your DEIR states that there is plentiful availability of Otay water. This is an unexplained and serious discrepancy.

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Wildlife Habitat

The area selected for development is and has been a preserve containing abundant and unique

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forms of wildlife and plants. Interruption of breeding and migratory corridors will mean permanent destruction of precious wildlife. For this monumental loss there is no mitigation possible.

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For the above-stated reasons, I strongly oppose the development(s) as proposed.

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Sincerely,

Stephanie Dillon

Jamul Resident

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