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Subject: comments on DEIR Village 14

Mr Mattson,

Although I have many concerns over this project I will address two specific areas.

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1) Because I drive Highway 94 daily to Jamul, I am very concerned about the already dangerous/busy intersection of the 94 and Lyons Valley Road. The DEIR identified a significant impact on that intersection.

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It is my understanding that the state via Caltrans has "ownership" of the intersection, it is my hope that the county would represents their resident insuring safe egress from/to Lyons Valley Rd at that intersection. I would ask the county to coordinate efforts to install a light at that intersection.

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2) Reviewing a letter from USF&W and CAF&W those agencies voiced concern regarding the impact the project would have on the habitats of wildlife, including the golden eagles, quino, and the possible impact on wildlife corridors over and under Proctor Valley Rd. I feel the county has not put forth the amount of effort it should to consider further mitigation options, utilizing the above agencies, as well as outside organizations such as The Sierra Club, Nature Conservancy, and such.

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There is proof that under-road corridors have been developed and wildlife has thrived. This has been done in other cities and rural lands throughout CA with great success. I understand this would be the least appealing to the developer, would be more time consuming for the county and other agencies but long term preservation was to be paramount in dealing with development of rural lands.

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I also have concern how the trail which is to be built from Village 14 to Jamul, although a trail I will indeed use should it be established, might affect wildlife as increase in rubbish along the trail. I use and appreciate our trails but have witnessed negative effects from use of trails which exist throughout the region, whether county, state or federal. Will the county install and be responsible for the clean up and maintenance of the trail or is that to fall on F&W?

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Thank you for allowing me to weigh in on this subject.
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