

COMMENTS

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Ehsan, Beth

From: B Batterson <bbatterson1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2015 8:41 AM
To: Ehsan, Beth
Subject: Proposed Valiant development

Dear Ms. Ehsan:

Since I was unable to appear in person, to the meeting regarding this issue, I would like to voice my concerns regarding the proposed Valiant development project.

Having evacuated from my home both in 2007 and last year, I am familiar with the logistics of leaving this neighborhood under a potential disaster situation. The traffic was greatly congested, taking 23 minutes for a 2.8 mile drive to reach I-15 from my home.

I can only imagine the situation now that Harmony Grove Village is nearing completion with its 400+ homes. The roads being put in will not be adequate should an evacuation emergency occur.

To go forward with yet another [Valiant] development project would further put everyone at risk under another [and most likely] occurrence to evacuate the area. Additionally, new homes require a certain number and amount of infrastructure to sustain the increased community. Schools and businesses would need to be provided in support of the increased population, for which we simply do not have the road structure to accommodate.

However, despite the serious aspects of the above, what I consider even more problematic pertains to water. To continue building in the midst of our severe lack of water, is unconscionable.

Those already established in our homes are asked to make dramatic changes, from irrigation to showers, laundry and doing dishes, in our use of this precious commodity. Not only are tens of thousands of dollars worth of landscapes being put to ruin, but our daily lives must be greatly altered in order to meet the new controls. All this is before the Harmony Grove Village homes have even been occupied. We can expect, with that new development, more schools and businesses will be needed, or need to be expanded.....and they will further add to the demand for water usage, beyond the residential use, in our drought stricken state.

To add yet another development...the Valiant project....to this already fragile situation, should be the last thing on the minds of those with any common sense.

Y-1 The comment addresses evacuation and infrastructure. See Topical Response: Fire/Evacuations regarding evacuations. The Proposed Project is located in an area that is within close proximity to major commercial and employment areas. As discussed in Subsection 3.1.7.2, the Project Applicant would pay development impact fees to affected school districts to ensure that the districts would be able to accommodate potential students. The Project would not create a need for additional schools and businesses that the road structure could not accommodate.

Y-2 The proposed water usage would be below the baseline condition, as explained in Responses C-2, C-8, C-10 and K-99.

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This is not a difficult decision to make...simply one of supply and demand. The demand would be *greatly* increased for a supply that is rapidly dwindling and is not expected to recover any time soon.

I hope you will relay this information...and my concerns...to those making the final decision, and to not go forward with the Valiant development project.

Thank you.

Best regards,
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