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Date
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RE: NEWLAND SIERRA DRAFT EIR
Dear Ms. Ashley Smith and Mr. Mark Slovick, Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Newland Sierra Development. As a long-time resident of the inland north county area, I have several questions and concerns with the Newland Sierra proposal after seeing the draft EIR released recently. What will be the health impacts of all the blasting on existing residents and wildlife in the area? What impact will the blasting have on house foundations, water wells, and septic tanks of existing residents? What will be the impact of such a dramatic increase in traffic on the I-15? A new interchange is supposedly planned but there are no details on that proposed interchange and therefore it is unknown how the Newland Sierra project would impact access to, and use of, the I-15 freeway. Two of the fire evacuation routes converge southeast so really, there are actually just two ways in/out (not really three) which will create a dangerous bottleneck before people even reach the freeway - in the event of a fire. Additionally, proposing there would be lane configuration changes in the event of a fire to produce four lanes OUT sounds great when trying to make the point that thousands of people could be evacuated in a reasonable time BUT planning to switch all four lanes to flow out in the event of fire, fails to address how fire suppression assets will get IN to the area. You need a lane (maybe two) to get fire trucks & personnel IN, so any evacuation time analyses that are based on the four lanes "out" configuration is likely to be wildly inaccurate. If the Vallecitos water district needs to reduce water usage, how can it support increased water demands of thousands of homes and significant commercial space? The County's most recent General Plan zoned this area for 99 homes. On what grounds is a 20x increase in proposed density allowed? Development of this area has been considered before (Merriam Mountains) and was turned down. An updated General Plan is in place reaffirming a rural designation for this area and a maximum of 99 homes. When a similar project has been proposed and turned down by the County AND the County has spent many years and millions of dollars to update its General Plan that also opposes increased density in this area, this monstrous project shouldn't even be up for debate. Residents, taxpayers, and the latest General Plan all say no. Infill developments opportunities exist throughout San Diego County and should be pursued before dramatic exceptions are even considered. No means no. Sincerely, NeySa Ely
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