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Comment Letter I-198

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From: Virginia [mailto:virginia.holten@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 3:07 PM
To: Smith, Ashley
Cc: Holten Virginia
Subject: Concerns about Newland Sierra Draft EIR

Dear Ms Smith:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Newland Sierra Development. My husband and I have been residents of Vista for almost seventeen years. During that time, we have taken note of the rapid development in this area. One of the most shocking things that is happening right now is the Newland Sierra Development Proposal to build more than 2000 houses on the property bordering Interstate 15 in the area of Deer Springs Road. We have three major concerns for a development of this size in this area.

1). Newland Sierra would generate thousands of auto trips per day along already crowded Interstate 15 and other roads in the area. We live off Buena Creek, and traffic is terrible in the morning and afternoon, and there are no plans to widen this road to accommodate the increased traffic.

2). A development of this size would stretch our already overburdened water supply to the breaking point. We live in a desert and need to develop additional methods to provide our own water rather than buying it from out-of-state sources in order to provide water for new residents.

3). The development is proposed in a "VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE" and does not provide enough emergency access routes in the event of a fire. Our already traffic clogged roads are gridlocked on a regular basis, and an evacuation would compromise the safety of the entire region.

We encourage the County Board Supervisors to support and respect the provisions of the General Plan and approve the building of 99 units on this property and protect this area from overdevelopment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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