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Comment Letter I-27

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Vista, August 14, 2017

Planning and Development Services

Attn: Ashley Smith, Environmental Planner

County of San Diego

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Dear Ms. Smith:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Newland Sierra Development. After reviewing the document as detailed as possible within the given time frame, I want to express my concerns regarding our water supply and safety:

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Even without the proposed addition of 2,135 homes and 36 acres of parks in the Newland Sierra Plan, we faced periods of draught in San Diego North County during the past.

The Vallecitos Water District projects a water supply deficit for the next 20 years as well.

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When the District's Water Supply Assessment indeed requires a 36% water supply cut to existing customers in order to serve the Newland Sierra development, how will this affect our safety in case of a fire hazard? How much water will be available for emergency situations? Will there be a significant change in water pressure?

Especially during commuting times, the roads to I 15 and I 78 are already jammed. How can be guaranteed that in an emergency (fire hazard, earthquake, accidents) citizens and commuters can be evacuated safely during the years long building process and, even more frightening, after thousands of additional residents have moved to Newland Sierra after completion?

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Finally, after 10 years of meetings between County residents and staff, not to mention the millions of the dollars spent on the development of a General Plan, the County Board of Supervisors approved the County's General Plan. When the plan was approved, this Supervisors not only agreed to protect this area from over-development, but they agreed to downzone the entire property to 99 units from 200 units. In an effort to support and respect the integrity provisions of the General Plan, I urge you to recommend against the Newland Sierra Development and continue to safeguard this sensitive rural corridor.

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Thank you for your consideration,

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