

County of San Diego
Planning and Development Services
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SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report

Newland Sierra, PDS2015-GPA-15-001, PDS2015-SP-15-001, PDS2015-REZ-15-001,
PDS2015-TM-5597, Log No. PDS2015-ER-08-001

I attended the March 4th meeting regarding the above project. I am a concerned senior citizen who lives at 1299 Deer Springs Road which is a senior residential community that has been here for over 55 years. A major concern shared by many in my community is the widening of Deer Springs Road. Currently several of our homes are less than 70 feet from the existing Deer Springs Road.

There exists a massive granite embankment on a bend in the roadway directly across from our homes. All that material will have to be removed to accommodate even four traffic lanes much less six lanes. When the road is widened we will be faced with tremendous equipment noise and dust. A health concern is the issue of crystalline silica, a classified carcinogen, migrating into our properties. The EIR must place emphasis on air quality and dust control, the same applied controls for a quarry operation.

There is no option; air quality monitoring must be required during the Newland Sierra project mining activities to protect all parties concerned. The monitor type used should be PM₁₀ Samplers, this is type is used at Rosemary Mountain quarry. These should be placed at multiple locations and have the capability to measure 24 hour PM₁₀ concentrations. Only this will insure safe air quality levels.

To save expense will the developer enlist eminent domain which will devastate our senior community? The EIR must also address, after roadway completion, a masonry sound barrier at least eight feet high to suppress the noise from large commercial trucks and other vehicle types.

In the Newland Sierra Specific Plan document prepared for the County located in section four, Implementation, page 4-7, Table II, the developer is alluding to an Assessment District to pay for road and freeway interchange improvements. Question, why should the residents in the surrounding area be responsible for a road improvement that only benefits the developer?

Respectfully submitted,
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