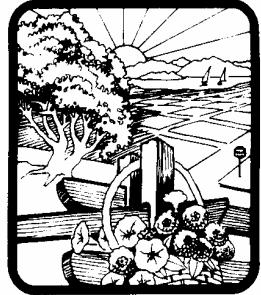


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Re: Project Number 98-034 Los Valles – Comments on the NOP and request to be placed on the DEIR notification list and to receive a CD of that DEIR

Dear Ms.Sackett:

We regret that we missed the NOP comment period for this project. However, we note that no DEIR has yet been released, and that these are issues that must be addressed in any DEIR whether or not comments were made. Therefore, we ask that these comments be included and request that you forward these comments to the EIR preparer.

The Applicant is proposing construction of a single-family residential development of 497 dwelling units.

We are writing because we are particularly concerned about the drought that is affecting all of California, including the Santa Clarita Valley. We note that this project is sized just below the 500 unit level that would trigger an SB221 Water Supply Assessment. However, it is our understanding that the County of Los Angeles is requiring such an assessment for all projects in the Santa Clarita Valley over 160 units in order to comply with the Development Monitoring System and provide the decision makers with accurate and current water supply data. We support and applaud the County's efforts to ensure that current residents are adequately served and their needs are addressed as new development is reviewed.

We note that the Castaic Lake Water Agency provided a comment letter on this project referring the County to the most recent Urban Water Management Plan (2010). We believe that Plan is out of date and inaccurate in light of the current severe drought in California that has required cutbacks of state water deliveries to the SCV to ZERO until September, at which time only 5% is promised. We are entering a period of water rationing. To continue to process additional units without a re-evaluation of water supply is irresponsible and hurts existing residents.

We therefore ask that you re-evaluate or delay this project until a water supply to support the project, without hurting existing residents, can be assured.

Thank you for your time and attention to these concerns.

Sincerely,

Lynne Plambeck  
President