

**From:** Stephen [yankeejim@fcnet.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 27, 2008 2:36 PM  
**To:** Placer County Board of Supervisors  
**Subject:** Foresthill Community Plan

Board of Supervisors

We will not be able to attend the Planning Commission meeting on August 28th at 1:00 due to the fact that we have other serious appointments at that time. We understand that the Revised Foresthill Community Plan is on the agenda for the Planning Commission's consideration. The Planning Commission will be considering whether or not to send the recommendation/approval on the Revised Foresthill Divide Community Plan policy document and its Environmental Impact Report (EIR) with the Final EIR to the Board of Supervisors for its certification. We are writing this letter to inform you of our neighborhood opposition to this plan as proposed. Our primary oppositions lie with Fire, Density, Water and Traffic but especially regarding the changes in land use designation that would lead to significant changes in our community and impact the fire safety and limited access nature of our already endangered community by drastically increasing the potential population of the Foresthill Divide. Somehow the fact and example of the recent Paradise fire situation and the South Lake Tahoe fire have conveniently been ignored in preference to the wishes of other interests. Perhaps some political muscle is being applied for profit from land development and we all know the county itself is looking for additional revenue sources to support itself and rekindle it's past frantic pace of spending growth.

To lay the foundation for a potential build out population here on the Foresthill Divide of over 60,000 is irresponsible and of questionable motive. Every one who lives in the forest is scared to death of fire and it is generally accepted as common knowledge that the incidence of fire increases with population growth. Every fire professional I have spoken with just rolls their eyes in disbelief that this density is even being considered, but we all suspect that there is pressure being applied by the State, the lending institutions and those others who also want to develop, get rich and leave.

Our family has had a presence here on the divide for more than 150 years. Usually we just quietly watch the workings of community government, but now we feel that we must speak up in opposition and disappointment as to how this revised plan is being ramrodded down our throats with the "brush off" that our concerns have already been addresses. They have not.

We urge you to be a voice of reason by not approving this dangerous and overly ambitious plan.

Respectfully,

Stephen P Hunt  
 Lynne P Hunt  
 Beverly P Daken,  
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 Foresthill, Ca 95631

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August 29, 2008

Placer County Planning Commission  
3091 County Center Dr  
Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Commissioner Johnson, Denio, Brentnall, Farinha,

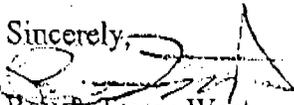
We attended the Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, August 28, 2008 and were very pleased with your honest discussion of appendix, "E" of the Foresthill Divide Community Plan. We were glad to see that YOU recognized that the Ryans have NOT submitted a written PLAN concerning their, "vision" for Foresthill.

We agree with your vote in favor of the "study area" designation for the Ryan property as this will motivate them to get something down on paper which they can present to the community of Foresthill and the County. It will also force them to deal with the issue of water supply. As you know, the Ryans have never provided Foresthill Public Utility District with a needs analysis showing what their water needs would be. Now they have no excuse not to.

Thank you again for your well thought out discussion and vote.

We will see if the Board of Supervisors will be wise enough to follow your lead!

Sincerely,

  
Roy & Tamra West  
www.rwest@fcnet.net



cc: Placer County Board of Supervisors  
Michael Johnson, Planning Director

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From: Laura Wall [lwall1@fnet.net]

Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2008 9:44 PM

To: Loren Clark; Crystal Jacobsen; Michael Johnson; Placer County Board of Supervisors

Subject: Foresthill community plan

Good morning,

I am a resident of Foresthill. I'm unsure if I'm sending this information to the correct body, but as I did not have any e-mail information for any of the members of the Foresthill Forum, nor can I attend the 8/28 meeting for public comment, this is the best I could do. If my comments need to be forwarded to a different department, please feel free to do so.

I feel completely betrayed by the Foresthill Forum, who I thought were supposed to be looking out for the interests of ALL members of the Foresthill community. I have been regularly attending meetings regarding the community plan when they were held in Foresthill in the evening hours. I have not spoken publically to this point as it seemed other residents had been voicing my same concerns. Given that this process has taken such a long time, I was sure that when any decisions were made, there would be adequate notice of them and adequate time to respond. That doesn't appear to be the case.

At the 8/12 planning commission meeting, there appeared to be many more proponents of the Forest Ranch project than normal. Even with that big push, the room appeared to be evenly split with just as many in favor of the full Forest Ranch project as there were opposing it. By the time any recommendations or decisions were being discussed, it was 10:00pm. The decisions were held until the Foresthill Forum meeting the next week. As those meetings are held during the day (any many of us on the divide work off the hill), I've never been able to attend. Imagine my surprise when the Forum, against the recommendations of the planning commission, voted to include the entire appendix E for the Forest Ranch project in full.

I live in the historic downtown district, and I support the businesses in Foresthill. But perhaps the Forum thinks they are supporting only the local businesses or the chamber of commerce. Every resident in this town should have an equal voice, and my voice is not lessened because I'm not a local business person. In any election, when you go into the voting booth, one person gets one vote. It doesn't matter what they do for a living or how much money they make. America is based on that premise.

I am tired of the argument that the only way this town will survive is if we approve a project that will nearly double the number of homes that exist in the entire community. If the business plan for our entire community hinges on whether or not Forest Ranch gets built, then perhaps the lack of a real and thorough business plan says more about why businesses are failing here. I am not against change or growth. I am against approving a project that will both overwhelm the town and the citizens and forever change the character of the town.

I have lived in Sacramento county. When I bought my first house, it was in Placer county, here in Foresthill. I searched high and low throughout the county, in Nevada county, and in El Dorado county before I decided to move here. Did I move here as one argument at the 8/12 meeting suggested because I couldn't afford to live in Rocklin or Roseville? Absolutely not. In fact, the opposite was true. Housing was CHEAPER in Rocklin or Roseville or Lincoln. I moved here because I DIDN'T WANT to live in those communities. Choose any town in the Sacramento valley area. What do you have? Subdivision after subdivision. New houses that are all the same on postage stamp size lots where you could literally lean out your bathroom window and slap your neighbor in his bathroom. All those subdivisions are in towns where traffic was horrible, where in some cases

there already are retirement communities, where no one knew each other. I wanted my OWN house that wasn't a mirror image of my next door neighbor's house, where I could have some breathing room from my neighbor's land, but where you weren't afraid to chat with them over the fence. When I moved here, I was charmed by the postal worker who knew my box number without me telling her who I was or by an animal service provider who took the extra effort to take my dog home. Not because I was some important local business person, but simply because I WAS a local.

If the entire Forest Ranch project is built, Foresthill will turn into any of those cities I've already named. Nameless, faceless, and certainly not unique. Progress in the name of destroying the fabric of the community is not progress. I'm not some idiot who fears change for the sake of change. I have a business and finance background, and I have made many of my own changes in life. Just because I wasn't a penniless immigrant does not mean that I have not had to work just as hard to maintain a living and a home on one salary. What will happen if the Forest Ranch project in full is approved? Then I will sadly move to another community who isn't looking to sell out and watch all of the warnings about not enough water or infrastructure or sewage capacity or fire evacuation mechanisms or environmental protections come to fruition. What will the town do then when it can't support itself? That's when all the blame will start. Right now, the planning commission has continued to ring all the alarm bells. Please don't let the votes of 4 people behind the community's back undo all the hard work that has been done in assessing the catastrophic nature of this full project.

Laura Wall

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28 August 2008

Mr. Larry Sevison, Chair  
Placer County Planning Commission  
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Planning Commissioners:

In Re: Today's Hearing: Item 6 Foresthill Divide Community Plan; 1:00 PM  
Transportation and Circulation Element, reference pp. 2 (304) and 4 (306),  
**Powerline/Patent Roads**

By way of introduction, I am a long time resident having been involved in Foresthill in a variety of ways since 1959, with a permanent residence since 1970. I was chair of the 1981 Foresthill General Plan Committee, having worked closely with both Planning staff and a widely representative committee, including an all day town meeting workshop, that successfully brought the FGP to the Board of Supervisors in a little more than two years. I am a member of the Economic Development Commission of the Chamber of Commerce, and a trustee of the Foresthill Union Elementary School District Board of Education.

I would have been present at your hearing in Foresthill on 12 August. However, that is our regularly scheduled Board meeting. I respectfully request that the Commission check the political calendar in the future in setting hearings so as not to conflict with the several public agencies', including the school's, regularly scheduled meetings.

With reference to the following, p. 4 (306): *At this time staff recommends that the Commission consider including the future dedication of Patent and Powerline Roads as an Emergency Vehicle Access route only, rather than a through circulation route. No improvements would be included in the Capital Improvement Program, and right-of-way would be obtained through dedications with individual projects.*

In so far as this pertains to Powerline Road, I respectfully request that this recommendation be denied, or at the very least be set aside until further research and consultation with affected property owners, for the following reasons:

1. The deed to my property, 132 acres, and those of my immediate "Powerline" neighbors, disclose no right-of-way access, save for the PUC access for PG&E.
2. My private drive, about ½ mile long would be designated as an Emergency Vehicle Access route, which was created at my expense.

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3. Including this text in the 2008 Foresthill Divide Community Plan makes possible *policy creep* paramount to eminent domain without due process and without compensation, viz. "No improvements would be included in the Capital Improvement Program,...."

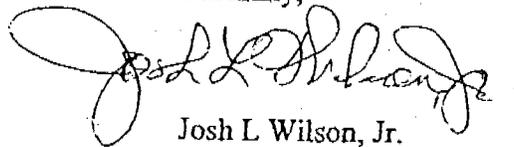
Background: In nearly 40 years of my occupancy, there has been no public access through our property. Our eastern property line is about a half mile to Spring Garden Road, and I installed a gate to prevent weekend "boony crashers" and hunters from accessing our forest, which they seem to assume is public. Our immediate neighbors, Hunt, Reed, Clifford, as well as other Powerline residents access "Powerline Road" through Thomas Street. In addition to our boundary and driveway gates, there are numerous private gates east of my line.

Any designation of access through our 132 acres would seriously compromise our property rights, investment and privacy. Such access would be at least ½ mile long and claim our private driveway.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the above recommendation be denied.

Thank you.

Cordially,



Josh L Wilson, Jr.

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Kathi Heckert

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From: Crystal Jacobsen  
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2008 5:48 AM  
To: Kathi Heckert  
Cc: Loren Clark  
Subject: FW: Foresthill Community Plan

Hi Kathi - please include this in the correspondence for FHCP. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Stephanie & Keith [mailto:kcsww4br@ftcnet.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2008 4:47 PM  
To: Crystal Jacobsen  
Subject: Foresthill Community Plan

Dear Ms Jacobsen,

My husband and I are rather shocked by the current proposal to allow a hypothetical build out of over 62,000 residences. We participated in the community plan process during the 90's, filled out surveys, attended meetings and felt we had ample opportunity for input. The resulting plan with a 20 year build out of approx. 12,000. seemed much more reasonable.

We don't believe the local infrastructure can support what is proposed in the current alternative plan for our community. Also, we fail to understand why Forest Ranch should be allowed nearly 4 times what is was originally promised for that development!

I am a local business person with an office in the older historic part of town and a Chamber member. I would like you to know that my overall concern for the future of our community overrides any personal gain I might have should there be 2,000 more houses up the hill from town!

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Williams  
POB 1084, Foresthill, CA

8-28-08

Please take to Planning Staff the attached  
at Planning Commission meeting

I called at 12:50 + talked to

Julie + apologize for the lateness

- Worker's stress + I experienced  
(3 Breaks)  
rampant vandalism last weekend

(as usual for me) + it was difficult  
for me to get this off earlier

Cheryl Wilson Steiner

+ suggest signature

This top sheet doesn't need to go

Aug 27, 2008

To: Placer Co. Planning Staff  
Placer Co. Planning Commission  
Foresthill Forum, F.W. Chamber of Commerce

From: Cheryl Wilson Stevens, M.A.

Recognition in Difficult Times <sup>to</sup> Public Employees + Public Service Deps.

I spoke briefly before the Commission the evening they came to the F.W. (8-12) Memorial Hall to consider the Final Draft of the F.W. EIR + Proposed Master Plan

I asked the Commission to "listen to the Forum" because of their advisory tradition in this town. However, there is ample evidence + <sup>petition</sup> signatures abound that the 4-2 vote of the Forum did not / does not reflect the majority of the town + ~~no~~ public vote should be based on just those present in the audience - especially people who speak in favor of issues pertaining to a town that they don't reside in, but will have financial gain from. The Commission meeting + subsequent Forum / Planning Staff (8-12) "Meeting workshop" were packed with out of town Ryan - "Manstous Forest Ranch support"

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It seems ludicrous that the plan has  
Inflated "Land Use" based on pie-in-the  
sky-future technology vs. Actually zoning.  
Two Co. Planning Staff's have  
recommended to Commission since  
2003 that a "monstrous Forest Ranch"  
is not + would not ever be feasible.

The fear and turmoil that has been  
created + somewhat failed to the town  
residents - but not to the Chamber of  
Commerce or some businesses - is that  
the town will die if "Forest Ranch"  
does not go forward.

I + others find it appalling that on (8-12)  
the Commission didn't even follow a conduct  
"Roberts Rules of Order" actually 2 commissioners  
enjoyed a dialogue with "a Ryan"  
after discussion was closed.  
is commended that the chair allowed  
other residents to come forward to clarify  
the Power Line Access Issue. The Commission  
as a whole asked thoughtful questions of staff + audience.  
I have repeatedly brought up Env. Health  
Issues that have not be responded to by  
Staff or Commission other than Placer Co.

(3)

En. Health doesn't want to allow for "gray water" usage + new tech for small biz. Individual residential sewage treatment. There needs to be a response from Planning Staff + En. Health Dept as to the current underground run off + pollution thru old gold mining shafts, especially from "grandfathered population pockets in town", while newer commercial proposals in the historic downtown can go nowhere because of the same a/m mentioned problems w/ adequate sewage treatment.

There are adequate areas in town + up past town that can go forward with present zoning to offer "The Town" solutions with out a monstrous First Round - the 500 units granted earlier is a place to start for them. Don't buy into the "Fear + Terror" generated by the Ryans + Assoc - especially since they have not been in compliance with normal / standard Co. Procedures + have tied up so much time + money of STAFF on the shirttails of the EIR + Master Plan.

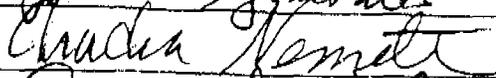
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I'm also VERY concerned about the shift in focus from the "Forest Hill Forum Petition Community Plan from 2004" to now a "Highest Density Alternative" - 2008 which the Commission + Forum discussed + the Forum discussed + voted upon section by section on 8-18.

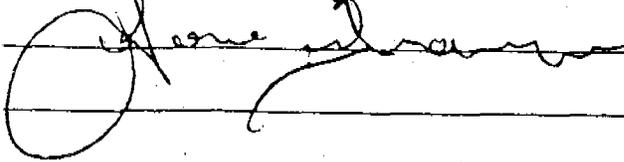
Whatever happened at the Co level with 2 changes in Commissioners, a total change in F.H. Planners - From Mike Wells + staff to now Loren Clark + Crystal Jacobsen from 2004 → 2008.

The F.H. Community spent many hours participating in Community Plan meetings in 2002 → 2004, a detailed community survey was taken - results in the Revised Policy Document - the town came to consensus. Why have the "town consensus + two planning staff recommendations" become lost in the present round of hearings. Hopefully, it's not too late to reclaim honor for the majority of residents.

Support Signatures - Full Residents

 Claudia Kemeth CNA CNA Kemeth 8/28/08

 David Barnard 8/28/08

 Gene Grammer 6100 GRAMMER 8/28/08

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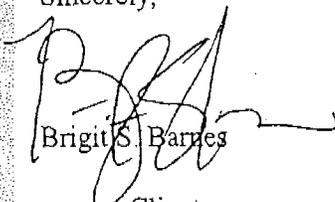
Re: Foresthill Divide Community Plan  
August 28, 2008 Hearing  
Request for Clarification for Butler parcels

Dear Ms. Jacobsen and Ms. Heckert:

This letter is intended to request the Planning Commission to permit the Planning Department to conform the zoning line as shown on the Foresthill Divide Community Plan Land Use Diagram applicable to the demarcation line between APN: 073-261-026 and 073-261-025 to follow the line shown on the attached previously submitted parcel map for the property.

There appears to be a discrepancy between the angle of the zoning map compared to the previously proposed parcel map, and we would appreciate the opportunity to confirm that the previously submitted demarcation line properly identifies the area carrying the PD 0.44 designation vs. FOR BX designation. I have highlighted an earlier proposed parcel map to indicate for you where the land use line appears to diverge from the previously surveyed map lines. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Brigit S. Barnes

cc: Client

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