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Community Development Resource Agency  
3091 County Center Dr.  
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Project: Belcara Planned Development - PSUB 20080156

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Dear Michael Johnson,

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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We have reviewed the Transportation & Traffic portion of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the above mentioned project and we feel that it does not adequately address the ingress/egress safety issues at the project's entrance location. Although the suggested mitigations sound reasonable, the entrance location is dangerous because of its close proximity to the crest of a hill on the eastside as well as there are visual issues due to road curves for both east and westbound traffic.

We have included an excerpt of Placer County Dept of Public Works – Transportation Map concerning Foresthill Road Collisions 2006-2010 that have occurred in close proximity to the project's entrance. The westbound passing lane as it crests the hill before the entrance is extremely dangerous because those drivers in the passing lane will be driving too fast if a vehicle from the project wants to merge into the westbound traffic. We have provided photos with captions to help provide clarity.

We are also concerned about soil stability in the particular location of the project's entrance because the Foresthill Road had experienced a road "cave in" in April, 2006. The road cave in had significantly impacted traffic flow for several months. Further-more, review of alternative routes in and out of Foresthill proved to be inadequate and implausible. The residents of Foresthill have one way in and one way out.

The developer and/or the County needs to do one or all of the following:

- 1) Change the ingress/egress location. (Note: Combining the Monte Verde and Belcara traffic patterns together by using Portofino Drive as the sole ingress/egress would be the best solution.)
- 2) Remove a portion of the crest of the hill and curves for better visibility.
- 3) Add a longer westbound right turn lane to accommodate westbound speeding traffic.
- 4) Additional studies to verify soil stability due to water drainage at the project entrance.

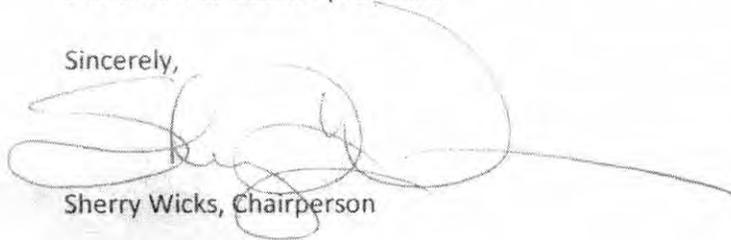
We understand the County has determined that the project's entrance meets their standards as well as Caltrans requirements...but the question is, "Is the project entrance intersection safe?" We do not feel that it is.

We also concerned about future wine tasting rooms at the vineyard and the impact those customers would have on traffic in and out of the project at the proposed location.

Additionally, the November 7, 2011, Forum agenda listed the County's presentation as an Action Item and clearly indicates that the County would give the community "specific details on the proposed entrance on Foresthill Road" so that questions could be answered and the Forum could make a recommendation. The Forum, which represents the community, was unable to make a recommendation before the November 22, 2011, deadline for the MND because the County did not provide the information as suggested by the agenda. This important information had been requested earlier by the Forum and members of the community. The County dropped the ball.

We are asking that the County consider one or all of the suggestions above to alleviate the project entrance intersection problems.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sherry Wicks", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Sherry Wicks, Chairperson

**Attachments**

cc Foresthill Forum  
Jennifer Montgomery, 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor  
Planning Commissioners

"Every man holds his property subject to the general right of the community to regulate its use to whatever degree the public welfare may require it."

*Theodore Roosevelt*