

2.7.101 LETTER I101

Letter I101

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 9:22 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Julia Croteau
Email Address (Optional)	julia@juliacroteauphotography.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls trail expansion
I101-1 Comments	I'm an ultra runner and having these trails to run on would be such a big plus for the running community. I support this
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I101: JULIA CROTEAU

Response to Comment I101-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.102 LETTER I102

Letter I102

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 10:39 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	James D Curry
Email Address (Optional)	jcurry76@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls trail expansion
I102-1 Comments	It would be wonderful to expand the trails in Hidden Falls. Such a beautiful place should be opened up for all to see.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I102: JAMES D. CURRY

Response to Comment I102-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.103 LETTER I103

Letter I103

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Dear Planning Commission Members:

I103-1

Thank you for taking time to read letters and emails from those of us who are concerned about the Hidden Falls Expansion.

My name is Marvin Curry and I live at 4855 Bell. I am a retired Battalion Chief with the Forest Service, and wrote prescribed fire burning prescriptions for NEPA as one of my duties. I read the SEIR with the idea of commenting on Chapter 16, but after reading the document, I decided to include comments on Chapter 13.

Again, thank you for reading my input.

Marvin Curry
4855 Bell Road
530 308-3359

Notes From Chapter 13

I103-2

Items identified in the SEIR as "less than significant" but are significant:
Use of HFRP would increase demand for police services in the project area. 13.1.1
Construction and use of the HFRP facilities may increase the risk of wildfires in the project area, which would increase the demand for fire services. 13.1.1
The proposed HFRP may cause an increase in demand for emergency services. 13.1.1
Construction and use of trails expansion facilities will likely increase calls to provide emergency medical response and may increase the need for fire services at the proposed trail expansion areas because more people would be allowed into areas, that are not currently open to the public. 13.3
It was determined that although the project could increase the potential risk of wildfires in the HFRP area...the project was not expected to cause a significant increase in the demand for fire services. 13.3
Although the trail expansion project may result in an increased demand on emergency services, with the inclusion of the additional landing zones, water tanks, and emergency access roads and bridges, as well as a proportional increase in ranger staff... and a new LRV. 13.3.
Relocation of utility poles could cause temporary disruptions in service. 13-5

What are the staffing levels proposed in 13.2.5?
Suppression ability does not correlate to ignition probability.
Allowing campfires at the base of a hill is topographically unwise. (Spears Ranch)
Mitigation of fire danger does not reduce ignition probability
How can the the construction of multiple roads, bridges, 40 acre parking lots, helipads and other construction on range land be considered "less than significant".
Fuel breaks must be managed year after year. Currently the Robie Point fuel break is about 2 million/year.

Notes From Chapter 16

I103-3

Due to potable water issues, Washington Ridge may only have 4 crews during drought. 16.2.1.
The NYP Unit Strategic Fire Plan priorities: Reduce the risks to citizens and emergency responders from wild land fire; and develop a land stewardship ethic with the residents of the unit. A goal is to create local and landscape level projects and programs that decrease the fire risk and increase the potential for success on initial attack.
The Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) states values at risk include people, property, ecological elements, and other human and intrinsic values within the project area. They are identified by inhabitants as important to the way of life in the study area, and are particularly susceptible to damage from wildfire.
The SFP and CWPP both highlight input from the area inhabitants; who stand against this project.
While both the Placer County General Plan (8.C) and the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan highlight fuel reduction plans, neither suggest increasing the public access to remote areas.
According to Appendix G of the State CEQA guidelines and the County's Initial Study Checklist, the project would have a significant wildfire impact if it would be in or near State Responsibility Areas... and would:
A. Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan
B. Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and therefore expose project occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire.

I103-3
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C. Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure that may exacerbate fire risk or may result in temporary or ongoing impacts on the environment

D. Expose people or structures to significant risks...

The answer to A-D is Yes.

In the Maidu area of Auburn, there are residents who have had insurance canceled above the highly used China Bar area. There is a fuel break in place that uses goats for maintenance. Increased fire risk may impact insurance availability.

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I103: MARVIN CURRY

Response to Comment I103-1

The commenter introduces himself and is a retired Battalion Chief with the Forest Service and wrote prescribed fire burning prescriptions for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). He has comments on the Draft SEIR Chapter 13 and Chapter 16.

The comment is noted. No further response is necessary.

Response to Comment I103-2

The commenter believes that some impact areas identified in the Draft SEIR as “less than significant” are significant, including increased demand for police and emergency services, increased wildfire risk, temporary disruptions in utility service, construction of roads and infrastructure on range land.

Please see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response; Master Response 4 – Land Use Compatibility; and Master Response 5 – Agriculture.

The commenter also expresses concerns regarding staffing and funding the proposed project.

The purpose of the Draft SEIR is to identify the significant effects of the proposed project on the physical environment and the Draft SEIR is not intended to address social or economic impacts. This is consistent with CEQA guidelines stating that “An economic or social change by itself shall not be considered a significant effect on the environment” (CEQA Guidelines Sections 15131 and 15382). No further response is required.

Response to Comment I103-3

The commenter’s opinion is that the proposed project would have a significant wildfire impact and expresses concern that increased fire risk may impact insurance availability.

Please see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response, which addresses potential wildfire impacts and insurance availability.

The purpose of the Draft SEIR is to identify the significant effects of the proposed project on the physical environment and the Draft SEIR is not intended to address social or economic impacts. This is consistent with CEQA guidelines stating that “An economic or social change by itself shall not be considered a significant effect on the environment” (CEQA Guidelines Sections 15131 and 15382). No further response is required.

2.7.104 LETTER I104

Letter I104

From: Liz Daffner <lizdaffner@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 2:33 PM
To: Placer County Board of Supervisors <BOS@placer.ca.gov>
Subject: Re: Hidden Falls Expansion -Letter attached

Chairman and Fellow Board Members of Placer County,

Please see the attached letter in support of the Hidden Falls expansion.

Thank you,

Liz Daffner

April 16, 2020

Placer County Board of Supervisors
175 Fulweiler Ave.
Auburn, CA 95603
bos@placer.ca.gov

Re: Hidden Falls Expansion – Comments on DSEIR

Chairman and Fellow Board Members of Placer County:

As a resident of Placer County and an equestrian, I am writing to express my full support for the Hidden Falls Expansion including three additional parking areas as pointed out in the DSEIR, with an additional 30 miles of trails on Placer Land Trust property.

I104-1 I am a frequent user of the current trails and see the ever-increasing activity and the smiling faces of families and children enjoying the open space and outdoors. Adding parking, and increasing the miles of trails, will help to lessen the impacts on Mears Place and the current trail system. Expanding the trail system to 400,000+ residents of Placer County will increase outdoor recreational opportunities and at the same time increase the health of Placer County citizens.

I encourage the Board of Supervisors to approve the DSEIR for Hidden Falls Expansion with the full buildout option, no alternatives. Too much time, money and effort has been put into Hidden Falls thus far not to complete the full project. Looking forward to additional parking and expanded miles of trails.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Daffner
LBHA President

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I04: LIZ DAFFNER

Response to Comment I04-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

Shirlee Herrington

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Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 1:49 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	CARYL DALY
Email Address (Optional)	CDALY3845@GMAIL.COM
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
Comments	I support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project. I hike at Hidden Falls every week and see many people out on the trails, walking, biking and horse-riding. Clearly we need more amenities such as this in Placer County. More parking will improve accessibility. In these difficult times, and in the future, more space to spread out while exercising will become more important than ever. Caryl Daly Auburn CA
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I05: CARYL DALY

Response to Comment I105-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.106 LETTER I106

Letter I106

Date: May 20, 2020

To: Community Development Resource Agency, Placer County Board of Supervisors,
Planning Commission, and Parks Division

From: Diana and Bob Darcy, 6195 Viewridge Drive, Auburn, CA

Regarding: Hidden Falls Regional Park Trails Expansion DSEIR

I106-1 [As a longtime resident of North Auburn/Lincoln and member of *Protect Rural Placer*, I am writing to you today to refute the above referenced document. This DSEIR, as with the previous HFRP EIR, makes weak assumptions and does not take into consideration the full impact that this project will have upon the residents, roads, environment, habitat, agriculture, and fire danger of the nearby community. Specific issues raised are:

I106-2 [Wildfire:

- More people will be using barbeques and fire pits and therefore increasing the possibility of more forest fires.
- Additional people will be smoking cigarettes and marijuana which would lead to an increase of forest fires.

I106-3 [Transportation and Circulation:

- Traffic will definitely increase causing traffic jams and accidents on 2 lane narrow country roads.
- Increase in traffic will result in more air pollution.

I106-4 [Crime

- Due to the expansion of this park crime will increase and spread to neighboring communities.
- These crimes will require more police and firemen.

I106-5 [Based upon the information in the DSEIR, the assumptions it has made, and the negative impacts to the very communities who were not included in any of the 15-year planning, I request that you reject this project.

Please include my letter as part of the public comment permanent record.

Thank you,

Diana and Bob Darcy
Protect Rural Placer

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I106: DIANA AND BOB DARCY

Response to Comment I106-1

The commenter expresses opposition to the project and states her belief that the Draft SEIR does not address all impact topics adequately.

The opposition is noted. The Draft SEIR has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, the potential impacts have been thoroughly analyzed, and appropriate mitigation measures have been proposed.

Response to Comment I106-2

The commenter expresses concerns regarding wildfire, and states that more people will be using barbeques and fire pits.

Smoking of any kind, barbeques and fire pits would be prohibited within the Trails Expansion area.

Please also see Draft SEIR Section 16.4 “Impacts” in Chapter 16.0 “Wildfire” for an analysis of wildfire impacts. Please also see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response.

Response to Comment I106-3

The commenter expresses concern regarding transportation and circulation, and associated air pollution as a result of the increase in traffic.

Please see the Draft SEIR Section 8.4 “Impacts” in Chapter 8.0 “Transportation and Circulation” for an analysis of impacts on transportation and circulation. Please also see Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking. Please also see the analysis in Chapter 9.0 “Air Quality”, and specifically Impact 9-2, which discusses air quality impacts as a result of operation of the proposed project. Based on the modeling conducted, emissions would be less than the Placer County Air Pollution Control District’s applicable thresholds. The impact on air quality was therefore determined to be less-than-significant.

Response to Comment I106-4

The commenter expresses concern about crime.

Please see Impact 13-2, (Public Services and Utilities—Increase in Demand for Police Services) in Chapter 13.0 of the Draft SEIR. As discussed in Impact 13-2, any potential increase in crime would be addressed through management strategies, including, but not limited to, limiting operating hours to daylight hours only, controlling the number of visitors to the expansion areas on high volume days through the use of parking reservations, and proportionately increasing the number of ranger staff and County Parks maintenance staff on site to match the increase in trail acreage.

Please also see Master Response 4 – Land Use Compatibility.

Response to Comment I106-5

The commenter claims that the local communities have not been included in the planning process for the purchase of the Trails Expansion properties or the current Project.

In 2000, the voters of Placer County were presented with a ballot measure to express their desire for the Placer Legacy Open Space and Agricultural Conservation Program (Placer Legacy) and responded in the affirmative. Placer Legacy established the framework and funding mechanisms for the open space acquisition and outdoor recreational amenities that were brought to fruition through the HFRP and Trails Expansion Project properties. For each of the 11 property acquisitions that make up HFRP and the Trails Expansion Project properties to which the County was a party, beginning in 2003 the actions by the Board of Supervisors were noticed and discussed in public meetings, and the recreational components of each purchase and sale agreement were disclosed (See Appendix B of the Draft SEIR for the public trail descriptions associated with each property). As a development plan proceeded for each property, the County met or exceeded the public outreach guidelines for environmental review for each project including a previous Mitigated Negative Declaration and EIR. In the case of the current Project, the County provided multiple mailed notices to over 6,000 property owners in the vicinity of the Project in 2017 and 2018. There were two scoping meetings (in 2017 and 2018) which were both heavily attended by local residents, as evidenced by the scoping meeting attendance sheets and speaker sheets. The Project has been discussed in over 40 public meetings since late 2016 (including scoping meetings, Municipal Advisory Council meetings throughout western Placer County, Parks Commission, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, and other community groups upon request such as the Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council). Notices have been posted on the County web site, and multiple press releases and stories by local media outlets have been broadcast about the Project.

Additionally, the County Parks Division offered to meet with any local residents who wished to discuss the proposed project. Parks staff met on three separate occasions with local residents who were interested in meeting with staff from the Parks Division. In February of 2019, the County invited members of the Protect Rural Placer group to participate in a site visit to the Santa Clara Open Space Authority's Sierra Vista Open Space Preserve to learn how the East Bay area has successfully integrated public use of trails with on-going cattle operations. Additionally, the County met specifically with the Protect Rural Placer group and Supervisor Gore on May 28, 2019 to address the groups' questions and concerns. Lastly, the Notice of Availability for the Draft SEIR was again sent out to over 6,000 homeowners. Over 500 comments were received during the public comment period which included numerous comments from local residents and members of the Protect Rural Placer group.

The commenter requests the project be rejected.

The comment is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.107 LETTER I107

Letter I-107

Shirlee Herrington

From: Chuck-Muriel Davis <chamdavis@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 9:02 AM
To: Jim Holmes; Beverly Roberts; Placer County Environmental Coordination Services
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hidden Falls Reg Park expansion project - concern 5/12/20

RE: Hidden Falls Regional Park expansion - 5/14/20 PC hearing.

To: BOS

Placer county should not be using impervious surfaces for the parking areas in the park. It is well known that it is best to use porous surfaces....especially in the park areas like Hidden Falls. Gravel is now recommended in areas along road sides and center islands in urban areas.

I107-1

A gravel parking area would be ideal; however, maintenance may be in issue. A permeable material, such as porous asphalt, is available and would be better for the environment and for the underground water tables and runoff than the use of an impervious material, such as regular asphalt or cement.

Here is an interesting site for the project planners to consider reviewing:
<http://www.dauphined.org/swm/BMPfactsheets/Porous%20Asphalt%20fact%20sheet.pdf>

Since Placer county favors being an environmentally friendly county, please use a permeable pavement for the Hidden Falls parking areas and protect our environment!

Sincerely,
Muriel Davis
5/12/2020
Penryn

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I107: MURIEL DAVIS

Response to Comment I107-1

The commenter suggests using a permeable surface or gravel for the parking lots.

The SEIR evaluated the construction of a paved parking lot with impermeable surfaces. However, the County is reviewing the utilization of permeable pavement in a portion of the parking areas and would utilize gravel or other impermeable surface for the equestrian parking areas. No further response is required.

2.7.108 LETTER I108

Letter I108

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:43 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Steve Davis
Email Address (Optional)	sama72@att.net
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion
Comments	In the "new normal", regional outdoor recreation, not involving long distances of driving or flying, will be critical to the health of communities. For this reason, expansion of Hidden Falls to provide greater access to greater numbers of citizens will be critical.
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I108-1

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I108: STEVE DAVIS

Response to Comment I108-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.109 LETTER I109

Letter 109

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 9:04 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Ken Dawson
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden falls trail expansion project
Comments	I fully support the hidden Falls Trail expansion project, this will be a useful endeavor especially with the increased usage of trails in the area and they need to spread people out. More parking will be a great help, and in general healthy people and healthy lifestyles will benefit the community. Thank you for your consideration.
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I109-1

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I109: KEN DAWSON

Response to Comment I109-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.110 LETTER I110

Letter I110

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 6:09 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Raul g de Anda
Email Address (Optional)	Rgdeanda@yahoo.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden falls expansion project
I110-1 Comments	Love to see more trails, access and parking
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I110: RAUL DE ANDA

Response to Comment I110-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.111 LETTER I111

Letter I111

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 8:00 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name Suzanne DeBono

Email Address (Optional) Suzdebono@gmail.com

Agenda Item (Optional) Hidden Falls Trails

I111-1

Comments I fully support adding additional trails, trailheads and parking to the Hidden Falls Regional Park as an important way to increase access and decrease congestion on the existing access point. It's an amazing resource to our community that allows residents to get out and recreate in a beautiful setting! However as it currently stands the demand far exceeds capacity adversely affecting the neighboring property owners and leading to overcrowded conditions. As an avid mountain biker I utilize the trails frequently myself but am often challenged by the sheer concentration of other outdoors sports enthusiasts desiring to enjoy this awesome place! So yes to more access and trails!

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I111: SUZANNE DEBONO

Response to Comment I111-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.112 LETTER I112

Letter I112

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 8:27 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Tricia DeJersey
Email Address (Optional)	triciadejersey@yahoo.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion
Comments	Trail expansion is important to me and my family because we are avid mountain bikers who seek local trails to enjoy time together and the outdoors. Having more trails allows more people to use the trails in all capacities without being on top of each other. We live in a growing area and thst increases trail usage and in order for all trail users to enjoy the outdoors without crowds we should increase the amount of trails that can be accessed. Please add more trails. . more trails equals more fun for more people and encourages our community to live a healthier life style while enjoying the natural beauty we are so privileged to live amongst. Thank you so much for your consideration! Tricia DeJersey
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I112-1

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I112: TRICIA DEJERSY

Response to Comment I112-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.113 LETTER I113

Letter I113

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 4:22 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz
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First and Last Name Steve Dennison

Email Address (Optional) Stevemdenison@yahoo.com

Agenda Item (Optional) Hidden Falls Trail Expansion

I113-1

Comments Placer County,
I support the proposed trail expansion at Hidden Falls Regional Park. I have hiked and mountain biked at the park with friends and family several times and everyone has always enjoyed the park. Adding more trails will only add to this enjoyment. And adding additional parking will help spread people out throughout the park.
It is a beautiful area. And access to areas such as this are good for our health and that of our children.
I believe expanding the park will also benefit the local economy as well. Coming from Sacramento, we always include a lunch stop after our day at the park. Whether it's a quick stop at In n Out or Chipotle or at one of the many local restaurants or brew houses throughout Auburn, we usually have a good size group that is ready to eat. Often times, when we have taken new people to the park, we introduce them to Old Town Auburn, which everyone loves, and they return again on later trips.
In closing, I believe adding additional trails to Hidden Falls would be beneficial to both the park users and the surrounding community. I hope that you vote to support the trail expansion.

Respectfully,

Steve Dennison
Sacramento

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I113: STEVE DENNISON

Response to Comment I113-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 10:55 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	David Denysenko
Email Address (Optional)	Ddenysenko@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion.
I114-1	Comments
	Yes please!!! Hidden falls has always been beautiful & somewhat difficult due to the traffic in the neighborhood. More trails and addition parking in other locations is a no brainer. Now, more than ever we need good ways to be outside and healthy.
	I fully support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
	David Denysenko Loomis, Ca
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I114: DAVID DENYSENKO

Response to Comment I114-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.115 LETTER I115

Letter I115

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:25 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name Cassandra DePizzol

Email Address (Optional) cassandra.depizzol@gmail.com

Agenda Item (Optional) Hidden Falls Expansion

I115-1

Comments Hi! I'd love to support the expansion of the hidden Falls trail system. I am an auburn resident and local mountain biker. This expansion would give us more opportunity to enjoy nature and also encourage more people to be outdoors with additional trails. Thank you!

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I115: CASSANDRA DEPIZZOL

Response to Comment I115-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.116 LETTER I116

Letter I116

Shirlee Herrington

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

From: noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>

Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 2:11 PM

To: Andrea Dashiell <ADashiell@placer.ca.gov>; Kara Conklin <KConklin@placer.ca.gov>; George Rosasco <GRosasco@placer.ca.gov>

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First and Last Name	Delaya Diana
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Email Address (Optional)	delavadiana@hotmail.com
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Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls
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I116-1

Comments	Please note that I am in support of the Hidden Falls expansion. Hidden Falls is a fabulous asset to Placer county supporting a variety of outdoor enthusiast.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I116: DELAYA DIANA

Response to Comment I116-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.117 LETTER I117

Letter I117

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 7:55 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Paul Dickson
Email Address (Optional)	dpaulyd@yahoo.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Comments	I'm all for Hidden Falls expansion. I believe it is a well thought out project. I would like to volunteer sometime when safe to do so. Thank you for your consideration
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I117: PAUL DICKSON

Response to Comment I117-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.118 LETTER I118

Letter I118

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 9:43 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Alex Didier
Email Address (Optional)	alex.didier07@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
Comments	I think this expansion could really benefit the community and all trail users because it gives more space for us to spread out and explore. I love our area and I think coming out of COVID-19, people are being reminded of how much fun it is to spend time outside. Hidden Falls is already super impacted and this give opportunities for more people to get outside and enjoy what wonderful land we have right in our backyard.
Attach a document	<i>Field not completed.</i>

I118-1

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I118: ALEX DIDIER

Response to Comment I118-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.119 LETTER I119

Letter I119

From: Dolley24@earthlink.net <Dolley24@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 2:35 PM
To: Placer County Board of Supervisors <BOS@placer.ca.gov>
Subject: Public Meeting May 14th for comments on DSEIR - Hidden Falls Expansion

The public meeting to receive comments on the Draft SEIR has been set for May 14, 2020 at 5 PM.

I119-1

It has been said that there is a plan to have a Remote Access meeting at this time instead of a public meeting due to the corona virus. Since many of the public have not had an opportunity to review the DSEIR because they can't get to the libraries or county locations where the DSEIR is located. This meeting should be postponed. Additionally, a remote access meeting is a bad idea. There are many people who are not familiar with doing a remote access meeting, have limited ability for service or no service for internet due to their location. It would be wrong to limit people's opportunity to participate in a public meeting in this manner.

This public meeting is not essential business for the county. It should be postponed until such time as a public meeting is appropriate in the future as well as extending the time of review to make up for the time lost during this pandemic.

Also, the notice of meeting stated that no further notices will be sent by mail only email and updated on the website. That is also wrong for the fact that there are some who do not have or can't get internet service. Regular mail should be done as in the past.

Please postpone the meeting until the future when all are able to participate in person.

Thank You.
Diane Dolley
9300 Cramer Road
Auburn, CA

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I119: DIANE DOLLEY

Response to Comment I119-1

The commenter states that the May 14, 2020 should be postponed and expressed dissatisfaction about the public comment process.

Please see Master Response 1 – Public Comment Process.

2.7.120 LETTER I120

Letter I120

Comments regarding the Draft SEIR - Hidden Falls Regional Park Expansion

Good Afternoon. My name is Diane Dolley and I live at 9300 Cramer Road just west of Bell Road.

CAL FIRE has stated that a wildland fire can travel anywhere from about 6 to 14 miles per hour. The Draft SEIR for the proposed Hidden Falls Regional Park expansion is insufficient. It fails to address the issue of an increased risk for uncontrolled wildland fires as it relates to the 6,000 or more residents living near this proposed expansion & the services close by in North Auburn.

The draft SEIR has failed to address evacuation in the event of a fire. Plans for the residents, community services, and businesses of North Auburn should have been included. The report needs to take into consideration the condition of the narrow winding roads and what effect that will have on evacuating people as well as fire equipment trying to access the area.

I120-1

The report stated that, and I quote," Cal Fire states, evacuation plans are incident-specific, so evacuation routes are determined based on the nature of a particular incident (ignition site, prevailing winds, fire movement) and are not predetermined routes. The site will provide a mapped system of emergency access routes through the HFRP expansion".

What will happen to thousands of people living, and working in North Auburn, and park visitors all trying to evacuate at the same time? Particularly on these narrow, winding country roads. We witnessed what happens - think PARADISE FIRE. WILDLAND FIRES KNOW NO BOUNDARIES.

The report acknowledges in Sec.16.4.3 " potential increased risk to human health through exposure to uncontrolled wildfire. " CAL FIRE has stated that 95% of fires are human caused. The Draft SEIR has down played allowing the unsupervised public access to this wildland area and the high potential danger of a fire escaping the confines of the park expansion. The mitigation plans suggested in Sec. 16.4.3 do not provide sufficient prevention measures, but rather focus on plans if a fire

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↑ starts. The report should consider measures to lower the risk of fire such as no unsupervised public access which has proven effective to date. Past history has clearly shown this with no public access to the Big Hill area, and no major fires in over 55 years.

The report repeatedly states that their suggested mitigation plans make high fire danger concerns and narrow winding roads, I quote "insignificant" or "unavoidable", as to suggest, the people, businesses, and community services don't matter.

I120-2] This draft SEIR should be rejected as insufficient and unacceptable.

Thank you.

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I120: DIANE DOLLEY

Response to Comment I120-1

The commenter expresses concerns about wildfire, evacuation and road safety issues.

Please see the Draft SEIR Section 16.4 “Impacts” in Chapter 16.0 “Wildfire” for a discussion of wildfire impacts analysis and SEIR Section 8.4 “Impacts” in Chapter 8.0 “Transportation and Circulation” for a discussion of transportation and circulation impacts analysis.

Please also see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response; and Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking.

The commenter states the Draft SEIR should consider no unsupervised access (i.e. only docent-led tours).

Please see Alternative 1 (No Project Alternative) in Section 17.4 of the Draft SEIR.

Response to Comment I120-2

The commenter believes the Draft SEIR is inadequate and the project should be rejected.

That the Draft SEIR has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, the potential impacts have been thoroughly analyzed, and appropriate mitigation measures have been proposed. No further response is required.

2.7.121 LETTER I121

Letter I121

May 12, 2020

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TO: Placer County Resource Development Agency,
Environmental Coordination Services
3091 County Center Drive, Suite 190
Auburn, CA 95603

FROM: Diane Dolley
9300 Cramer Road
Auburn, CA 95602

SUBJECT: Draft SEIR for Hidden Falls Regional Park Expansion

To Whom it May Concern:

In response to the DRAFT SEIR for the above mentioned HFRP Expansion plan, I would like to comment on critical information not included which is necessary to make an informed decision in this matter.

Transportation and Circulation

1. The access roads for the proposed parking lots Twilight Ride and Harvego, are Lone Star, Cramer, and Bell Roads. These roads are narrow and winding with many blind curves, undulating hills, and limited visibility. There is no discussion as to the physical condition of the roads in the DSEIR.
2. The DSEIR has failed to provide any solution to the fact that the roads are inadequate and less than county requirements for roads in relationship to the amount of increased traffic they have predicted. The DSEIR final comment "unavoidable". Does this mean that nothing will be done for the safety and well being of the community surrounding the proposed expansion?
3. There is already high volume traffic on Lone Star, Cramer, & Bell Roads due to Auburn Valley Country Club, local wineries and other residential developments.

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↑ The DSEIR must address how the current high volume relates to the potential increased traffic due to the proposed parking lots and solutions to the problem other than road signs. The DSEIR must address the fact that for the safety of residents and visitors to the area, a left hand lane into Twilight Ride entrance is absolutely essential with Phase 1 of the parking lot.

As a 45 year resident living on Cramer Road, I have local personal knowledge of the traffic conditions and the effect of introducing hundreds more cars to the area. It is common knowledge that traffic does not come close to adhering to the speed limits posted on these roads. For example: Due to the length of my truck and 2 horse trailer, it is necessary for me to cross over into the oncoming lane on Bell Road to complete my turn from Cramer Road. This is dangerous due to the speed of traffic on Bell Road. It is a common occurrence that I have witnessed when I'm towing my horse trailer that a car will pass in an unsafe location, crossing the double yellow line (which is illegal) into the opposite lane with a car coming from the other direction. It happens more frequently than not.

I121-2

Public Services and Utilities

1. Section 13.2.4 Emergency Response- The DSEIR states the county "encourages the local fire protection agencies in the County to maintain an emergency response time of 10 minutes in rural areas of the county".

I have local personal knowledge and have witnessed that it takes 10 minutes from the corner of Joerger Road and Bell Road to Cramer Road (approximate location of the Twilight Ride property). This is about half the distance from the Atwood Fire Station #180. Total distance is approximately 5 miles which would indicate a time to respond to at least 15 plus minutes.

2. The DSEIR has failed to address the physical limitations of the fire department to meet the response times encouraged by the County due to the narrow and winding roads that limit timely response to the Twilight Ride Property.

3. CAL FIRE has stated a wildland fire can travel from 6 - 14 mph. which clearly is a concern with response time. The DSEIR has failed to address the rate of spread as is influenced by weather, fuels, and topography as it relates to response times.

---The Atwood Fire Station #180 is the busiest in the county. Between July 2018 and July 2019 the station averaged 14 calls a day according to the DSEIR. ---

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4. The DSEIR failed to address the potential impact of responding to the park expansion as it relates to impacting current volume of calls.
5. The DSEIR failed to prove how one proposed fire truck for the county will offset or provide any benefit or reduce the fire risk to "less than significant", particularly since the truck will not be exclusive for the park expansion or housed there.
6. The DSEIR appears to assume the county would support financially for staffing or maintaining an additional fire truck. The DSEIR needs to support that statement with facts that shows the county will in fact provide funding as stated.
- I121-3
7. The DSEIR proposal of opening the Lone Star Station on Hwy 49 fails to address the cost of opening up the station, bring up to current standards, provide for staffing and long term expenses associated with maintaining the station. No discussion was provided as to whether the county will support this plan. A budget proposal should have been included in the DSEIR. Therefore it should not be considered a mitigation for response time.

- Wildfire
- Section 16.4.3 states, " potential increased risk to human health through exposure to uncontrolled wildfire."**
- I121-4
1. The DSEIR has failed to assess public and private resources that could be damaged by wildfires as it relates to allowing the unsupervised public to this area. This includes schools, hospital, care facilities, county facilities, & businesses in North Auburn.
2. The DSEIR fails to discuss the fact that according to CAL FIRE 95% of fires are human caused. It fails to provide correlation between the number of visitors and the potential for a fire caused by humans. CAL FIRE/Placer County Fire Division Chief Hudson, at a North Auburn/Ophir Fire Safe Council meeting has verbally stated, "The human element can't be assessed in determination of potential fire starts." It would appear that the DSEIR is ignoring this as it relates to the proposed expansion.
3. The DSEIR fails to discuss what constitutes red flag conditions.

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4. There is no discussion as to Park administrative action such as closing the park to visitors during Red Flag conditions.
5. The DSEIR has failed to address evacuation in the event of a fire as it relates to the roads and evacuation notification. Evacuation plans for the residents, community services and businesses in North Auburn must be included in the DSEIR.
6. The DSEIR has failed to address how visitors will be effectively policed for illegal camping, campfires, smoking and any number of other issues over 2700 acres on a daily basis. Are park rangers to be relied upon as enforcement? Will the county sheriff need to be included for enforcement and protection of the neighboring areas?

I121-5

Due to substantial missing critical information and the negative impact on the North Auburn community who were excluded from the 15 years of planning, I am requesting that you reject this project.

I121-6

Please include my letter as part of the public comment permanent record.

Thank You.

Diane Dolley
Protect Rural Placer

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I121: DIANE DOLLEY

Response to Comment I121-1

The commenter expresses concern about road safety, traffic and circulation, as well as existing problems with people speeding and passing on the double yellow lines. Please see Draft SEIR Section 8.4 “Impacts” in Chapter 8.0 “Transportation and Circulation” for an analysis of impacts on transportation and circulation and Master Response 4 – Land Use Compatibility.

The Draft SEIR evaluated identified HFRP Trails Expansion Project impacts based on roadway safety and identified impacts to Cramer Road and prescribed mitigation. Refer to Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking for additional information. The Draft SEIR addressed the capacity and operation of study area roads and identified cumulative impacts under County guidelines to SR 49 / Cramer Road and SR 49 / Lone Star Road. While those impacts were judged to be unavoidable, LOS is no longer an evaluation criteria under CEQA.

The Draft SEIR identified the potential traffic volume increases on study area roads associated with HRFP in Table 8-14. No impacts relating to roadway capacity were identified.

The Draft SEIR identified the need for a left turn lane at the Twilight Ride access, and this issue is addressed by Mitigations S8-4 and S8-5.

Please also see Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking and Master Response 4 – Land Use Compatibility.

Response to Comment I121-2

The commenter expresses concerns regarding emergency response times for responding to fires.

Please see Draft SEIR Section 16.4 “Impacts” in Chapter 16.0 “Wildfire” for an analysis of wildfire impacts. Please also see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response.

The commenter states that the Draft SEIR appears to assume that the County would pay for additional fire staffing and for the maintenance of the Light Rescue Vehicle.

The proposed project does not include the addition of fire personnel, nor does it include the ongoing maintenance of the Light Rescue Vehicle (LRV). Mitigation Measure S13-1 states that the County will purchase the LRV for use by the Placer County Fire Department/CAL FIRE. The vehicle will be utilized for a variety of emergency response calls within the greater North Auburn/Ophir area served by the Placer County Fire Department/CAL FIRE.

Response to Comment I121-3

The commenter expresses an opinion regarding a budget proposal for opening the Lone Star Fire Station.

The purpose of the Draft SEIR is to identify the significant effects of the proposed project on the physical environment and the Draft SEIR is not intended to address social or economic impacts. This is consistent with CEQA guidelines stating that “An economic or social change by itself shall not be considered a significant effect on the environment” (CEQA Guidelines Sections 15131 and 15382).

There are no plans with the proposed project to reopen the Lone Star Fire Station #184. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I121-4

The commenter expresses additional concerns regarding wildfire.

Please see Response to Comment I121-2 above.

The commenter expresses concerns with how visitors will be policed for illegal camping, campfires, smoking and other issues.

Please see Master Response 4 – Land Use Compatibility, as well as the discussion included in Impact 13-2 of the Draft SEIR, which addresses the potential demand for increased police services.

Response to Comment I121-5

The commenter claims that the local communities have not been included in the planning process for the purchase of the Trails Expansion properties or the current Project.

In 2000, the voters of Placer County were presented with a ballot measure to express their desire for the Placer Legacy Open Space and Agricultural Conservation Program (Placer Legacy) and responded in the affirmative. Placer Legacy established the framework and funding mechanisms for the open space acquisition and outdoor recreational amenities that were brought to fruition through the HFRP and Trails Expansion Project properties. For each of the 11 property acquisitions that make up HFRP and the Trails Expansion Project properties to which the County was a party, beginning in 2003 the actions by the Board of Supervisors were noticed and discussed in public meetings, and the recreational components of each purchase and sale agreement were disclosed (See Appendix B of the Draft SEIR for the public trail descriptions associated with each property). As a development plan proceeded for each property, the County met or exceeded the public outreach guidelines for environmental review for each project including a previous Mitigated Negative Declaration and EIR. In the case of the current Project, the County provided multiple mailed notices to over 6,000 property owners in the vicinity of the Project 7 in 2017 and 2018. There were two scoping meetings (in 2017 and 2018) which were both heavily attended by local residents, as evidenced by the scoping meeting attendance sheets and speaker sheets. The Project has been discussed in over 40 public meetings since late 2016 (including scoping meetings, Municipal Advisory Council meetings throughout western Placer County, Parks Commission, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, and other community groups upon request such as the Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council). Notices have been posted on the County web site, and multiple press releases and stories by local media outlets have been broadcast about the Project.

Additionally, the County Parks Division offered to meet with any local residents who wished to discuss the proposed project. Parks staff met on 3 separate occasions with local residents who were interested in meeting with Parks Division staff. In February of 2019, the County invited members of the Protect Rural Placer group to participate in a site visit to the Santa Clara Open Space Authority's Sierra Vista Open Space Preserve to learn how the East Bay area has successfully integrated public use of trails with on-going cattle operations.

Additionally, the County met specifically with the Protect Rural Placer group and Supervisor Gore on May 28, 2019 to address the groups' questions and concerns. Lastly, the Notice of Availability for the Draft SEIR was

again sent out to over 6,000 homeowners. Over 500 comments were received during the public comment period which included numerous comments from local residents and members of the Protect Rural Placer group.

The commenter requests that the County reject the project.

The comment is noted. No further response required.

Response to Comment I121-6

The commenter request that her comments be included in the record.

The comments are included. No further response is necessary.

2.7.122 LETTER I122

Letter I122

Shirlee Herrington

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

From: noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>

Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 3:25 PM

To: Andrea Dashiell <ADashiell@placer.ca.gov>; Kara Conklin <KConklin@placer.ca.gov>; George Rosasco <GRosasco@placer.ca.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Tricia Dovenberg
Email Address (Optional)	tricialuu@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	"Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project"
Comments	I support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project. We need more parking, more trailheads, this would spread out the crowds, especially during these times, we need access to healthy outdoor activities. I live in Granite Bay. I use Hidden Falls, right now, about 4 times a year. Thank you for your consideration. Tricia Dovenberg
Attach a document	<i>Field not completed.</i>

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I122: TRICIA DOVENBERG

Response to Comment I122-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.123 LETTER I123

Letter I123

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 10:52 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Justin Drake
Email Address (Optional)	Justin.s.drake@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden falls trail expansion
I123-1 Comments	Please expand mountain bike trails in hidden falls. They will get used and be a valuable resource to placer county.
Attach a document	<i>Field not completed.</i>

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I123: JUSTIN DRAKE

Response to Comment I123-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.124 LETTER I124

Letter I124

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 6:04 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Erik Dubey
Email Address (Optional)	egggit@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden falls expansion project
Comments	The hidden falls trail system is already an amazing area with beautiful sights that are easy to access. Opening up more would just allow us all even more space to enjoy nature in these stressful times.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I124: ERIK DUBEY

Response to Comment I124-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.125 LETTER I125

Letter I125

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 7:21 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Kerrie elias
Email Address (Optional)	Fornow50@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Trails
I125-1 Comments	I believe the trails need work and need to be extended for family's to enjoy
Attach a document	<i>Field not completed.</i>

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I125: KERRIE ELIAS

Response to Comment I125-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

Shirlee Herrington

From: Denise Ennis <deniseennis13@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 12:25 PM
To: Placer County Environmental Coordination Services
Subject: Hidden Falls Regional Park Trails Expansion

I126-1

I am writing to voice my objection to this expansion as proposed. Hidden Falls is a gem that must be preserved at all costs and opening it to more tourists and users will increase the damage we already see inflicted on weekends and during the summer. Garbage, bags of dog poop and way too many people and dogs are ruining the beautiful area. In addition, the impact on neighbors in the proposed expansion areas will be devastating. We who live in the country do so for the peace, solitude and interaction with nature - not to be exposed to massive amounts of traffic, congestion, litter and uncaring tourists eager only to experience hiking in our lovely park with no regard for the people who call this home. We have seen the impact on current neighborhoods at Hidden Falls and it would be a tragedy to inflict the same on more neighborhoods.

Having moved from the Bay Area after seeing what increased parking and access have done to Helen Putnam Park, Taylor Mountain, Mt. Tam, and other area treasures, it is with a sinking feeling that I see the same thing happening to Hidden Falls should this expansion be approved and go through.

Please, for the sake of keeping Auburn true and preserving Hidden Falls, do not approve this expansion project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Denise Ennis
8222 Memory Lane
Auburn, CA 95603

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I126: DENISE ENNIS

Response to Comment I126-1

The commenter expresses opposition to the project.

The opposition is noted. No further response is required.

The commenter expresses concern regarding traffic, congestion and litter.

Please see Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation and Parking, and Master Response 4 – Land Use Compatibility.

The commenter expresses concern about the potential growth of usership at Hidden Falls Regional Park.

This comment is not directed at the adequacy of the Draft SEIR for addressing adverse physical impacts associated with the proposed project, nor does it contain an argument raising significant environmental issues. However, this comment is published in this Response to Comments document for public disclosure and for decision maker consideration. No further response is required.

2.7.127 LETTER I127

Letter I127

Shirlee Herrington

From: Sherrie Erickson <sherrieerickson49@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 8:15 AM
To: Placer County Environmental Coordination Services
Subject: Hidden Falls Regional Park Expansion Project

I127-1] Sounds great to me. It's another way of saving our precious foothills from commercial and residential development. I realize there will be impacts to the people living in that area and hopefully will be kept to a minimum.

Sincerely,
Sherrie Erickson
North Auburn resident for 18 years

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I127: SHERRIE ERICKSON

Response to Comment I127-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 12:58 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Spencer Eusden
Email Address (Optional)	seusden@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
Comments	I support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project because trails are a great community resource and bring in tourism revenue.
Attach a document	<i>Field not completed.</i>

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I128: SPENCER EUSDEN

Response to Comment I128-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 4:30 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Rick Evans
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Expansion
I129-1 Comments	More people, more homes, more shopping centers? Either knock it off or expand the trail opportunities.
Attach a document	<i>Field not completed.</i>

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I129: RICK EVANS

Response to Comment I129-1

The commenter states an opinion.

This comment is not directed at the adequacy of the Draft SEIR for addressing adverse physical impacts associated with the proposed project, nor does it contain an argument raising significant environmental issues. However, this comment is published in this Response to Comments document for public disclosure and for decision maker consideration. No further response is required.

2.7.130 LETTER I130

Letter I130

Shirlee Herrington

From: Mike Ewing <mikethewing@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 3:23 PM
To: Placer County Environmental Coordination Services
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hidden Falls Expansion Project updates

I1301-1 | Hello,
Please add my email regarding updates to the Hidden Falls Expansion project.
mikethewing@msn.com
Thank you,
Mike Ewing

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I130: MIKE EWING

Response to Comment I130-1

The commenter requests to be added to the contact list for the project.

The commenter has been added to the contact list for the project. No further response is required.

2.7.131 LETTER I131

Letter I131

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:07 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Pete Faeth
Email Address (Optional)	pfaeth3@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falld
I131-1 Comments	Please approve the expansion. With this crazy increased usage that is going on, more space will improve the experience for all types of user groups. Thank you from the MTB world.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I131: PETE FAETH

Response to Comment I131-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

Shirlee Herrington

From: Beth Fehr <bobfehr@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 8:56 AM
To: Placer County Environmental Coordination Services
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hidden Falls Expansion

Greetings:

I132-1

As a resident of the Auburn Valley Golf Club community I have been following the Hidden Falls Regional Park (HFRP) expansion plan with a great deal of interest, as has most of my fellow residents. However, unlike a majority of my fellow residents, I support the expansion plan with one large caveat; I strongly oppose Phase 2 of the environmental impact report (EIR) for the Twilight Ride parking lot (see Table 3-4, page 3-41 of the EIR). The number of vehicles permitted under Phase 2 would negatively impact the HFRP in general and the Twilight Ride area particular.

As an avid hiker I use HFRP one to two times a week, weather permitting. I am well aware of the problem of heavy, overly used trails which results in degradation of the park. The Poppy Trail at HFRP is a prime example of that overuse and degradation. The EIR states that the Twilight Ride parking lot will be even larger than the Mears parking lot with parking for 100 autos and 40 horse trailers! I will leave it to others to point out the safety problems with that many automobiles and horse trailers on three narrow feeder roads, but as a hiker and frequent visitor to HFRP I don't look forward to sharing a single track hiking path with that many horses. Additionally, parking for 100 autos would mean literally hundreds hikers and mountain bikers would be using the Twilight Ride entrance per day on a busy weekend. The degradation of the trails in the immediate Twilight Ride parking lot area would be most evident very soon after opening to the public.

Therefore, I strongly oppose the Phase 2 for the Twilight Ride parking plan. I feel that if the Phase 2 parking proposal is implement HFRP will be irreversibly damaged and the park experience will be diminished for all participants.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consideration of my concern.

Bob Fehr
9876 Spyglass circle
Auburn

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I132: BOB FEHR

Response to Comment I132-1

The commenter expresses support for the project, except Phase 2 of the Draft SEIR for the Twilight Ride parking lot, which he strongly opposes.

The support and opposition are noted. No further response is required.

2.7.133 LETTER I133

Letter I133

Shirlee Herrington

From: Beth Fehr <bobfehr@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 10:45 AM
To: Placer County Environmental Coordination Services
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hiddens Falls Expansion

Greetings,

I133-1 On May 6, 2020, I submitted an email to your agency voicing my opinion of the Hidden Falls expansion project. In that email I stated my support for the expansion project with the single objection to the Phase 2 of the Twilight Ride parking plan in the DSEIR.

On May 14 I listened to the pros and cons of the HF expansion project during the Placer County Public Meeting. Many fellow resident expressed reservations with regard to fire and traffic problems that will likely occur that I had not fully appreciated. After hearing the concerns and problems that the DSEIR has not adequately addressed I have decided to withdraw my support of the HF expansion project. Please count me as an opponent to the Hidden Falls expansion as described in the current DSEIR. Again thank for your time and attention in this matter and any consideration of my concerns.

Bob Fehr
9876 Spyglass Circle
Auburn 95602

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I133: BOB FEHR

Response to Comment I133-1

The commenter opposes the proposed Project as described in the Draft SEIR after initially supporting the proposed project. The change of support is based on concerns regarding traffic and wildfire.

The opposition is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.134 LETTER I134

Letter I134

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 12:22 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Larry Feldhaus
Email Address (Optional)	feldhaus1@mindspring.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
Comments	I am an avid mountainbiker that supports the expansion of hidden falls. I live in Sacramento and don't mind driving to hidden falls during the midweek, although I learned the hard way about holiday periods that are during midweek. Additional parking and trail expansion will go a long way towards spreading people out. I don't go there on weekends, but I'm told it's crazy. It's too bad there is so much horse poop, but otherwise it's a great place for kids.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I134: LARRY FELDHAUS

Response to Comment I134-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.135 LETTER I135

Letter I135

May 19, 2020

Placer County Resource Development Agency
Environmental Coordination Services
3091 County Center Drive, Suite 190
Auburn CA 95603
cdraecs@placer.ca.gov

Hi. My name is Jan Ferreira and I am a homeowner at **4605 and 4609 Bell Road**, Auburn.

I135-1 | I am writing to let you know only a few of my concerns regarding the Hidden Falls Regional Park Trails Expansion SDEIR. Let me begin with my concern that NEITHER the MAC's nor the Planning Commission are being allowed to be a part of the decision process. These are the people that really know if something is right for their community and they are not politically influenced by their decisions. The potential severe implications to the community warrant a full vetting process, NO SHORT CUTS.

I135-2 | My continued concern comes from attending several Placer County Parks meetings. It is the common thread of concern at these meetings that they have continued to have new grants and development funds to install new parks, but SEVERELY INSUFFICIENT FUNDS AND STAFF to maintain, repair, and supervise any of these parks. In addition to these community parks, more than 900 miles of trails already exist in Placer County. Funding to maintain these existing trails is in the present, PROBLEMATIC. I firmly believe that the SDEIR should have addressed the financial impacts of this project on other park operations. Given the current crisis and the fiscal fallout from it, is this really a priority for the County to be spending precious tax dollars on?

I135-3 | After 20 years of residency at our current address, I have local personal knowledge of the impact increased traffic will have on Bell Road. The many times my husband and I have come out of our home to the sound of screeching tires and crash sounds, leading us to the hairpin turn at Bell Road and Gambah Drive, leaves many drivers through the fence and into the homeowner's field (if they miss the group mailbox and power pole). Many of these accidents leave damage to personal and public property, the vehicle, and drivers and passengers with personal injury. This does not include the near misses my family and I face on a daily basis with drivers speed, crossing the lines on the turns, and the many blind hills.

↓ This is only one of many traffic location impacts that have been insufficiently addressed in the SDEIR. For the Parks Division to be stating the traffic problems identified in the SDEIR have been mitigated is in the least, a farce. We travel these roads daily, both with and without large trailers, and know first-hand that many of the turns and blind hills

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are not passable without crossing the centerline. Adding more trailers, traffic, and visitors with no knowledge of the roadways will add to the accidents we have already endured. Not to mention the many vehicles that stop alongside roads to wait for their reservation or to try and park to gain access without a reservation, who add to the danger of the roadways. Is this where you plan to add the hideous NO PARKING signs as you did on Mears and Mt Vernon Road? Unfortunately, the people who work for our county who are pushing this project forward, and also many of the people who have spoke in favor of the project, do not live in our community, and will not have to drive home on their rural roads with this traffic and unsightly results, as they live in a different county altogether. Pretty easy to be in favor of something that does not affect your own home and community.

I135-4

I will also address the fire risk. I heard from the County at the Planning Commission meeting on May 14, 2020 that they had not had any reports of fires being started by visitors of the Hidden Falls Park since its opening. The fact that it has not happened YET, is NOT a solution to when it does. This also does NOT address the fire-fear we have daily in the dry season. My family and I live every season with fire-prevention and evacuation planned and ready for our property, pets, livestock, and family. Quite honestly, it doesn't matter whether the fire begins in the Hidden Falls Park or on private property in our area, our roads can BARELY withstand the evacuation traffic of locals, without the added guests of the park who are not familiar with our roadways. Most of the roadways will not be able to bring fire equipment in, with the amount of traffic fleeing. You will sentence us to the fear and death as witnessed in Paradise in 2018.

I135-5

I will finish with a final thought of expense. I DO NOT believe that with the financial distress our County, State, and insurance companies are experiencing after devastating fires (as seen in my cancelled dwelling insurance and increased costs) and now a struggling economy due to COVID-19, that the financial impact of this expansion has been clearly addressed in the SDEIR. I am asking our County Leaders and Advisors to please use a much more cautious approach to the use of our limited tax dollars to improve and repair what we already have before spending on an expansion that will cost too much financially and aesthetically in our community. Our county already has extensive parks and trails that need repairs, maintenance, and continued support to continue their beauty and access, without adding the burden of this expansion. It is time for these same people to be more fiscally responsible with our local tax dollars.

Thank you for your time and I ask you to remember the community you represent before you appease the wants of travelers from outside our area.

Jan M Ferreira
PO Box 7972
Auburn CA 95604

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I135: JAN FERREIRA

Response to Comment I135-1

The commenter expresses dissatisfaction that the MACs and Planning Commission are not being involved in the decision process.

This comment is not directed at the adequacy of the Draft SEIR for addressing adverse physical impacts associated with the proposed project, nor does it contain an argument raising significant environmental issues. However, this comment is published in this Response to Comments document for public disclosure and for decision maker consideration. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I135-2

The commenter expresses concerns about funding for park maintenance.

The purpose of the Draft SEIR is to identify the significant effects of the proposed project on the physical environment and the Draft SEIR is not intended to address social or economic impacts. This is consistent with CEQA guidelines stating that “An economic or social change by itself shall not be considered a significant effect on the environment” (CEQA Guidelines Sections 15131 and 15382). No further response is required.

Response to Comment I135-3

The commenter expresses concern about traffic and vehicular accidents. The comment also notes aesthetic impacts of signage that is placed to indicate no parking areas.

Please see Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking. The method and placement of traffic control signs would be consistent with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD). The MUTCD defines the standards used by road managers nationwide to install and maintain traffic control devices on all public streets, highways, bikeways, and private roads open to public travel. The MUTCD is published by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) under 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 655, Subpart F.

Response to Comment I135-4

The commenter expresses concern about wildfire risk and evacuation.

Please see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response

Response to Comment I135-5

The commenter expresses concerns about expenses and taxes.

Please see Response to Comment I135-2 above.

2.7.136 LETTER I136

Letter I136

May 19, 2020

Placer County Resource Development Agency
Environmental Coordination Services
County Center Drive, Suite 190
Auburn, CA 95603
cdraecs@placer.ca.gov

Re: Hidden Falls Regional Park Trails Expansion DSEIR

I136-1 | As a lifetime resident of North Auburn, I am writing to you today to refute the above referenced document. This DSEIR, as with the previous HFRP EIR, makes weak assumptions and does not take into consideration the full impact that this project will have upon the residents, roads, environment, habitat, agriculture, and fire danger of the nearby community. Specific issues raised are:

- I136-2 |
- The current use of NO PARKING signs on Mt Vernon Road placed randomly for one mile on either side of Mears and on both sides of the road is an eyesore, and in places, laughable. Some are placed where there is no shoulder and steep 1:1 banks or downslopes. There would be no place to park but in the lane. Is this the plan to control parking if future entrances were opened?
 - The portable message board is another unwanted, unsightly, regular appearance for locals to have to put up with. Is this going to be the way you would announce park conditions at proposed future entrances and roadways?
 - With both the message board and NO PARKING signs, guests that arrive prior to their reservation, or with no reservation, continue to abuse the private driveways, and areas just outside of the Mears entrance, blocking roadways, and private access gates. What is the proposed action to prevent this in the future?
 - Appendix A: Talks about permitting private property owners to allow parking and access through private gates. Homeowners don't have policing authority to enforce park hours. How will park users that don't return on time be handled? Is this going to add additional workload on our existing Sheriff's Department?

I136-3 |

- We have been told that horse boarding, and concessions have been removed from the expansion plans. On Page 7 of Appendix A, they seem to still be included. What is the truth?

I136-4 |

- I see no mention of how the possible expansion would affect existing wildlife. No mention of the wild turkeys, coyotes, deer, quail, raptors, or mountain lions. It is a known fact that human presence affects the natural balance of the ecosystem. IF the expansion project is approved, how will these be mitigated.

I136-5 | In closing, I would ask you to consider the devastating effects this park has already had on our rural community and landscape, and ask you to please listen to the people of our community. **Remember, public access does NOT equal conservation.**

Patrick M Ferreira, Homeowner
4605 / 4609 Bell Road
Auburn CA 95602

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I136: PATRICK FERREIRA

Response to Comment I136-1

The commenter refutes the Draft SEIR and believes it makes weak assumptions and does not take into consideration the full impact of the project.

The Draft SEIR has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, the potential impacts have been thoroughly analyzed, and appropriate mitigation measures have been proposed. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I136-2

The commenter expresses concerns about parking and signage and additional workload on the sheriff's department.

Please see Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking; and Master Response 4 – Land Use Compatibility as it pertains to enforcement. Signage issues are addressed in the Response to Comment I135-3.

The commenter asks whether the private parking component of the proposed project has been removed, as it is mentioned in Appendix A.

Appendix A includes the Scoping Report for the Notice of Preparation which was prepared in 2018. This was at a time when the private parking concession component was still included in the project description. As is stated in the Draft SEIR, subsequent to that time, the project description was updated to reflect the elimination of the private parking option.

Response to Comment I136-3

The commenter asks whether horse boarding and concessions have been removed from the expansion plans.

Horse boarding and concession were included in the *Revised* Notice of Preparation (planned at that time), but eliminated during preparation of the Draft SEIR, and are no longer proposed at Twilight Ride or elsewhere.

Response to Comment I136-4

The commenter expresses concern about impacts to wildlife and plants.

Please see Section 12.4 “Impacts” in Draft SEIR Chapter 12.0 “Biological Resources”, for a discussion of impacts to wildlife and habitat. Please also see Section 12.5 “Mitigation Measures” for a discussion of mitigation included to avoid and minimize impacts to wildlife.

Response to Comment I136-5

The commenter asked that negative effect of the project be strongly considered.

This comment is not directed at the adequacy of the Draft SEIR for addressing adverse physical impacts associated with the proposed project, nor does it contain an argument raising significant environmental issues. However, this comment is published in this Response to Comments document for public disclosure and for decision maker consideration. No further response is required.

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 6:46 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name Kent Ferris

Email Address (Optional) kentwferris@mac.com

Agenda Item (Optional) Hidden Falls Regional Park Trail expansion and banning of ebikes

I137-1

Comments I have several concerns about the banning of Ebikes in Placer County parks.
I'm requesting that Placer county allow ebikes in Hidden falls regional park and all other trails where mtn bikes are allowed. I request that you follow California's Ebike law which applies the 3 tier system for the classification of ebikes. Simply put, Placer county should stop classifying ebikes as motorized vehicles.
I'm requesting that you implement an Emtb pilot study to determine the impact of Emtbs on park lands.
People for bikes.org has volunteered to meet with the planning commission to answer any questions about setting up an Emtb Pilot study.
Lastly, I'm concerned that the ban of ebikes is potentially violating the ADA. I ride with people who are disabled and can only access the park with the assistance provided by an Ebike.
Thank you for your time and consideration.

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I137: KENT FERRIS

Response to Comment I137-1

The commenter expresses concerns about the ban of e-bikes in the County.

This comment is not directed at the adequacy of the Draft SEIR for addressing adverse physical impacts associated with the proposed project, nor does it contain an argument raising significant environmental issues. However, this comment is published in this Response to Comments document for public disclosure and for decision maker consideration. No further response is required.

Shirlee Herrington

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

From: noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>

Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 11:54 AM

To: Andrea Dashiell <ADashiel@placer.ca.gov>; Kara Conklin <KConklin@placer.ca.gov>; George Rosasco <GRosasco@placer.ca.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Nathan Fidler
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
Comments	I support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project Because with added trails and parking makes the area a better destination for everyone. More trails allows people to properly distance from each other. I live in antelope area and another spot to explore keeps everyone healthy! Please approve.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I138: NATHAN FIDLER

Response to Comment I138-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.139 LETTER I139

Letter I139

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:28 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Amy Finkle
Email Address (Optional)	amyf1076@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Expansion
I139-1 Comments	I would love to see Hidden Falls be expanded so we can continue to have freedom, peace, and beauty in an uncrowded place of nature. Now more than ever!!
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I139: AMY FINKLE

Response to Comment I139-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.140 LETTER I140

Letter 140

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:50 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	tevis finnegan
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	Expanding the trails of hidden Falls
I140-1 Comments	Please expand the trails, this park is essential for our recreation and overall happiness. It is one of the reasons we moved here. Thank you for considering the community.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I140: TEVIS FINNEGAN

Response to Comment I140-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.141 LETTER I141

Letter I141

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 6:12 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Josh Flood
Email Address (Optional)	josh_flood@hotmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project"
I141-1 Comments	I am a placer county resident who has lost 90 pounds by riding my bicycle. Cycling is very important to me and my family. It is important to our health and our mental health. I support the expansion project at Hidden Falls. Our community would greatly benefit from expanded trail network. It would help bring attention to our beautiful resources as a county, but it is also very important to support the cycling ecosystem that helped turn me from diabetes to a healthy weight. Please consider this for me and community members with health like me who have turned to cycling to lose weight and get fit.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I141: JOSH FLOOD

Response to Comment I141-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.142 LETTER I142

Letter I142

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:39 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Joe Foft
Email Address (Optional)	jfoft@hotmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
Comments	I support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project! It's an amazing place to take the family for some much needed space and R&R. It's also a great place for the mountain biking community. Can't wait to see more trails out there!
	Thanks! Joe Foft Sacramento
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I142: JOE FOFT

Response to Comment I142-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.143 LETTER I143

Letter I143

Environmental Coordination Services
Placer County Community Development Resource Agency
3091 County Center Drive, Suite 190, Auburn, Ca. 95603

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May 6, 2020

Re: Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for Hidden Falls
Regional Park Expansion Project (PLN19-00187)

Subject: Comments to the DSEIR

As a resident of the City of Rocklin and avid outdoor trail enthusiast who rides horses and hikes, I support the full buildout of Hidden Falls trail expansion 30 miles of trails, three trailheads and parking areas including horse parking as outlined in the DSEIR with no alternatives.

Over the last 24 months Placer County has been working on a supplemental environmental impact report for Hidden Falls trail expansion. With final certification looking to be on the horizon. The DSEIR is over 500 pages long and supports for the most part the original EIR completed 10 years ago for Hidden Falls Regional Park. Little has changed since the original EIR was completed with most of the environmental concerns being less than significant both back then as well as for the current DSEIR.

I143-1 Hidden Falls trail expansion has been a dream for more than 15 years. This dream included connecting Hidden Falls Regional Park to the Bear River with three important goals in mind:

1. Preserving rangeland and oak woodlands and stream corridors
2. Building trails so the public can enjoy the natural wonders of the foothill landscape
3. Someday connecting the trails across the Bear River into Nevada County in conjunction with the Bear Yuba Land Trust.

The Placer Land Trust (PLT) has been working with Placer County, the Placer Legacy program, private supporters, willing landowners and public agencies to acquire and protect 2,500 acres of open space and rangeland preserve for future enjoyment by the public. The PLT has been building trails on the preserve with the understanding that the trails, future parking and trailhead development in concert with Placer County will be managed within the established conservation and agricultural objectives of the preserve. The DSEIR for Hidden Falls is compatible with and would support that premise.

▼ The Hidden Falls DSEIR demonstrates through proper management, agency cooperation, sound County policies and construction phasing that the project

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↑ overall can meet environmental impacts of less than significant. With the full buildout of the Hidden Falls trail expansion being feasible with no alternatives. (Section 2.4.1 Alt.1; 2.4.2 Alt2; 2.4.3 Alt3; Executive summary).

The Hidden Falls 2010 HFRP certified EIR shows the traffic in and around Hidden Falls was less than significant with a service level of A or B. The supplemental EIR also indicates traffic is less than significant with a service level of A or B, with peak parking on a weekend reservation system at Mears Place being less than 150 cars, with staggered arrivals and departures. The exceptions are two intersections on Highway 49 controlled by Cal Trans. Irrespective of the expansion of Hidden Falls these two intersections need to be improved. The supplemental EIR also incorporated VMT modeling into the traffic analysis. This modeling was designed by a Sacramento regional government and has no correlation or significance in analyzing a rural project, much less a 2,500 acre open space, trail rangeland project. The VMT model was designed for high density urban development, utilizing alternate modes of transportation, and besides, was not currently a planning requirement until June 2020.

Another area of concerns was the visual impacts on Garden Bar road. Garden Bar 40 was a previously approved parking project under the 2010 HFRP EIR. Phasing the project with road improvements before parking access would help to improve Garden Bar road safety along with possible road realignments. This would help minimize visual impacts and tree removal. With revegetation restoring the area in the long run adds the benefit of road safety.

While wildfire is on everyone's mind, the SEIR concluded that the project would not contribute to a significant cumulative effect. Since 2006 there has never been a visitor caused fire in the HFRP. In fact, with additional eyes on the trails, quick notification and response to potential fires can be enhanced. Plus, multiple access points from trailheads into the park would benefit first responders.

With respect to the phasing of the Harvego Bear Preserve Section 8.4.2., combining Phase One and Phase Two seems to make more sense. Docent-led tours can be an effective way of educating the public about the preserve and can be used at any stage or location of the Hidden Falls expansion project, but should not be used exclusively to prevent public access to the Harvego Bear River preserve under Phase One. Combining Phase Three and Phase Four also makes sense including the 10 equestrian parking spaces into Phase Three. This will allow equestrians access at the same time as other

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↑ trail users and eliminate any discrimination issues or conflicts if horses are introduced to the trails at a later time.

With the understanding that a environmental study is supposed to offer alternatives. In the case of Hidden Falls expansion they serve little purpose. The project has long been a vision of Placer County and has been designed, funded and contemplated for over a decade.

Alternative 1. No project. No common sense arguments can be made for a no project. The No project option removes currently acquired open space and trails and deprives the public of their use with no feasible fiscally responsible alternative.

Alternative 2. Reduced parking at the proposed trailheads. Reducing the number of new automobile parking spaces to 127 and 20 equestrian parking spaces versus 297 automobile and 68 equestrian spaces at full buildout makes no sense given the current demand. With the current COVID-19 pandemic the importance of open space and trails could not be more clear. Adding 2,500 acres and 30 plus miles of trails and providing 127 parking spaces and 20 equestrian spaces will not properly address parking requirements. Hidden Falls is a popular location and will be more so with the expansion. Mears Place demonstrated that parking was inadequate and resulted in enforcement issues with illegal parking. Don't make the same mistake twice.

Alternative 3. Reduced access to Garden Bar 40. Garden Bar 40 was original approved under the 2010 HFRP EIR and should remain as a future viable parking and access project. Phasing the project and providing road safety improvements first prior to parking will benefit everyone including fire and safety personnel.

The DSEIR for Hidden Falls expansion is long overdue for approval. Let's work to expedite the process and get final approval and certification before the Board of Supervisors. This is a wonderful project which will benefit current and future residents and provide for a healthy life style and help full fill the Vision of the "Placer Legacy."

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Foltz
2001 Shady Trail Lane
Rocklin, California

CC: Placer County Planning Commission, May 14, 2020 Agenda

PLACER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

RE: Placer County Flash Vote / Coronavirus Restrictions

May 6, 2020

GREAT NEWS for Parks and Trails

The Placer County Flash Vote is in. Establishing priorities to open up after the stay at home order is lifted.

Which types of things are most important to reopen for you, if any (You can choose up to five)

1. Personal care (hair/nail salons, Barbershop - 2787 votes
2. Parks and Trails - 2786
3. Restaurants - 2527
4. Retail stores - 2230
5. Childcare, schools - 1450

As can be seen by the survey of 4,695 participates. Parks and Trails commands a high priority from the public. This Survey clearly shows Placer County is on the right track to expanded and develop the 30 miles of trails and three trail heads and parking at Hidden Falls.

Sincerely



Jeffrey Foltz

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I143: JEFFREY FOLTZ

Response to Comment I143-1

The commenter expresses support for the full buildout of the project and summarizes the history of the project and the Draft SEIR.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.144 LETTER I144

Letter I144

Shirlee Herrington

From: Daren Ford <darenford@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 9:36 AM
To: Placer County Environmental Coordination Services
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hidden Falls Expansion Project

Hello,

I144-1

I have lived in Placer County for 20+ years and have enjoyed the trails at Hidden Falls and other locations in Placer County.

Expanding the trails at Hidden Falls would not only increase the network of trails in Placer County it would increase the availability of open space that we all desire and enjoy in this area. If the expansion doesn't get approved this beautiful area will most likely be purchased by a developer and then it's gone forever.

Please consider approving the expansion so future generations can enjoy it to.

Regards,

Daren Ford

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I144: DAREN FORD

Response to Comment I144-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.145 LETTER I145

Letter I145

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 9:42 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Curtis Fowler
Email Address (Optional)	Cfowler@pacific.edu
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden falls trail expansion project
I145-1 Comments	I am in support of expanding trail access and parking. More trails will help promote healthy activities and relieve the traffic and parking congestion that occurs at times of peak use
Attach a document	<i>Field not completed.</i>

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I145: CURTIS FOWLER

Response to Comment I145-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.146 LETTER I146

Letter I146

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:17 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Cary Fox
Email Address (Optional)	carydfox@icloud.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
Comments	<p>Honorable Supervisors,</p> <p>I am writing to express my support for the Hidden Falls Trails Expansion Project.</p> <p>As a resident of southern Placer County, I make frequent use of the Hidden Falls Trails for both hiking and biking. I began visiting the park shortly after its initial opening and have since spent hundreds of hours exploring the trails and enjoying the park's beauty.</p> <p>The expansion of the trail network is very important for those of us who are not fortunate enough to be able to directly reside in the beautiful rural hills of our county but still enjoy visiting them whenever our time and resources permit.</p> <p>The current parking is very limited and weekend and holiday visits are often curtailed by the abundance of demand. The existing trail access focuses too many people into a few trails leading directly to the Falls, while the rest of the trail network remains beyond the reach of many traveling on foot, especially those with children. Additional parking areas and trails into other areas will help to spread out the crowds and reduce local traffic while allowing a greater range of people to experience the park without overusing individual trails.</p> <p>I urge you all to please approve the expansion of access to this</p>

I146-1

I146-1
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wonderful piece of our shared natural resource.

Very Sincerely,

Cary Fox
Roseville, CA

916.367.1854
carydfox@icloud.com

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I146: CARY FOX

Response to Comment I146-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.147 LETTER I147

Letter I147

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:23 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Charlie Fox
Email Address (Optional)	ctfox2@hotmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Expansion

I147-1	<p>Comments</p> <p>I'm writing to voice my support for expanding the Hidden Falls trail system. As you are aware, a good number of trails have already been developed in the proposed expansion area. By opening up more trails, and expanding parking, the current trails and parking at Hidden Falls, which have grown quite crowded, will have a good deal of that pressure relieved. It will also ease traffic from Mt Vernon into the current parking area, as people will have an alternative parking area from which to access the trail system. I understand the fears of local residents in the area of the proposed new parking lot, but believe most of these concerns are exaggerated, or unfounded. Yes there will be an increase in traffic in the outer bell road area, but this will be offset by less traffic on Mears Drive. In addition the expansion will further add to the recreational opportunities in Placer County, and the park will further become a landmark park for the area. In summary, approval of the plan for the trails is vital to families, hikers, runners, equestrians, and bikers and will improve the health of trail users, reduce parking issues, and reduce impact on the most used trails. Expanding the Hidden Falls trail network will be a priceless asset to Placer County, preserving the rural landscape for our children, and our children's children for generations to come.</p>
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I147: CHARLIE FOX

Response to Comment I147-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.148 LETTER I148

Letter I148

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 7:17 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Tim Fraguglia
Email Address (Optional)	tfraguglia@yahoo.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
Comments	Hi, I totally support the expansion of the trails at Hidden Falls. It is such a great area to hike, bike and ride! This is evidenced by how popular the area has become and how many people use the area today. The residents in the foothills communities are very active and need places to get outdoors and do the things they love. With a growing population and people trying to live healthy lifestyles, the need for additional space is apparent. Expansion of the Hidden Falls area will help to offload some of the already extremely busy areas that people frequent today. Please consider the expansion seriously as I'm sure it will help keep Placer County residents healthier and happier. Sincerely, Tim Fraguglia, Meadow Vista, CA
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I148-1

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I148: TIM FRAGUGLIA

Response to Comment I148-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.149 LETTER I149

Letter I149

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 7:14 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Matt Freeman
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden falls trail expansion project
I149-1 Comments	I support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project for the enjoyment of nature, better access to trails, improved parking, less trail crowding and to encourage future generations to respect and preserve nature
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I149: MATT FREEMAN

Response to Comment I149-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.150 LETTER I150

Letter I150

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 10:06 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Dan Frink
Email Address (Optional)	dfrink@hotmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls expansion
I150-1 Comments	Please bring our area more multi use trails for families and to promote tourism!
Attach a document	<i>Field not completed.</i>

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I150: DAN FRINK

Response to Comment I150-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.151 LETTER I151

Letter I151

Shirlee Herrington

From: Louise Fry <blfry65@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 3:38 PM
Subject: Several things on Hidden Falls

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

I151-1 First WHY is Hidden Falls exempt from the Shut Down OF ALL PARKS. Is Placer county that hard up for Money, or you just like to spread the COVED 19 Virus around. You must be exempted from Federal Mandate. People have been more rude and inconsiderate than ever. Where have your patrols been that you say you have, to stop these inconsiderate individuals. You do not seem to care or do anything for us that live around the park and now you are trying to enlarge it. The only people that want it do not live in the area.

I151-1 On May14th you were to have a meeting for the new parts of the park and parking lots. Now you want to do this meeting remotely?? There are a lot of us that do not have access to this or the knowledge of how to do this. I do not care about any DAMN VIRUS HAVE THE MEETING SO WE CAN VOICE OUR OPINION. You won't close the park but you will keep us from being at the meeting. How ever I'm sure you know what we don't want and That is any MORE OF THAT DAMN PARK. You have caused us ALL to loose our Fire Insurance. If this Park and inconsiderate people cause another Paradise Fire we will all just sue the County since you will be responsible for it. We have been fighting you since the very beginning and will continue to do so, since you are disrupting our lives and our property.

I151-1 HAVE THE MEETING SO THAT WE CAN ALL ATTEND IN FORCE LIKE YOU KNOW WE WILL DO IN STEAD OF TRYING TO SLIP IT THRU SNICKELY .

Mr & Mrs Robert Fry

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I151: LOUISE FRY

Response to Comment I151-1

The commenter has concerns regarding Hidden Falls staying open during the COVID-19 epidemic while other parks are closed. She also expresses concerns regarding the public meeting process and the loss of fire insurance by local residents.

This comment is not directed at the adequacy of the Draft SEIR for addressing adverse physical impacts associated with the proposed project, nor does it contain an argument raising significant environmental issues. However, this comment is published in this Response to Comments document for public disclosure and for decision maker consideration. No further response is required.

Please also see Master Response 1 – Public Comment Process, and Master Response Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response.

2.7.152 LETTER I152

Letter I152

Shirlee Herrington

From: Louise Fry <blfry65@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 4:39 PM
To: Placer County Environmental Coordination Services; Cindy Gustafson; Jim Holmes
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hidden Falls Parking Lot on Bell Rd.

I152-1

I have not been happy about the County purchasing this property from the beginning. You are Destroying our wonderful quiet beautiful neighborhood, by building this horrific parking lot etc. at the twilight ride property. We are two properties up from it.

Now you are cutting down all the trees along the edge of the road so you can widen the road for Trucks and Horse Trailers. You have ruined the value of our homes and will be putting us in danger of heavy traffic on our once peaceful serene road, Also fire and theft.

We are extremely upset with the county and parks department, They have ruined one tranquil neighborhood and now they are working on 3 other all over your greed, not the desire of the people that already live there. Now because of the Virus, we can not attend the meeting to voice our Great Displeasure.

Maybe one of these days someone will ruin the neighborhood you live in.

Louise & Bob Fry
5401 Bell Rd.

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I152: LOUISE FRY

Response to Comment I152-1

The commenter expresses opposition to the county's purchase and proposed use of the Twilight parcel and states concerns about transportation, wildfire, emergency response, home values, theft and tree removal along the roadways.

This comment is not directed at the adequacy of the Draft SEIR for addressing adverse physical impacts associated with the proposed project, nor does it contain an argument raising significant environmental issues. However, this comment is published in this Response to Comments document for public disclosure and for decision maker consideration.

Please see the Draft SEIR Section 8.4 "Impacts" in Chapter 8.0 "Transportation and Circulation" for an analysis of impacts to transportation and circulation; also see Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking.

Please see the Draft SEIR Section 16.4 "Impacts" in Chapter 16.0 "Wildfire" for an analysis of wildfire impacts; also see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response. Please also see Master Response 4 – Land Use Compatibility.

Please see Draft SEIR Chapter 12 "Biology" and specifically Impact discussion 12-9 which addresses loss of oak trees from project implementation. Mitigation Measure 12-7 in the same section addressed loss of oak trees.

2.7.153 LETTER I153

Letter I153

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 6:24 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Scott Fulton
Email Address (Optional)	sfulton70@yahoo.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
I153-1 Comments	I would like to see Hidden Falls expanded.
Attach a document	<i>Field not completed.</i>

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I153: SCOTT FULTON

Response to Comment I153-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.154 LETTER I154

Letter I154

May 17, 2020

To: Community Development Resource Agency, Placer County Board of Supervisors,
Planning Commission, and Parks Division

Jose and Jane Garcia
9865 Spyglass Circle
Auburn, CA 95602

Regarding: Hidden Falls Regional Park Trails Expansion DSEIR

I154.1 | As a longtime resident of North Auburn/Lincoln and member of *Protect Rural Placer*, I am writing to you today to refute the above referenced document. This DSEIR, as with the previous HFRP EIR, makes weak assumptions and does not take into consideration the full impact that this project will have upon the residents, roads, environment, habitat, agriculture, and fire danger of the nearby community. Specific issues raised are:

I154.2 | **Wildfire:**
A concern due to the fact that numerous major insurance carriers have refused to renew fire insurance policies for many Northern Auburn residents. More fires means more power outages!

I154.3 | **Transportation and Circulation:**
The more traffic and greater possibility of fire danger.

I154.4 | **Wildlife:**
We will be continuing to shrink the native natural habit of these wonderful creatures.

Based upon the information in the DSEIR, the assumptions it has made, and the negative impacts to the very communities who were not included in any of the 15-year planning, I request that you reject this project.

Please include my letter as part of the public comment permanent record.

Thank you,

Jane and Jose Garcia
Protect Rural Placer

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I154: JOSE AND JANE GARCIA

Response to Comment I154-1

The commenter states criticism of the Draft SEIR.

The Draft SEIR has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, the potential impacts have been thoroughly analyzed, and appropriate mitigation measures have been proposed. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I154-2

The commenter expresses concern regarding wildfire and fire insurance.

Please see the Draft SEIR Section 16.4 “Impacts” in Chapter 16.0 “Wildfire” for an analysis of wildfire impacts. Also, please see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response.

Response to Comment I154-3

The commenter expresses concerns regarding traffic increasing the risk of fire danger.

Please see the Draft SEIR Section 8.4 “Impacts” in Chapter 8.0 “Transportation and Circulation” for an analysis of impacts on transportation and circulation. Also, please see Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking and Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety and Emergency Response.

Response to Comment I154-4

The commenter expresses concern regarding wildlife impacts.

Please see the Draft SEIR Section 12.4 “Impacts” in Chapter 12.0 “Biological Resources” for an analysis of wildlife impacts.

The commenter claims that the local communities have not been included in the planning process for the purchase of the Trails Expansion properties or the current Project.

In 2000, the voters of Placer County were presented with a ballot measure to express their desire for the Placer Legacy Open Space and Agricultural Conservation Program (Placer Legacy) and responded in the affirmative. Placer Legacy established the framework and funding mechanisms for the open space acquisition and outdoor recreational amenities that were brought to fruition through the HFRP and Trails Expansion Project properties. For each of the 11 property acquisitions that make up HFRP and the Trails Expansion Project properties to which the County was a party, beginning in 2003 the actions by the Board of Supervisors were noticed and discussed in public meetings, and the recreational components of each purchase and sale agreement were disclosed (See Appendix B of the Draft SEIR for the public trail descriptions associated with each property). As a development plan proceeded for each property, the County met or exceeded the public outreach guidelines for environmental review for each project including a previous Mitigated Negative Declaration and EIR. In the case of the current Project, the County provided multiple mailed notices to over 6,000 property owners in the vicinity of the Project 7 in 2017 and 2018. There were two scoping meetings (in 2017 and 2018) which were both heavily attended by local residents, as evidenced by the scoping meeting attendance sheets and speaker sheets. The Project has been discussed in over 40 public meetings since late 2016 (including scoping meetings, Municipal Advisory Council

meetings throughout western Placer County, Parks Commission, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, and other community groups upon request such as the Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council). Notices have been posted on the County web site, and multiple press releases and stories by local media outlets have been broadcast about the Project.

Additionally, the County Parks Division offered to meet with any local residents who wished to discuss the proposed project. Parks staff met on 3 separate occasions with local residents who were interested in meeting with Parks Division staff. In February of 2019, the County invited members of the Protect Rural Placer group to participate in a site visit to the Santa Clara Open Space Authority's Sierra Vista Open Space Preserve to learn how the East Bay area has successfully integrated public use of trails with on-going cattle operations. Additionally, the County met specifically with the Protect Rural Placer group and Supervisor Gore on May 28, 2019 to address the groups' questions and concerns. Lastly, the Notice of Availability for the Draft SEIR was again sent out to over 6,000 homeowners. Over 500 comments were received during the public comment period which included numerous comments from local residents and members of the Protect Rural Placer group.

Response to Comment I154-5

The commenter expressed opposition to the project.

The opposition is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.155 LETTER I155

Letter I155

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 12:31 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	John Gardiner
Email Address (Optional)	john@johngardiner.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
Comments	I support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project. This endeavor will provide valuable recreational opportunities to our community. Additional trails and parking will lessen the impact on existing facilities while accommodating healthy outdoor activity for area residents.
Attach a document	<i>Field not completed.</i>

I155-1

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I155: JOHN GARDINER

Response to Comment I155-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.156 LETTER I156

Letter I156

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 1:06 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Beth Gaydos
Email Address (Optional)	bethgaydos@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	expansion of trails
I156-1 Comments	Please expand the trails at Hidden FILS
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I156: BETH GAYDOS

Response to Comment I156-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

Shirlee Herrington

From: Bobbi Giudicelli <Bobbi@CultureShockYogurt.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 3:37 PM
To: Placer County Environmental Coordination Services
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Expand Hidden Falls please

Placer County Planning Commission Environmental Coordination Services 3091 County Center Drive, Suite 190 Auburn, Ca. 95603

RE: Hidden Falls trail expansion DSEIR supporting a full buildout option, in coordination with the Placer Land Trust.

Dear Planning Commission,

Without reservation, my family and I support the Hidden Falls Trail expansion project. Because we live within a few miles of the park, for the past several years, we have hiked and ridden horses on the trails there at least once a week.

Full Buildout Option: We support the full buildout option, including 30 miles of trails, three additional parking areas, and other park and safety amenities as discussed in the DSEIR.

Equestrian Parking: because equestrians have only 8 spaces in the current parking area, we especially want the county to include the additional planned horse trailer parking in the first build. There is plenty of room and a demonstrated need.

I157-1

Traffic: issues with traffic for the most part are less than significant and can be mitigated. The improvement of two intersections on Highway 49 has been planned for some time and will be fixed whether or not Hidden Falls is expanded.

Wildfire: because of the successful wildfire suppression work in the existing Hidden Falls, we are confident wildfire will not be an issue in the new expansion. The DSEIR adequately addressed the concerns about wildfire as being less than significant.

Open Space, Recreation and Legacy: Hidden Falls trail expansion is a desired and much-needed project. It provides preservation of open space and rangeland that will be maintained and accessible to the public for healthy outdoor recreation in perpetuity and fulfills "Placers Legacy."

The full buildout option should be the only option, no alternatives, with the understanding that Placer Land Trust will work with Placer County to ensure that trail design, and construction are compatible with conservation objectives.

Sincerely,
Bobbi Giudicelli
415-279-8486

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Bobbi@CultureShockYogurt.com

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I157: BOBBI GIUDICELLI

Response to Comment I157-1

The commenter expresses support for the full buildout of the project and no alternatives.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 12:41 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Trinity Gleckler
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
Comments	I support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project because it will promote a healthy future for the community. More parking, additional trailheads, spread out crowds, and healthy activities benefit everyone. This is such an important recreational area for us all! Thank you, Trinity Gleckler Sacramento, CA
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I158-1

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I158: TRINITY GLECKLER

Response to Comment I158-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.159 LETTER I159

Letter I159

This was my call-in comments at the Placer County Planning Meeting on May 14, 2020.

Hello, my name is Jane Goddard, and I am a member of Protect Rural Placer. I have personal knowledge due to the fact that I have lived on Lone Star Road for 40 years, one of the roads that would be highly impacted by the proposed Hidden Falls expansion. Please accept my comments as part of the permanent record of this meeting.

I159-1

The use of Balance Scales dates back to 2000 BC. The early civilizations placed a significance on balance and the Egyptians used the balance scales to determine someone's **fate**. Protect Rural Placer is using a balance scale to measure the importance of preserving and keeping the **fate** of our rural agricultural neighborhood, untouched.

You see, the most beautiful land is also the most vulnerable land. According to Webster's, vulnerable means susceptible to physical harm or attack.

On the left side of our scale, we have 1 item: a desire to add more recreational trails, to our already existing 900 miles of trails in Placer County.

On the right side of our scale, we have many items, but due to my time limit, I can only state a few:

I159-2

1. **Wildfire Danger:** The danger of wildfires in an area where there are already hundreds of acres of dry grass and dead trees

I159-3

2. **Fire Insurance:** We lost our fire insurance and so did many of our neighbors due to the fact that we live in a designated "high fire danger" area

I159-4

3. **Traffic and road safety:** The feeder roads into the proposed parking lots are narrow and rural, with many sharp curves, and areas of undulating pavement.

I159-5 | 4. **Crime and trespassing.** We live in an area where there has been little or no crime. The Mears Road Hidden Falls neighborhood entrance has seen a huge increase in traffic, crime, litter, and trespassing

I159-6 | 5. **Pollution and Noise:** We would experience an increase in noise pollution in our quiet rural agricultural neighborhood and a decrease in air quality due to the increased number of cars, trucks and trailers traveling on our narrow country roads, and going in and out of the park, 7 days a week

I159-7 | 6. **Overburdening our current First Responders:** The Lone Star fire station must be resurrected into a permanent active fully staffed station due to its proximity to the Hidden Falls Twilight Ride area

I159-8 | 7. **Water & Septic:** Drilling wells and digging for septic tanks in an area that is already seeing hardships would add another big problem to our rural neighborhoods since we all depend on wells and septic tanks

I159-9 | **I ask:** Should wanting more trails take precedence over our public safety and the negative impact to our local homeowners and their families?
The scale I have presented weighs heavy on our hearts and heavy on the many reasons why the Hidden Falls expansion should not proceed.
We are in favor of small organized daily docent-led trips to enjoy and share the beauty of the area with our neighbors and friends.
Thank you!!

Date: May 18, 2020

To: Community Development Resource Agency
Placer County Board of Supervisors
Planning Commission and Parks Division
Auburn, CA 95603

From: Jim & Jane Goddard
11400 Lone Star Road
Auburn, CA 95602

Re: Hidden Falls Regional Park Trails Expansion SDEIR

I159-10 | As longtime residents of North Auburn, and members of Protect Rural Placer, we are writing to you to refute the above referenced document. This SDEIR, as with the previous HFRP EIR, make weak assumptions and does not take into consideration the full impact that this project will have upon the residents, roads, environment, habitat, agriculture, and fire danger of the nearby community. Specific issues raised are:

WILDFIRE

I159-11 | California Zip code 95602 has been targeted as a high wild fire danger area. Most residents with that zip code have lost their homeowners fire insurance and had to seek coverage elsewhere with an exorbitant increase in costs. Insurance companies are aware that wildfires can travel up to 14 miles in one hour, and the proposed trail expansion covers extremely combustible dry oak woodlands and heavily wooded/brushy hills. The expansion project increases the danger for wildland fires to hundreds of residents within and surrounding the 3700 acres. The likelihood of illegal camping by campers and homeless will increase the potential for wildland fires from campfires, as well as from combustible trash, bottles and cigarettes. It is common knowledge that 95% of all fires are started by humans. Homelessness is up 23% from last year in Placer County.

There is no discussion in the SDEIR pertaining to:

- The SDEIR does not discuss human behavior with regards to fire safety in an open area where cigarette or marijuana smoking, vaping, or campfires would not be monitored, even though 95% of fires are started by humans (per Cal Fire)
- Missing from the SDEIR, who will be policing the smoking, campfires, and barbeques that will happen within the park? How many rangers will be hired to constantly monitor that people are not smoking, setting up a BBQ, or campfire, or even a tent for overnight camping? Who will be counting the number of people going into the park

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each day, and coming out, making sure that there is not one person still in the park at dusk? What is the budget for this big and ongoing expense?

- The SDEIR does not mention the opening and re-staffing the Lone Star Fire Station #194 that has sat vacant for many years. Due to its proximity to the Expansion, it would be important and imperative that it be re-staffed and resurrected. Also, it should be in the budget as the Expansion would add a huge responsibility for the Atwood station to cover not only Hidden Falls but also the growing city of Auburn
- PG & E and all insurance companies consider this area as laden with great risk for a wildland fire. Fuel mitigation does not reduce the chance for ignition of fires
- The SDEIR does not cover red flag days as it pertains to Hidden Falls and the surrounding area. Who will be making the decision to close the park and how will people in the park and surrounding neighborhoods be notified. The internet and cell service availability in this area is undependable and less than desirable
- The SDEIR does not discuss evacuation plans in case of wildland fire. There are only 3 rural roads to get out onto Highway 49 from Hidden Falls, either Lone Star, Cramer or Bell Road. Who will be in charge and how will the orders be administered. The internet and cell service availability in this area is undependable and less than desirable. There are hundreds of driveways in the surrounding neighborhoods (with limited line-of-sight) that will need to be considered
- The SDEIR contains very limited discussion regarding the rate of spread of wildfire as influenced by topography, fuels and weather. Rate of spread is very concerning as it is related to evacuation and the welfare or safety of the community
- The SDEIR does not designate how many fire hydrants will be in the Expansion and where they will be located
- The SDEIR does not discuss the fact that the Mears Road water source has gone dry, and they plan to drill for water at the Twilight Ride parking lot, which is in an area that neighbors are already experiencing low producing water wells and dry wells. Drilling more wells in an area where there is already well water problems for the exiting homeowners is risky, inconsiderate and unfathomable
- There are an estimated 6,000 residences in the proximity to HFRP. There is no evidence in the SDEIR about the number of driveways and side roads along Bell, Cramer and Lone Star and the possible total number of vehicles that could be merging to evacuate all at one time in case of an emergency. Who would be responsible for the evacuation, inside and outside of the park?
- With the proposed expansion of the HFRP, Placer County creates untold liability by introducing many hundreds, if not thousands of Park users into a fire-prone area, an area already impacted by fire insurance cancellations and insurance rate increases that are largely attuned to a calculated risk

I159-12

ROADS & TRANSPORTATION

The Hidden Falls expansion, which is 100% recreational, does not meet any of the criterion defining rural. Definition of Rural: Pertaining to country as distinguished from the city or

town, rustic; pertaining to farm or agriculture. The access roads leading to the proposed expansion parking lots (Garden Bar, Lone Star, Cramer and Bell) are narrow and riddled with many blind curves, undulating hills and limited visibility. The County has been planning the Hidden Falls Regional Park Expansion since 2005 and have not collaborated with the residents in the affected communities of rural North Auburn and Lincoln.

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- The SDEIR does not adequately cover the many problems and liabilities pertaining to the inability of those current roads to handle the proposed and expected traffic
- We conducted our own survey and found 73 driveways and off shoot roads that have dangerous entrances and exits. We were careful to only include those (out of hundreds) that had one or both of the above access dangers
- Many of the curves on those roads have signs suggesting 15 mph due to the visibility if less than a car length approaching the entrance from both directions
- The SDEIR fails to identify and evaluate how increasing vehicle traffic on these rural roads will substantially increase the danger on those roads
- Cramer Road: This road does not meet minimum safety standards as it is not wide enough to have a center line. There have been several accidents reported on Cramer; therefore, who is responsible if an accident occurs on a road that does not meet minimum standards? Placer County?
- Lone Star Road: Lone Star Road has a high volume of traffic due to Auburn Valley Country Club, Auburn Valley residents, Lone Star residents, and other roads off of Lone Star, such as Sisson Lane, and a large gated community. The road has many sharp curves, undulating pavement, barely wide enough for a center line, and a junction at Highway 49 where there have been many vehicle accidents including numerous fatalities
- Bell Road: The SDEIR fails to identify that Bell Road, West of Highway 49, will be heavily impacted due to the approval of high density and high traffic generating residential, government and commercial projects. Due to the volume of traffic, poor visibility, grade of road, excessive speed of motorists, and a left hand turn lane into the Twilight Ride entrance would be absolutely essential
- Garden Bar Road: The SDEIR only suggests minimal road improvements, which demonstrates a huge lack of regard for the safety of the residents
- Mears Drive: There is excessive traffic and speeding, with no California Highway Patrol presence

VOLUME OF TRAFFIC

- The SDEIR states that the Twilight Ride Parking Lot on Bell Road will generate at least 600 vehicle trips on a single weekend day. The Harvego parking lot which is accessed through Auburn Valley Country Club would generate 573 vehicles. That is 1,173 vehicles in a single weekend day on Bell, Cramer and Lone Star Road. The impact will be impossible and devastating

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- The SDEIR fails to identify all the other sources of traffic to these roads such as wineries, Auburn Valley golf course, event center and restaurant, Agri-Tourism events, North Auburn Art Studio Tours, and Nicholson Glass Blowing
- The SDIR fails to identify that traffic safety issues will be compounded by truck and trailer rigs and cyclists. None of these roads have sidewalks, adequate shoulder or bike lanes. We have personal knowledge as we have seen many bike riders and joggers coming up the hill right in front of our home and there have been many close calls due to the narrow road and speeding cars, trucks, trailers, motorcycles and delivery trucks
- Based on the Park's Department information, 2/3 of the visitors to the current Hidden Falls Regional Park are not from Placer County, and will not be familiar with our rural country roads
- We live on Lone Star and take a deep breath when we go left or right on Highway 49, where people drive 70+ all the time. It's like pulling out onto a freeway from a dead stop, nothing like the ease of a freeway entrance
- The SDEIR does not adequately address evacuation in the case of a wildfire. It does not identify and quantify the number of residents egressing and implications of narrow winding rural roads being heavily congested and overwhelmed in an emergency

HIGHWAY 49

There have been 4 fatalities in the past six months. It is an extremely dangerous stretch of highway and a significant impact. We have lived here for 40 years and have seen many accidents and many fatalities. The SDEIR fails to identify SR 49 as an extremely dangerous highway.

- The SDEIR states that "the traffic contribution to the SR 49/Lone Star intersection is considered to be substantial, but fails to conclude and disclose that this would be a **significant impact**". It would be a huge and dangerous impact!!
- The SDEIR and the County can't count on any safety improvements (proposed roundabouts and center divider) to this section of SR 49 by Caltrans, because the improvements will require extensive and expensive studies analysis, public input, funding and construction, which would be years out

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CRIME & TRESPASSING

We have lived on Lone Star Road for forty years and have not had one incidence of theft or trespassing.

- The SDEIR does not address the fact that two-thirds of the population visiting Hidden Falls lives out of Placer County

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- The Mears Road entrance has seen a huge increase in crime, including theft and trespassing, and verbal abuse from park visitors that were unable to find a parking place, or were asked to move their car that was illegally parked
- The Mears Road residents have complained that even though there are no parking signs, when the parking lot is full, visitors will park in areas that are not designated for parking, including their driveways
- The SDEIR does not address the fact that the Expansion will most likely experience the same problems and how it will be prevented and resolved. Will there be full time parking guards at each parking lot and a police officer monitoring the neighborhood to discourage and prevent problems

AIR QUALITY & POLLUTION

I159-14

The SDEIR does not adequately address the increase of air pollution and air quality to the residents surrounding Hidden Falls due to car and truck exhaust to a neighborhood with livestock and natural habitat of the area. Not just during the construction period, but the years going forward and for generations to come. A parking reservation system would not solve the problem of hundreds of cars, trucks and trailers and motorcycles driving around the neighborhood looking for a place to park when the lots are full, 7 days a week.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

I159-15

At the June 14, 2018 NOP Scoping Meeting that was held regarding the proposed Twilight Ride property, a resident of Auburn Valley Country Club spoke during the public comment period. She charged Mr. Fischer and Ms. Carnahan to come back with an in-depth cost analysis and budget of an entire lengthy list of items that must be prepared and presented to the Placer County Board of Supervisors at a future public meeting before any formal consideration of going forward with the Twilight Ride proposal. We have attended almost every meeting pertaining to Hidden Falls or the past several years and we have not seen or heard of a detailed and completed budget pertaining to the Hidden Falls expansion. The SDEIR does not detail and/or describe who will be responsible for the following ongoing expenses pertaining to the expansion. We understand that when the projected project is done, Placer County will be responsible for the following:

- Salary of full time park rangers to be at each entrance gate that would also be in constant patrol of all the trails making sure livestock and wildlife are safe; as well as Placer County residents that are adjacent to the Park
- Maintenance people for the cleanliness of the park, emptying the trash cans on a daily basis, restroom facilities
- On-site security officers to monitor for homeless, crime, parking problems, etc.
- Cost of electricity for lights, wells, etc.
- Emergency phone(s) in case of little or no cell service in remote areas
- Maintenance of wells and septic tanks
- Maintenance of all trails, fire breaks, helicopter pads

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- Maintenance of all trees, bushes, watering in the summer months
- Police and fire department calls to Hidden Falls and emergency evacuations when necessary

FAILURE OF SDEIR TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF PLACER COUNTY RESIDENTS

If the Hidden Falls expansion is approved by the Placer County Supervisors, the SDEIR has failed to address the many concerns of the people that live and have lived in rural Auburn for many years. We have attended and spoke at many meetings, wrote many letters, all with the hope that someone would be listening to our pleas, from our hearts! Yes, we understand that people want to be outside to ride bikes, ride horses, or take a nice walk with their dogs. But, Placer County already has 900 of beautiful trails that do not infringe on rural Placer County resident's homes or property. If the expansion is approved, we will be faced with:

I159-16

- Increase in yearly property taxes to pay for the expenses at Hidden Falls
- Huge increase in traffic, noise and air pollution on our rural roads
- Increased traffic on already impacted Highway 49
- Huge increase in litter thrown out on the road from people going to and from the park. We already have litter (that we pick up) from people going to and from the golf course
- The fear of fire from so many people going to an area (so close to our home) that will have the ability to smoke, have a BBQ or start a campfire. Signs can be posted but people do not pay attention to signs
- The fear of crime and trespassing, which we have never had to worry about in the past 40 years
- The chance of more existing wells becoming dry in an area that is already experiencing dry and low output wells

CLOSING REMARKS

Based upon the information in the SDEIR, the assumptions it has made, and the negative impacts to the very communities who were not included in any of the 15-year planning, we request that you reject this project.

I159-17

The Parks Department has many ambitious projects, and we support well thought out, and well managed trails for recreation. However, to decrease the quality of life of rural Placer County residents, and our agricultural legacy (just to increase a day of recreation for non-residents) we see the Twilight Ride Access and Hidden Falls Expansion as the wrong project in the wrong place.

The Placer County Board of Supervisors are voted into office by the Placer County residents, and are elected by the voters to represent us, our homes and our property. Their job is to look out for our best interests, not the people that do not live here and do not pay our county taxes. Disrupting our lives, our property, our roads, our safety, is definitely not in our best interests. Then, who is to benefit from this expansion? Definitely, not those of us that bought

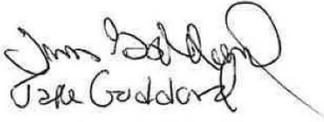
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↑ or built a home and/or property and had a dream of living quietly in the beautiful and serene rural Auburn countryside.

We ask: Should wanting more trails take precedence over our public safety and the negative impact to our local homeowners and their friends and families?

However, we are definitely in favor of small organized daily docent-led trips to enjoy and share the beauty of the area with our neighboring counties, and Placer County families and friends. The one-day docent-led event possibilities are endless; such as an equestrian trail ride, fundraising marathon run, nature hike for cub scouts and girl scouts, school field trips, Gold Country history walk, photography classes, exercise classes and a Sierra Club hike, etc.

Please include our letter as part of the public comment permanent record. Thank you.



Jim & Jane Goddard
Protect Rural Placer

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I159: JANE GODDARD

Response to Comment I159-1

The commenter provides an introduction and compares the proposed project to the balance scales used by the Egyptians.

This comment is not directed at the adequacy of the Draft SEIR for addressing adverse physical impacts associated with the proposed project, nor does it contain an argument raising significant environmental issues. However, this comment is published in this Response to Comments document for public disclosure and for decision maker consideration. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I159-2

The commenter expresses concern about wildfire.

Please see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response.

Response to Comment I159-3

The commenter states she lost her fire insurance.

The purpose of the Draft SEIR is to identify the significant effects of the proposed project on the physical environment and the Draft SEIR is not intended to address social or economic impacts. This is consistent with CEQA guidelines stating that “An economic or social change by itself shall not be considered a significant effect on the environment” (CEQA Guidelines Sections 15131 and 15382). No further response is required.

Please see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response.

Response to Comment I159-4

The commenter expresses concern about traffic.

Please see Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking.

Response to Comment I159-5

The commenter expresses concern about crime and trespassing.

Please see Master Response 4 – Land Use Compatibility as it pertains to crime and trespassing.

Response to Comment I159-6

The commenter expresses concerns about air quality and noise.

Please see the Draft SEIR Chapter 9.0 “Air Quality” and Chapter 10.0 “Noise” for the impact analysis of the project on air quality and noise.

Response to Comment I159-7

The commenter expresses concern about current first responders being overburdened (i.e., states that Lone Star Fire Station should be reopened and fully staffed).

Please see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response. Reopening of the Lone Star Fire Station is not included with the proposed project.

Response to Comment I159-8

The commenter expresses concerns about water supply and septic tanks.

Please see the Draft SEIR Chapter 11.0 “Hydrology and Water Quality” and Chapter 13.0 “Public Services and Utilities” for the impact analysis of the project on water resources and use of septic systems.

There is an existing domestic well at the Twilight Ride property that has a yield of approximately 15 gallons per minute that has not had issues with water supply in the past. Please also see Responses to Comments I473-48, I473-49, and I473-52.

Response to Comment I159-9

The commenter asks if wanting more trails should take precedence over their public safety and the negative impact to local homeowners and families. The above-mentioned concerns are why the commenter believes the HFRP Trails Expansion Project should not proceed. The commenter is in favor of small organized daily docent-led trips.

The comments are noted. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I159-10

In a letter dated May 18, 2020 attached to the first comment letter, the commenters introduce themselves as longtime residents of North Auburn and members of Protect Rural Placer. They believe the Draft SEIR, as with the previous HFRP EIR, makes weak assumptions and does not take into consideration the full impact of the project, including to a number of areas discussed below.

Response to Comment I159-11

The commenters express concerns over wildfire and the loss of their homeowner fire insurance. They also have concerns about rangers being able to monitor park visitors for smoking, campfires, and barbeques. The commenters express concerns about staffing levels at the Lone Star Fire Station, the area fire risk level, red flag days, evacuation plans, spread of wildfire, fire suppression, water sources, and liability risks that could affect insurance availability.

Please see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response, and Master Response 4 – Land Use Compatibility. Reopening of the Lone Star Fire Station is not included with the proposed project. At full buildout of the proposed project, a new 12,000-gallon water storage tank with fire hydrant would be available at each of the new parking areas. As noted above, the current domestic well at the Twilight Ride property has a yield of 15 gallons per minute and has not had issues with consistent yields.

Please see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response.

Response to Comment I159-12

The commenter expresses concerns over traffic impacts.

Please see Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking.

The commenter states that the Draft SEIR fails to identify all the other sources of traffic. Please refer to Section 18.4, “Cumulative Impacts”.

The commenter states that 2/3 of the visitors to HFRP are not from Placer County. Please refer to page 8-18 of the Draft SEIR, which states that although about 63% of the *weekend* traffic originates outside of the County, that trip distribution during weekdays has indicated that the majority of visitors are from within the County.

The commenter expresses concerns with wildfire evacuation. Please see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety and Emergency Response.

Response to Comment I159-13

The commenter expresses concerns over crime and trespassing.

Please see Master Response 4 – Land Use Compatibility as it pertains to crime, trespassing and illegal parking.

Response to Comment I159-14

The commenter believes the Draft SEIR does not adequately address the increase of air pollution and air quality.

Please see the Draft SEIR Chapter 9.0 “Air Quality” for the impact analysis of the project on air quality.

The Draft SEIR has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, the potential impacts have been thoroughly analyzed, and appropriate mitigation measures have been proposed. No further response is required.

The commenter asserts that the parking lots will be full, 7 days a week. Traffic patterns at the existing HFRP have indicated that the parking area does not fill up during the weekdays. Parking statistics were utilized to institute the current parking reservation system, which is employed only on weekends, holidays and other peak usage days. During the weekdays, a reservation system is not necessary, as visitor usage is lower, and there is ample parking. Visitor usage of the proposed new parking areas is expected to be consistent with usage at HFRP.

Response to Comment I159-15

The commenter expresses concerns over the financial responsibility and funding of the HFRP Trails Expansion Project.

The purpose of the Draft SEIR is to identify the significant effects of the proposed project on the physical environment and the Draft SEIR is not intended to address social or economic impacts. This is consistent with CEQA guidelines stating that “An economic or social change by itself shall not be considered a significant effect on the environment” (CEQA Guidelines Sections 15131 and 15382). No further response is required. However,

this comment is published in this Response to Comments document for public disclosure and for decision maker consideration.

Response to Comment I159-16

The commenter believes the Draft SEIR fails to address the concerns of the Placer County residents.

Placer County has included the local residents throughout the planning process. In 2000, the voters of Placer County were presented with a ballot measure to express their desire for the Placer Legacy Open Space and Agricultural Conservation Program (Placer Legacy) and responded in the affirmative. Placer Legacy established the framework and funding mechanisms for the open space acquisition and outdoor recreational amenities that were brought to fruition through the HFRP and Trails Expansion Project properties. For each of the 11 property acquisitions that make up HFRP and the Trails Expansion Project properties to which the County was a party, beginning in 2003 the actions by the Board of Supervisors were noticed and discussed in public meetings, and the recreational components of each purchase and sale agreement were disclosed (See Appendix B of the Draft SEIR for the public trail descriptions associated with each property). As a development plan proceeded for each property, the County met or exceeded the public outreach guidelines for environmental review for each project including a previous Mitigated Negative Declaration and EIR. In the case of the current Project, the County provided multiple mailed notices to over 6,000 property owners in the vicinity of the Project beginning in 2016. The Project has been discussed in over 40 public meetings since 2016 (including scoping meetings, Municipal Advisory Council meetings throughout western Placer County, Parks Commission, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, and other community groups upon request such as the Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council). Notices have been posted on the County web site, and multiple press releases and stories by local media outlets have been broadcast about the Project.

Regarding increases in property tax, please see Response to Comment I159-15.

Regarding traffic concerns, please see Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking.

Regarding litter and crime, please see Master Response 4 – Land Use Compatibility.

Regarding wildfire, please see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety and Emergency Response.

Regarding concerns about impacts to wells, please see Response to Comment I159-8.

The Draft SEIR has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, the potential impacts have been thoroughly analyzed, and appropriate mitigation measures have been proposed. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I159-17

The commenters are opposed to the project and request that the County reject the project.

Comment noted.

The commenters are in favor of small organized daily docent-led trips.

Comment noted.

2.7.160 LETTER I160

Letter I160

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 10:44 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

During the Covid-19 Pandemic, Placer County is committed to public participation in County Government in a manner that is consistent with guidance provided by our Public Health Official. We have provided this form that can be used to submit comments to the Planning Commission.

First and Last Name	Daniel Goldsmith
Email Address (Optional)	dan-goldsmith@att.net
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
Comments	I support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project. The need for more outdoor activity in a natural setting could not be more apparent. The current Hidden Falls trail system is so appreciated by the public that expansion is necessary. Please approve the expansion so all outdoor enthusiasts may be able to spend time in such an amazing setting. Expansion will disperse the crowds that sometimes gather at the current trail system, and parking areas. Thank You Dan Goldsmith Grass Valley CA
Attach a document	<i>Field not completed.</i>

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I160: DANIEL GOLDSMITH

Response to Comment I160-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:31 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Hamish Gowans
Email Address (Optional)	hamishgowans@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
Comments	My name is Hamish and I live in Kings Beach. I support the Hidden Falls trail expansion. More access (trails, trailheads, parking) is always good. I like riding my mountain bike down in Auburn during the shoulder seasons or a dry winter. It's good for my cardiovascular health, my mental well-being, and outdoor activities are now one of the safer, and still available, options for exercise besides rearranging the furniture to do yoga in the living room. My trips down there always include some kind of purchase because I'm hungry, thirsty, or need to feed my car or get something for my bike. If I need to get groceries or home improvement supplies, I combine that with the bike ride. Great synergy! New trails would be fun to explore.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I161: HAMISH GOWANS

Response to Comment I161-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:13 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

During the Covid-19 Pandemic, Placer County is committed to public participation in County Government in a manner that is consistent with guidance provided by our Public Health Official. We have provided this form that can be used to submit comments to the Planning Commission.

First and Last Name	ryan graham
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	hidden falls expansion
Comments	I hope to offer support IN FAVOR of the Hidden Falls Expansion. As an avid, long time outdoor recreational enthusiast, I cant underestimate the importance of having more resources such as this and the benefit it has to the community, including economically and population health. Having been engaged in comment periods many times, I also know the typical arguments brought forth by the usually strong willed, well organized, and often angry NIMBY types. Please consider that these arguments almost literally never turn out to be an issue, ever. The recent shuttering of local businesses have shown just how small our local trail inventory is compared to population as trails have been very crowded. This expansion will help spread users out and give more options, all while driving money towards local business. Thanks for your consideration.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I162: RYAN GRAHAM

Response to Comment I162-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.163 LETTER I163

Letter I163

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:10 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

During the Covid-19 Pandemic, Placer County is committed to public participation in County Government in a manner that is consistent with guidance provided by our Public Health Official. We have provided this form that can be used to submit comments to the Planning Commission.

First and Last Name	Jordan Graham
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden falls trail expansion project
I163-1 Comments	Creating a deeper trail network will enrich all nearby communities, encourage exercise and get more Americans outdoors.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I163: JORDAN GRAHAM

Response to Comment I163-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.164 LETTER I164

Letter I164

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 4:13 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Randy E Grant
Email Address (Optional)	grantcln1@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trails Expansion Project
Comments	I support the Hidden Falls Expansion Project. We need better access and more trails to encourage healthy recreation. Another access point will relieve some of the parking and traffic issues.
Attach a document	<i>Field not completed.</i>

I164-1

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I164: RANDY GRANT

Response to Comment I164-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.165 LETTER I165

Letter I165

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 11:36 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	david granzella
Email Address (Optional)	isurvivedrealestate@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	extending hidden falls trails
I165-1 Comments	Please vote yes on extending hidden falls trails. Enhance the quality of life for our families...
Attach a document	<i>Field not completed.</i>

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I165: DAVID GRANZELLA

Response to Comment I165-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 10:22 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	david granzella
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	"I am in support of the hidden Falls Trail expansion project.
Comments	"I am in support of the hidden Falls Trail expansion project. The health and well-being of all of us that live in this community depend on being able to do outdoor activities. Auburn is regarded as the endurance Capitol and it's part of the allure of this community. Trails I run and ride on are becoming fewer and fewer as they get fenced off by private landowners. Recent one being the canal that runs along Placer Hills Road. So I think it's important for the planning commission to consider new trails for the Health and vitality of our community. Thanks for considering my comments! David G
Attach a document	<i>Field not completed.</i>

I166-1

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I166: DAVID GRANZELLA

Response to Comment I166-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.167 LETTER I167

Letter I167

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:35 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Ms Gray
Email Address (Optional)	jazzyycatt@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls expansion
Comments	Please expand Hidden Falls. We desperately need more places to get out and get exercise. I doubt it would possible to develop bike, horse or foot paths along the road ways in Placer County, with the expansion of Hidden Falls it would give an oportunity to enjoy the beauty this county has to offer
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I167-1

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I167: Ms. GRAY

Response to Comment I167-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

Shirlee Herrington

From: Gary Grewal <garygrewal88@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2020 7:00 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Placer County Environmental Coordination Services
Subject: Re: Hidden Falls Regional Park Trails Expansion Project (PLN19-00187), Subsequent Draft EIR

Hi Shirlee,

I168-1 [Thank you for this message and for inviting comments for the proposed expansion of Hidden Falls. As a local resident we are grateful for this beautiful natural area that we are allowed to use. My concern, however, is that by expanding it and adding parking, it would cause increased soil degradation, littering, and loss of habitat for native plants and species. We just don't want it to become a hot tourist attraction, as the area roads and fragile ecosystem are probably not going to thrive with that environment. Whatever we can do to preserve the trees and open space in it's natural state, is what my vote would be as a Placer County resident.

Thank you,

Gary Grewal

On Thu, Feb 20, 2020 at 12:43 PM Shirlee Herrington <SHerring@placer.ca.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

Placer County has released a Subsequent Draft Environmental Impact Report (SDEIR) for the subject project. The SDEIR can be accessed at the following link:

<https://www.placer.ca.gov/2537/Hidden-Falls-Regional-Park-Trail-Network>

The 60-day public comment periods starts 02-20-20 and ends on 04-20-20 with a public meeting scheduled on March 26, 2020 to receive comments on the SDEIR. Attached is the Notice of Availability for your reference.

If you will have comments on the SDEIR, please send them to my attention at cdraecs@placer.ca.gov or at the mailing address below.

Thank you,

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I168: GARY GREWAL

Response to Comment I168-1

The commenter expresses concerns about traffic, litter, soil degradation, and impacts on biological resources.

Please see Draft SEIR Section 8.4 “Impacts” in Chapter 8.0 “Transportation and Circulation” for an analysis of impacts on transportation and circulation; also see Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking and Master Response 4 – Land Use Compatibility.

Please see Draft SEIR Section 12.4 “Impacts” in Chapter 12.0 “Biological Resources” for an analysis of impacts on habitat, special-status species, trees, and other biological resources.

2.7.169 LETTER I169

Letter I169

Shirlee Herrington

From: Philip Grybas <pag7447@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 3:55 PM
To: Cindy Gustafson
Cc: Kelly McCaughna
Subject: May 14th Public Hearing

Ms. Gustafson:

I169-1 I would like to formally request that the hearing scheduled for May 14th be postponed and rescheduled at a time when the public can formally be present. I also respectfully request that any consideration for a “remote” meeting be rejected as this type of meeting does not allow for effective public participation.

Sincerely,

Phil Grybas
6440 Fairway Ct., Auburn, CA

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I169: PHILIP GRYBAS

Response to Comment I169-1

The commenter request that the public meeting be postponed.

Please see Master Response 1 – Public Comment Process.

2.7.170 LETTER I170

Letter I170

From: Marsha Gullion <cfmartie@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 11:10 AM

To: weygand@placer.ca.gov

Cc: Cindy Gustafson <cindygustafson@placer.ca.gov>; Jim Holmes <JHolmes@placer.ca.gov>; Todd Leopold <TLeopold@placer.ca.gov>; Placer County Board of Supervisors <BOS@placer.ca.gov>; Shanti Landon <SLandon@placer.ca.gov>; Kelly McCaughna <KMcCaughna@placer.ca.gov>; Beverly Roberts <BRoberts@placer.ca.gov>

Subject: Public Hearing for HFRP expansion project

I170-1

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we are requesting that you, our elected representatives, table the Public Hearing for the HFRP Expansion Project set for May 14, 2020 until it is possible for the citizens of Placer County to attend this important meeting live and in person. As we understand it this meeting is intended to be a time for the public to hear a presentation by the Parks Division and allow time for questions and public comment. As remote access is not an option for many in our rural areas because of poor quality, or the complete absence of internet service, this is not a viable option.

It seems this is an odd way to hold a meeting that isn't an Action Item for the Planning Commission and we have a hard time wrapping our minds around Why at this time is it so important to have this meeting?

Sincerely,

Martie and Garth Gullion
Lincoln CA

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I170: MARTIE AND GARTH GULLION

Response to Comment I170-1

The commenter requests that the public meeting be postponed.

Please see Master Response 1 – Public Comment Process.

2.7.171 LETTER I171

Letter I171

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:55 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Cathy Haagen-Smit
Email Address (Optional)	chaagensmit@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trails Expansion Project

I171-1	<p>Comments</p> <p>I support the Hidden Falls Trails Expansion Project. I have lived on 5 acres in rural Newcastle for over 30 years, have volunteered extensively on trails, have ridden my bicycle through all sorts of traffic, have lost insurance coverage because of the Santa Rosa and Camp Fires. With that background, I am highly sensitive to impacts of projects nearby. In this case, the trails offer a fantastic opportunity for families to explore iconic oak woodlands and become land stewards as volunteers. The history of the area's agriculture will become part of their experience to treasure. I also notice traffic when a large parcel is developed. I prefer parks and trails over housing development, the traffic for which involves members of a household coming and going, coming and going at all hours. This project's new parking, in contrast, would be highly regulated. I wish my neighbor's 20 acres of blackberries was going to be developed as an open space park. The county has gone an excellent job with fuel load reduction, using an army of goats, and other measures. The county obtains grants and uses experts to deal with fire impacts, in contrast to neighbors who have been known to mow dry grass and spark fires. Lastly, the public benefit of new trails to this community is remarkable. I've heard opponents mention there are already 900 trails. I would check that number. If these miles were enjoyable, usable, not insanely steep, or too overgrown, maybe we wouldn't all be crowded onto the existing 25 miles at Hidden Falls. Thank you.</p>
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I171: CATHY HAAGEN-SMIT

Response to Comment I171-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.172 LETTER I172

Letter I172

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:26 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Chaz Halbert
Email Address (Optional)	halbert222@yahoo.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
Comments	I support the Hidden Falls Regional Park Expansion Project. I am head coach of a small high school mountain bike team in Rocklin, and this park has provided a network of fun, safe trails for myself, my team, and my family. The addition of trails and parking will spread out crowds and make the trails safer, more diverse, and better overall for all users.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I172: CHAZ HALBERT

Response to Comment I172-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

Shirlee Herrington

From: Sue Colbert
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 9:31 AM
To: sueahall@gotsky.com
Cc: Cindy Gustafson
Subject: Public Meetings

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

I173-1 | Hello Ms. Hall,
I want to provide you with the link and information to participate in public meetings with the current, evolving pandemic issue as it relates to the Planning Commission. The hearing on the Hidden Falls Trails Expansion environmental document is scheduled for the 5/14 Planning Commission which starts at 4:00 p.m.; however, the Hidden Falls item will not start before 5:00 p.m. If you would like to watch and / or call to make public comment at the Planning Commission hearing this week – the meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 23rd. On the County’s homepage www.placer.ca.gov there will be an ALERT at the very top of the page to click at 10:00 a.m., providing the ability to view the meeting in progress. As I stated on the phone, there is approximately a 30 second to two minute delay between the live meeting and the transmission, dependent upon your location and internet service.

Pursuant to Executive Order N-25-20 and N-29-20 and because social distancing measures have been implemented in the State of California and Placer County in response to the threat of COVID-19, members of this Commission and agency staff will not be required to attend this meeting in person. Commissioners and staff may participate in this meeting by teleconference.

The Planning Commission Hearing Room will not be open to the public; however, the public may observe the hearing by accessing the following web link <https://www.placer.ca.gov/2403/Planning-Commission> and can participate in the meeting telephonically by calling [530-886-1800](tel:530-886-1800).

Alternatively, citizens may submit their comments in written form at the following link: <https://www.placer.ca.gov/FormCenter/Community-Development-Resource-Agency-11/Public-Comment-Submission-158>

The public may always email comments to the Planning Commission Clerk scolbert@placer.ca.gov or mail the same through the U.S. Postal Service to the County, Attn: Planning Commission Clerk, 3091 County Center Dr., Auburn, CA 95603.

I encourage you to reach out to your Supervisor, Cindy Gustafson. Her email is included above; a message can be left for Cindy at 530.889.4010. I will also reach out to the CEO, Todd Leopold, with your desire to speak with him as well.

Let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Best regards,
Sue Colbert

Sue Colbert
Senior Board / Commission Clerk
Community Development Resource Agency
Planning Services Division
3091 County Center Drive
Auburn, CA 95603
(530) 745-3113 | (530) 745-3080 fax | scolbert@placer.ca.gov



RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I173: EMAIL FROM COUNTY CLERK SUE COLBERT TO SUE HALL

Response to Comment I173-1

This is a copy of an email sent by Senior County Clerk Sue Colbert to Sue Hall, providing information regarding the public meeting.

This message was not directed at the Draft SEIR and was included in the record by mistake. No further response is required.

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 10:01 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Shawn Hall
Email Address (Optional)	shawn@spsink.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Expansion Project
Comments	I am for expanding the Hidden Falls Trails. I ride there all the time and it would be nice to have extended trails to keep people more spread out. The parking lot also needs to be expanded. Many times you can't find parking which is a bummer. I live in Grass Valley but commute to Auburn a lot.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I174: SHAWN HALL

Response to Comment I174-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 8:36 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Thomas Hall
Email Address (Optional)	thall@vcgglobal.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
I175-1 Comments	I support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project because my family and kids enjoy exploring the area.
	Thomas Hall Rocklin
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I175: THOMAS HALL

Response to Comment I175-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.



**HIDDEN FALLS
DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
POSITION LETTER**

MAY 20, 2020

My name is GARY H. HALL, P.E. RCE #27011. I have been asked to review the Hidden Falls DSEIR for accuracy and consistency with the Placer County State Clearing House guidelines.

- I176-1 • The DSEIR attempts to pigtail the 2010 Phase I EIR, which was a failure due to EIR issues not being addressed as testified in previous hearings (trespassing, parking, access, vandalism)
- I176-2 • Placer County EIR guidelines do not allow amending an existing EIR older than 5 years...?
- I176-3 • How was this project awarded? Under public law 3 bids are required with advertising and awarded subject to public comment - never happened?
- I176-4 • There is no risk ranking matrix to compare the risk with cost of mitigation. This is required by state clearing house. Not done!
- I176-5 • Cramer Road and the ingress and egress to the parking area, Exhibit 5.6, is totally illegal for the accepted engineered construction plans for traffic control by Placer County.
- I176-6 • There are no improvement or mitigation costs?
 - Improvements \$7,000,000
 - Mitigation \$5,000,000
- I176-7 • The Traffic Study is also wrong as too much risk to the health and safety of the public is ignored regarding line of sight, blind turns, speed limits and the width of the roads as shown on attached Placer County approved engineering Plates 109, 116 & 117 which should have been included in the EIR.
- I176-8 • The project increases the impervious area, thus increasing runoff from the site impacting creeks and streams. No drainage study included as required by Placer County including water sheds and wetlands. Not done.

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- I176-8 • The proposed commercial septic system may impact the groundwater but there is no monitoring system proposed.
- I176-9 • There have been no traffic counts or modeling projections for the increased traffic loads.
- I176-10 • Fire risk is too high and no mitigation discussed, such as fire watch towers, increased local firefighting support.

In general, the DSEIR is incomplete and inadequate with no conclusion except “no impact” which is technically impossible. There is no risk matrix as required in Environmental Impact Reports.

This DSEIR does not pass the due diligence of the State Clearing house, which are:

Is this project feasible? NO

Is this project constructible? NO

Is it sustainable? YES with High Maintenance.

Is this project cost effective? NO

This DSEIR does not meet any of these criteria for *a properly prepared EIR.*

The engineer signing this document should be reported to the State Board of Engineers for negligence, incompetence and NOT protecting the health and safety of the public, which is the Board of Supervisors’ responsibility too, including any registered county staff member approving this DSEIR and should be held accountable.

This county must be held responsible for their severe and intentional endangerment of the health & safety of the community.

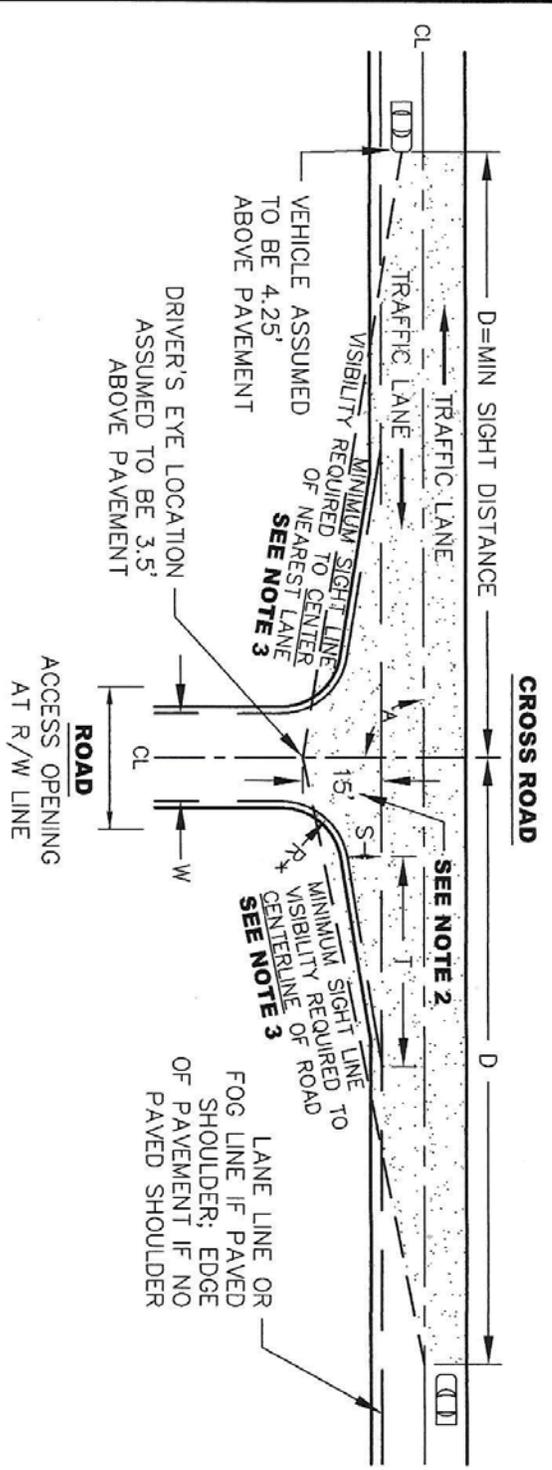
This DSEIR should be considered incomplete and not acceptable. Furthermore, there should be a complete financial disclosure of public moneys expended to date without an approved EIR! The State does not take kindly to breaking their laws but that is a legal question.

Thank you,

Gary H. Hall, P.E.
RCE #27011
SCL #1048807
gary @ghheng.com
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DESIGN SPEED (MPH)	MINOR						MAJOR									
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ANGLE, A	60° TO 120°															
SIGHT DIST., D*	275'	330'	385'	440'	495'	550'	605'	660'	275'	330'	385'	440'	495'	550'	605'	660'
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TAPER, T	VARIABLE - 25 FT. MIN															
WIDTH, W	AS APPROVED															

- *SEE NOTE 7**
- NOTES:**
- INTERSECTING R/W LINES AT ROADWAY CONNECTIONS SHALL BE JOINED BY A 25 FT. OR GREATER RADIUS CURVE TO ALLOW FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS.
 - SETBACK = 15 FT. MIN FROM EDGE OF TRAVELED WAY. THIS ASSUMES 6 FT. TO STOP BAR, 1 FT. FOR STOP BAR, AND 8 FT. FROM THE FRONT OF BUMPER TO THE DRIVER. THIS SETBACK MAY BE INCREASED UP TO 30 FT. DUE TO INTERSECTION LAYOUT.
 - IN BOTH DIRECTIONS OF TRAVEL ALONG THE CROSS ROAD, SIGHT DISTANCE D IS TO BE MEASURED ALONG THE CROSS ROAD CL FOR TWO LANE CROSS ROADS, AND ALONG THE CL OF THE NEAREST LANE TO THE ROAD FOR MULTI-LANE ROADS.
 - WHERE RESTRICTIVE CONDITIONS DO NOT ALLOW COMPLIANCE WITH THE SPECIFIED SIGHT DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS, THE ENGINEER MAY APPROVE A REDUCTION OF THE CORNER SIGHT DISTANCE TO NO LESS THAN THE MINIMUM STOPPING SIGHT DISTANCE AS OUTLINED IN THE CALTRANS HIGHWAY DESIGN MANUAL.
 - LINE OF SIGHT CLEARANCE SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT EXISTING/FUTURE LANDSCAPING. A VISIBILITY CONTROL EASEMENT MAY BE REQUIRED.
 - ANGLE OF INTERSECTION, A, SHALL BE AS CLOSE TO 90° AS POSSIBLE, BUT SHALL NOT EXCEED LIMITS SHOWN IN TABLE ABOVE.
 - CORNER SIGHT DISTANCE SHALL COMPLY WITH CALTRANS HIGHWAY DESIGN MANUAL REQUIREMENTS.

COUNTY OF PLACER

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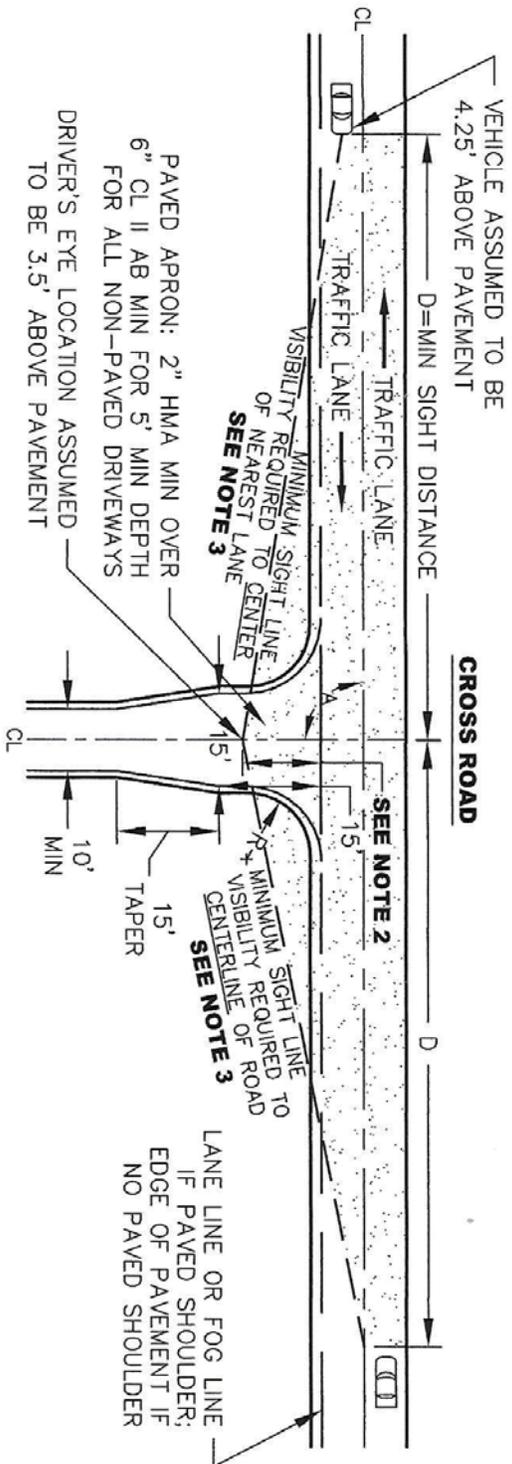
ROADWAY CONNECTIONS

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL

DATE: APR. 2016

SCALE: NOT TO SCALE

PLATE 116



**SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAY
CONNECTING TO ROADS WITH
DESIGN SPEED 5 25 MPH ONLY**

A	60' TO 120'
D	200 FT.
R	10 FT. MIN

- NOTES:**
1. THIS PLATE IS TO ONLY BE USED WITH SINGLE RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAYS, AS DEFINED IN LAND DEVELOPMENT MANUAL SECTION 4.05(1)(f)1, SHARED RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAYS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 4.05(1)(f)7 SHALL BE DESIGNED TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN PLATE 116 (MINOR).
 2. SETBACK MEASUREMENT FOR SIGHT DISTANCE = 15 FT. TYP. THIS SETBACK MAY BE INCREASED DUE TO INTERSECTION LAYOUT, AND MAY BE DECREASED TO 12' AS APPROVED BY PLACER COUNTY. IN BOTH DIRECTIONS OF TRAVEL ALONG THE CROSS ROAD, SIGHT DISTANCE D IS TO BE MEASURED ALONG THE CROSS ROAD CL FOR TWO LANE CROSS ROADS, AND ALONG THE CL OF THE NEAREST LANE TO THE DRIVEWAY FOR MULTI-LANE CROSS ROADS. FOR CROSS ROAD DESIGN SPEEDS GREATER THAN 25 MPH, SEE PLATE 116. CORNER SIGHT DISTANCE SHALL COMPLY WITH CALTRANS HIGHWAY DESIGN MANUAL REQUIREMENTS.
 3. THE RETURN RADIUS R SHALL BE DESIGNED SUCH THAT EMERGENCY FIRE VEHICLE ACCESS IS PROVIDED FOR BOTH DIRECTIONS WITHOUT REQUIRING THE VEHICLE TO SWING INTO OPPOSING TRAFFIC LANES.
 4. LINE OF SIGHT CLEARANCE SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT EXISTING/FUTURE LANDSCAPING. A VISIBILITY CONTROL EASEMENT MAY BE REQUIRED.
 5. ANGLE OF INTERSECTION, A, SHALL BE AS CLOSE TO 90° AS POSSIBLE, BUT NOT LESS THAN 60° OR MORE THAN 120°.
 6. THERE SHALL BE 20 FT. MIN DISTANCE BETWEEN THE EDGE OF THE ROADWAY AND THE STRUCTURE.
 7. FOR SITES LOCATED ABOVE 3500 FT. ELEVATION: THERE SHALL BE ONE DRIVEWAY CONNECTION TO A PARCEL. NO CIRCULAR OR SECONDARY DRIVEWAYS ALLOWED. THE DRIVEWAY WIDTH AT THE ROADWAY CONNECTION, EXCLUDING RETURN RADIUS, SHALL BE 20 TO 24 FT. MAX.
 8. SEE PLATE 118 FOR DRIVEWAY APRON AND SLOPE REQUIREMENTS.
 9. DRIVEWAYS NOT PERMITTED WITHIN 25 FT. OF INTERSECTING R/W TANGENTS IF AN ALTERNATIVE ACCESS LOCATION IS AVAILABLE.



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COUNTY OF PLACER

ROADWAY CONNECTION

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAY, ROADWAYS ≤ 25 MPH

DATE:

APR. 2016

SCALE:

NOT TO SCALE



PLATE

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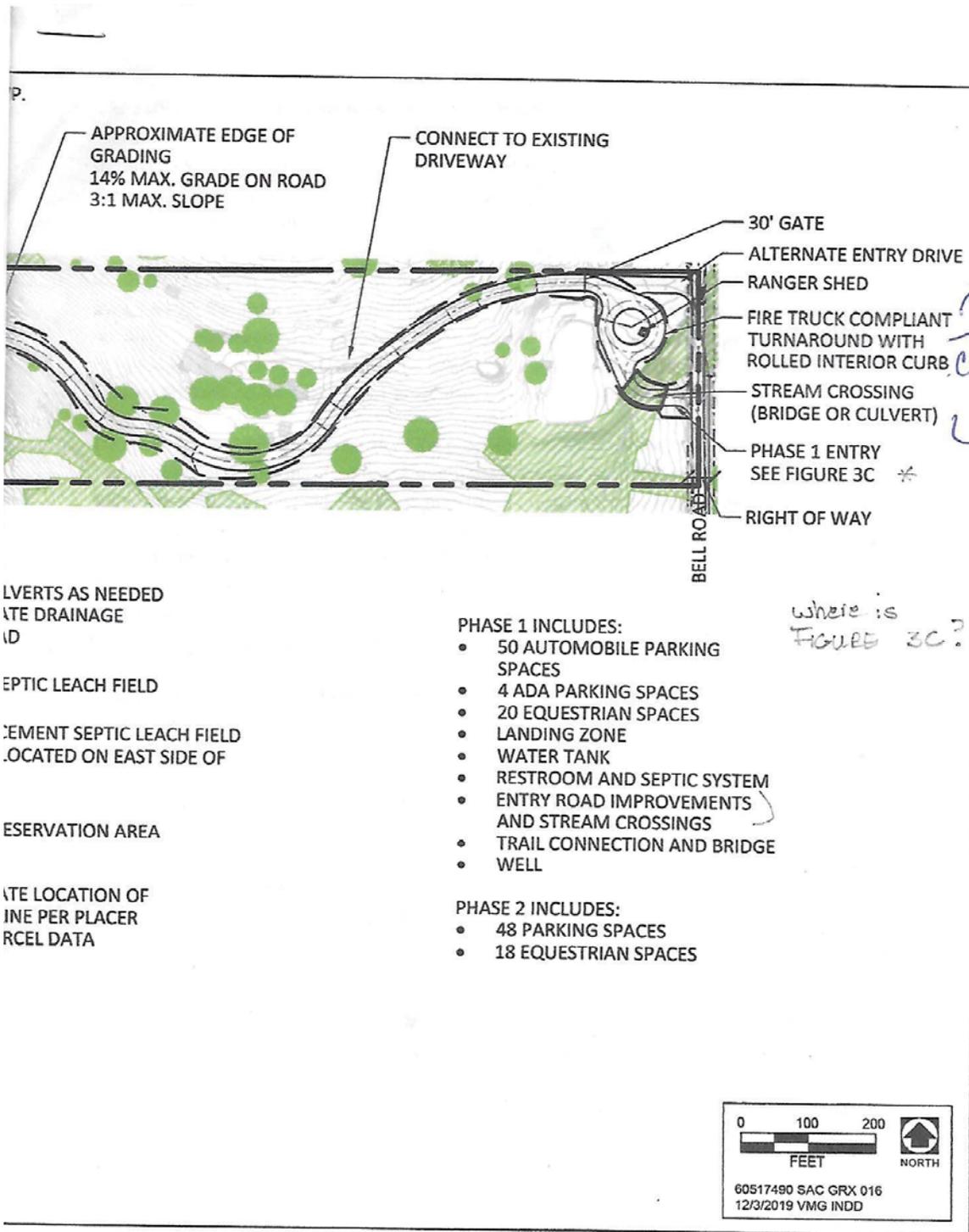


Exhibit 5.6 Twilight Ride Entrance
AECOM
Soils, Geology, Seismicity, and Mineral Resources

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I176: GARY HALL

Response to Comment I176-1

The commenters question the use of a Subsequent EIR as the appropriate CEQA compliance document.

CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 through 15164 set forth the criteria for determining the appropriate additional environmental documentation, if any, to be completed when there is a previously certified EIR covering the project for which a subsequent discretionary action is required. CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15162(a) and 15163, state that when an EIR has been certified for a project, no subsequent or supplement to an EIR shall be prepared for that project unless the lead agency determines, on the basis of substantial evidence in light of the whole public record, one or more of the following:

- (1) substantial changes are proposed in the project that will require major revisions of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified effects;
- (2) substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken that will require major revisions of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or
- (3) new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete, shows any of the following:
 - (A) The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR.
 - (B) Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR.
 - (C) Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measures or alternatives.
 - (D) Mitigation measures or alternatives that are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

In January of 2010, the Placer County Planning Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit (CUP No. 20090391) and certified an EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2007062084) for the HFRP already open to the public. The Project consists of modifications to existing CUP No. 20090391, and these modifications were determined to be substantial new information that could increase impacts from those listed in the 2010 HFRP Certified EIR. Consequently, the County has elected to prepare a Draft SEIR on the Project. The focus of the SEIR is to determine whether the Project and associated improvements would result in impacts not discussed in the prior Certified EIR, substantially increase the effect compared to that discussed in the prior Certified EIR or would be consistent with the findings of the prior Certified EIR. The Draft SEIR identified additional alternatives to address the significant impacts of the proposed HFRP Trail Expansion

Project. Consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, the analysis contained in the SEIR is limited to the incremental changes associated with construction and operation of the proposed trail expansion when evaluating whether the modifications to the original CUP would result in a significant impact. The County finds use of a SEIR appropriate and fully consistent the CEQA guidelines.

Response to Comment I176-2

The commenter questions how the project was awarded.

Selection of an EIR consultant was conducted via a public bid process in 2016. This comment is not related to CEQA compliance. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I176-3

The commenter expresses concern that there is no risk ranking matrix to compare the risk with cost of mitigation and claims it is required by the State Clearinghouse.

This is not a State Clearinghouse requirement. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I176-4

The comment states that Cramer Road and the ingress and egress to the Twilight Ride parking area as noted in “totally illegal for the accepted engineered construction plans for traffic control by Placer County”. No evidence of “illegality” is provided. Mitigation Measures S8-3 requires installing or upgrading traffic control device on Cramer Road to meet Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) requirements. Mitigation Measure S8-4 requires preparation of access improvement plans in accordance with Placer County standards and policies. Mitigation Measure S8-5 requires construction of a left turn lane meeting Placer County standards. The Draft SEIR has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, the potential impacts have been thoroughly analyzed, and appropriate mitigation measures have been proposed. No further response is required.

The Draft SEIR and supporting documentation have been developed with involvement from all relevant County departments, including Public Works, with the authority to review documents for design standard compliance. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I176-5

The commenter questions the improvement and mitigation costs.

The purpose of the Draft SEIR is to identify the significant effects of the proposed project on the physical environment and the Draft SEIR is not intended to address social or economic impacts. This is consistent with CEQA guidelines stating that “An economic or social change by itself shall not be considered a significant effect on the environment” (CEQA Guidelines Sections 15131 and 15382). No further response is required.

Response to Comment I176-6

The commenter believes the traffic study is wrong because it ignores risk to the health and safety of the public with regards to risk association with roadway features and design standards.

An EIR is not inadequate simply because experts in a particular environmental subject matter dispute the conclusions reached by the experts whose studies were used in drafting the EIR, even where different conclusions can reasonably be drawn from a single pool of information. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15151, *Guide to the California Environmental Quality Act [CEQA]* [Remy et al. 2007:499–500]; *Greenebaum v. City of Los Angeles* [1984] 153 Cal. App. 3d 391, 413.) Perfection is not required, but the EIR must be adequate, complete, and a good faith effort at full disclosure (CEQA Guidelines Section 15151). The Draft SEIR for the proposed project provides an adequate, complete, and good faith effort at full disclosure of the physical environmental impacts and the conclusions are based upon substantial evidence in light of the whole record. No further response is required.

The Draft SEIR has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, the potential impacts have been thoroughly analyzed, and appropriate mitigation measures have been proposed.

Please also see Draft SEIR Chapter 8 “Transportation and Circulation”, and Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking.

Response to Comment I176-7

The commenter expresses concern about increased stormwater runoff and impacts to creeks and streams and that no drainage study was included.

Please see Draft SEIR Section 11.4 “Impacts” in Chapter 11.0 “Hydrology and Water Quality” and Section 12.4 “Impacts” in Chapter 12.0 “Biological Resources” for an analysis of impacts to hydrology, water quality, and waterways. Also, Mitigation Measure 11-1 requires that a grading and drainage plan be prepared and implemented (Draft SEIR p. 11-19 to 11-20). A separate drainage study is not required.

Response to Comment I176-8

The commenter expresses concern that no monitoring system of groundwater is proposed for the septic system.

Please see Draft SEIR 11.4 “Impacts” in Chapter 11.0 “Hydrology and Water Quality”. Also, Mitigation Measures 11-2 requires the County to implement groundwater protection through a transient non-community water system permit (Draft SEIR p. 11-20 to 11-21). Furthermore, the County Environmental Health Division was involved in review of the document. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I176-9

The commenter believes there have been no traffic counts or modeling projections for the increased traffic loads.

Please see Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking.

Response to Comment I176-10

The commenter believes the fire risk is too high and no mitigation discussed.

Please see Draft SEIR 16.0 “Wildfire” for a discussion and analysis of wildfire impacts including Mitigation Measures S16-1a, S16-1b, and S13-1 (Draft SEIR p. 16-17 and 16-18). Also, please see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response.

Response to Comment I176-11

The commenter questions the adequacy of the Draft SEIR.

The Draft SEIR has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, the potential impacts have been thoroughly analyzed, and appropriate mitigation measures have been proposed. No further response is required.

2.7.177 LETTER I177

Letter I177

- I177-1 My first statement to you during this incredibly difficult and changing environment is.....
- IS HIDDEN FALLS EXPANSION ESSENTIAL?**
- ESSENTIAL MEANS, BASIC, NECESSARY, INDISPENSABLE**
- I177-1 I want to know why the county believes that expanding Hidden Falls given the new normal, we will have and know that this action is **ESSENTIAL?**
- ESSENTIAL** MEANS: **BASIC** , (*meaning fundamental to our lives,*) , **Necessary** (*meaning required*)
INDISPENSABLE (*not being set aside or obligated*) In my opinion this expansion meets none of this criteria.
- I177-2 The grandiose spending of the expansion of Hidden Falls outlined in the SEIR now has grow to cover more roads, more land ,parking lots, helicopter pads, rangers, and other expenses more than ever before. How can the county justify this cost during the largest economic down turn, which is causing loss of federal, state and local taxes, lost of jobs, and businesses and of course all other issues related to COVID-19?
- Certainly the county knows that this expansion is not fundamental to our lives, it is not required, and it is not something that we are obligated to expand.
- We have lived in rural placer at AV for twenty one years and since 2010 the county has for all these years threatened us with this expansion. Apparently the disaster of MEARS Dr. to the existing Falls Regional Park is not enough for the county and still there are issues with restrooms and water.
- I177-3 It was discouraging that during this pandemic that the county could not delay the community's response to the SEIR until we had the opportunity for a public meeting. Why is there such a need to rush through this process? Hidden Falls is not essential business. Instead you set a so called public hearing on May 14th which was hard to hear and follow and of course limited those who could get through to the three minute rule.
- I177-4 WHAT IS ESSENTIAL?
- 1. PRESERVATION OF RURAL PLACER.** There is a basic right to live in a quiet, safe, rural community. A basic right to to keep our family, home, and community safe. A basis right to be protected from many of the very terrible things which happened in the Mears Drive area. (If you have forgotten these issues, please re-read the statement presented August 1, 2018 to supervisor Weygandt) .
- There is the basic right to not lose the values of our homes, or the loss of personal rights, and massive invasion of our privacy from the hundreds of cars projected that there would be (1 car, every 60 seconds.) not to mention the fear of loss of personal safety and vulnerability which we are experiencing on Curtola Ranch Rd from the Frisbee Golf Business which so far the county has not helped us resolve.

2. WHAT IS ESSENTIAL? **THE RECOGNITION OF THE IMPACT ON FIRE DANGER BY THIS EXPANSION**

It is crucial that the county recognize in the SEIR 16.2.3 "that the potential exists for the HF project to expose people to an uncontrolled wildfire and exacerbates risk of wildfire during construction, maintenance, and public use of trail system". The SEIR fails to identify and disclose that the HFRP expansion area has been classified by **CAL FIRE as a WILDLIFE URBAN INTERFACE**, an area with the greatest potential for loss of life.

I177-5

In August 30, 2009 we were notified to evacuate from our homes. The end result was Bell Road was impassable and we were told to return home and shelter. It is essential to note in 2009 fire when trying to leave AV there were not also 500 cars and trailers trying to get out, **using the only one road in and out, Auburn Valley Road**. The county needs to **STOP this expansion** when **ONLY ONE** escape route exist and like the Camp Fire in Paradise, chaos meant loss of lives.

The SEIR mitigates this issue in 16.6 by buying an IRV , what is the evidence that this vehicle will reduce incidences of wildfire, and what is the cost of the items and the management rangers?

The SEIR contains neither evidence nor discussion of: what constitutes red flag conditions, OR Park administrative action, like closing the Park to visitors during red flag conditions.

The loss of fire insurance or the raising of rates has impacted so many homeowners.

WHAT IS ESSENTIAL?

3. **ROAD SAFETY:** When the land trust purchase the acres from the Harvego preserve, they knew it was land locked. Now in order to do expansion they have in the SEIR designated our community and it's **PRIVATE** roads to solve this problem and one of them is Curtola Ranch Road.

I177-6

This road is mentioned in the report as the final route to get to Hidden Falls through the Auburn Valley community. However the report does not mention that this road only measures **16 feet. 6 inches** and the road to accommodate two lanes **must be 20 feet**.

Curtola Ranch Rd road runs along an **Earthen Dam Pond**, which empties into a weir that crosses the road and flows into ponds below. To expand the road would require the county to take land from people who own homes and lots on this narrow road.

Finally in listening to the hearing on May 14th, it appeared to me that the Planning Commission is now asking questions and want to be included when the final SEIR is released. Why is the county not using their expertise and not wanting it to be reviewed like all the other county projects?

Thank you for reading our concerns: Kaylene and Edmond Hallberg

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I177: KAYLENE AND EDMOND HALLBERG

Response to Comment I177-1

The commenters ask whether the proposed project is essential.

This comment is not directed at the adequacy of the Draft SEIR for addressing adverse physical impacts associated with the proposed project, nor does it contain an argument raising significant environmental issues. However, this comment is published in this Response to Comments document for public disclosure and for decision maker consideration. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I177-2

The commenters express concerns about County spending on Hidden Falls Regional Park.

The purpose of the Draft SEIR is to identify the significant effects of the proposed project on the physical environment and the Draft SEIR is not intended to address social or economic impacts. This is consistent with CEQA guidelines stating that “An economic or social change by itself shall not be considered a significant effect on the environment” (CEQA Guidelines Sections 15131 and 15382). No further response is required.

Response to Comment I177-3

The commenters express dissatisfaction about the not delaying the public meeting on May 14, 2020.

Please see Master Response 1 – Public Comment Process.

Response to Comment I177-4

The commenters support preservation of the rural nature of the area.

Please see Response to Comments I177-1 and I177-2.

Response to Comment I177-5

The commenters express concern about wildfire and emergency evacuation.

Please see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response.

Response to Comment I177-6

The commenters express concern about road safety and general safety.

Please see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Services; and Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking.

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I178: KIRK HANSON

Response to Comment I178-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

Shirlee Herrington

From: Bradford Harris <bradford.cole.harris@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 6:35 PM
To: Placer County Environmental Coordination Services
Subject: Hidden Falls Regional Park Expansion - Garden Bar Road Access

To the Members of the Placer County Community Development Resource Agency,

My name is Bradford Harris, my family and I live on Mount Pleasant Road in between the Garden Bar Road split just north of Doty Creek, and I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed additional Garden Bar Road access for the Hidden Falls expansion project. Primarily, these are:

1. The potential for severely exacerbated traffic hazards in the vicinity of Garden Bar Road and Mount Pleasant Road
2. The further destruction of our rural community character
3. The apparent subjugation of the interests of local residents in favor of non-residents by our elected county representatives

I179-1

1. Over the past several years, increasing traffic on Mount Pleasant Road has already outpaced the minimal safety parameters and law enforcement resources in place. Reckless driving and littering are now common along the roads surrounding my home. Neighbors' animals have been hit and killed, bicyclists have been run off the road, and wild fires have been ignited by cigarette waste. In conversations with my neighbors and law enforcement officers, it is clear that our community's traffic hazards have already grown unacceptably high. Unless significant deployment of additional traffic and safety enforcement resources are allocated to accompany the proposed Garden Bar Road Hidden Falls access, the County will be complicit in a reckless exacerbation of existing local traffic hazards.

2. Local residents like myself moved here in the first place precisely to escape traffic and development, and to embrace a more rural, agricultural lifestyle. Among dozens of local residents I have spoken with, **not one** supports the encroachment of development represented by a new regional park access, which would primarily serve non-resident visitors at the expense of local residents'. Paving over wetlands, woodlands, and pasturelands to develop yet more of rural Placer County, which would be necessary to upgrade the safety of Garden Bar Road and open up a new parking lot, contradicts the spirit of this community that local residents cherish.

I179-2

3. The manner in which the Hidden Falls Expansion Project has proceeded appears to be at the direct expense of local residents in favor of outside interests and outside money. Many development meetings are held during working hours when everyone I know, including myself, has to work to make a living, which greatly limits our ability to make our objections heard. My neighbors and I do our best to stay informed, but we often find it difficult to understand what the county is planning and why those plans so often seem to subjugate the will of locals. Written letters, phone calls, and other off-hour appeals to county representatives are often all we have at our disposal to voice our values and our fears, but county representatives seldom respond. There is deep resentment building among local residents as a result. As far as I can tell, **no one who actually lives in this area wants a new Garden Bar Road Hidden Falls access.**

I179-3

In consideration of these concerns, I urge all members of the Placer County Community Development Resource Agency to suspend plans for a Garden Bar Road Hidden Falls access, at least until the welfare of the local residents you are supposed to represent is adequately addressed.

Thank you for your consideration,
Bradford Harris

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I179: BRADFORD HARRIS

Response to Comment I179-1

The commenter expresses concerns about wildfire, safety, traffic, enforcement, and land use compatibility.

Please see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response; Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking; And Master Response 4 – Land Use Compatibility.

Response to Comment I179-2

The commenter expresses concern about the public outreach process for the Draft SEIR, and states that many development meetings are held during working hours.

Please see Master Response 1 – Public Comment Process.

The two scoping meetings, all Parks Commission meetings, MAC meetings, and the recent Planning Commission meeting held on May 14, 2020 were all held in the evening.

Response to Comment I179-3

The commenter urges the County to suspend plans for a Garden Bar Road Hidden Falls access.

The comment is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.180 LETTER I180

Letter I180

Shirlee Herrington

From: Valerie Harrison <valgal930@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 6:06 PM
To: Cindy Gustafson
Cc: Placer County Board of Supervisors
Subject: Hidden Falls Expansion Public Hearing

Dear Supervisor Gustafson,

I180-1

I was planning on attending the meeting on May 14, 2020 concerning the Hidden Falls Expansion. I was disappointed to learn that this meeting will not be an open meeting but will be held remotely. I would like to request that this meeting be postponed until such a time that the public can meet openly.

Thank you for your kind consideration and for all you do for the citizens of Placer County.

Sincerely,

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I180: VALERIE HARRISON

Response to Comment I180-1

The commenter requests that the public meeting be postponed.

Please see Master Response 1 – Public Comment Process.

Shirlee Herrington

From: Valerie Harrison <valgal930@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Placer County Environmental Coordination Services
Cc: Placer County Board of Supervisors
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hidden Falls Trail Expansion

I181-1 | After reading the SEIR on the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project, I have some major concerns. I would like to see Alternative 2.4.1, No Project Alternative, selected for the following reasons:

1. Impact on Roads and Neighborhoods

I181-2 | The Twilight Ride area would be accessed by Cramer and Bell Roads. These two roads are not designed for the amount of traffic that will occur especially on weekends. There is a possibility of major traffic jams in this area which would be dangerous to pedestrians and pose a safety issue to residents who are trying to use the roads. This is a peaceful, rural area which could become trashed by visitors i.e. The Mears Neighborhood

The Harvego Bear River Property would be accessed through Auburn Valley Road and Curtola Road. These are private roads which I assume the county will take away by eminent domain. No impact report regarding increased use has been done on this area and the county has not notified the Auburn Valley residents of their plans. Again there is the issue of the neighborhood being trashed by visitors.

2. Fire Danger

I181-3 | The Harvego Preserve is rated as a High Fire Severity Zone. PG and E states that even a tiny spark can start a wild fire that could quickly destroy a neighborhood. It would only take one careless visitor to cause a catastrophe. The Auburn Valley neighborhood would be in significant danger since the is only one way out.

I181-4 | I urge the commission and the county supervisors to carefully consider the impact of this expansion on the rural North Auburn Community. Only 39% of visitors would come from within our county at great cost to the taxpayers and the environment. Please support alternative 2.4.1. This alternative could be expanded by having more frequent docent led tours. Our community and land would be protected for generations to come.

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I181: VALERIE HARRISON

Response to Comment I181-1

The commenter would like to see Alternative 2.4.1, No Project Alternative, selected.

Th comment is noted. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I181-2

The commenter expresses concerns about traffic and land use compatibility issues, as well as the use of Auburn Valley Road and Curtola Ranch Road.

Please see Draft SEIR Section 8.4 “Impacts” in Chapter 8.0 “Transportation and Circulation” for an analysis of impacts on traffic. Please also see Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking and Master Response 4 – Land Use Compatibility as it pertains to trash, vandalism, trespassing, and theft.

Response to Comment I181-3

The commenter expresses concern about fire danger.

Please see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response.

Response to Comment I181-4

The commenter urges County supervisors to support the no project alternative.

The preference is noted. No further response is required.

Shirlee Herrington

From: Pam Hart <pamula1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 2:43 PM
To: Placer County Board of Supervisors; Placer County Environmental Coordination Services; Sue Colbert
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hidden Falls Expansion SEIR

May 13, 2020

TO: Placer County Board of Supervisors BOS@placer.ca.gov

Placer County Planning Commission scolbert@placer.ca.gov

Placer County Resource Development Agency cdraecs@placer.ca.gov

RE: Hidden Falls Expansion Project – SEIR review

Subject: Inadequate Traffic studies and mitigation

I have been a resident of the Bell Road area for over 40 years. In that time I have witnessed an increase in vehicle traffic and an increase in bicycle traffic. This study does not seem to include a study or proposal for increased bicycle traffic and the widening of all of Bell Road, Cramer Road and Lone Star Road to keep these riders safe. This is especially concerning due to the "Attractive Nuisance" factor in advertising bike trails at the Hidden Falls expansion. The addition of 350 car trips per day and possibly 50 additional bike trips per day, does not sound safe for either vehicle. The condition of these rural roads cannot tolerate the additional traffic. Where are the bike lanes?

In reading the SEIR, it has come to my attention that there are a few areas that have not been fully addressed, or have been poorly addressed.

I182-1

The first one is:

- The transportation impacts of the proposed project are evaluated using VMT as the metric. However, Placer County has not yet established a VMT threshold, and is not required to do so until July of 2020. Vehicle miles traveled (VMT)
 - It seems prudent to wait until July when Placer County Public Works comes up with a threshold. This will impact many projects, not just this one. The baseline for this project should be the traffic count of today – not when the project is built out.

- P 3-41--- Mitigation Measure - Construct dedicated left turn lane on Bell Road meeting design standards contained in the Caltrans Highway Design Manual (HDM –
 - -It will be hard to qualify looking at the chart on page 200-1 of the CalTrans Design Manual with regard to adequate sight distance – especially with the immediate downgrade at the curves



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- In addition to the lane itself, a transition area is needed at each end to create the lane. Depending on whether the lane is created by widening on one or both sides of centerline, these transitions are 320 or 160 feet long for 40 mph design.
 - There is no mention of removal of oak trees for this transitional widening area. And no mention of the purchase of additional property for this widening.
 -
- Mitigation Measure 10-1: Restrict General Public Traffic to 6 a.m. to 30 Minutes after Sunset.
 - Really? – general traffic – residential traffic? Who is going to monitor this???? Now we will have to show "papers" just to access our own neighborhood? There is nothing mentioned as to how this would be performed, the cost to do it, and the effectiveness.

It might be just as cost effective to have everyone brought in by helicopter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I182: PAM HART

Response to Comment I182-1

The commenter expresses several concerns about traffic and mitigation, including use of VMT, line of sight, bicycle safety, constructability, and offsite impacts related to the required left turn lane on Bell road.

Please see Master Response 3 regarding applying VMT thresholds. The evaluation of VMT was based on the conditions at the time of release of the Notice of Preparation, consistent with the CEQA Guidelines. As stated in the Draft SEIR, the proposed project's VMT is analyzed under baseline (existing) and future conditions with and without the proposed project. Although the Draft SEIR assumes the HFRP, as described in the 2010 EIR, is fully developed and operational, two of the elements considered in the 2010 EIR, a bridge and Nature Education Center, have not yet been completed. These elements are not re-evaluated in the Draft SEIR. However, this approach to baseline did not affect the evaluation of VMT in the Draft SEIR because the VMT is determined by the parking areas planned as part of the Trails Expansion Project, including the relocated Garden Bar parking area.

Please also see Response to Comment Letter I183-6 with regards to baseline information.

The Draft SEIR addresses existing and planned bicycle facilities on study area roads on page 8-7, while project's impact to bicycle facilities or activity is discussed on page 8-28. Improvements included in the Placer County Regional Bikeway Plan are identified in Draft SEIR Table 8-2, and these include development of Class III bicycle routes on Bell Road from Lone Star Road to Joeger Road, on Lone Star Road from Bell Road to SR 49 and on Cramer Road from Bell Road to SR 49, as well as Class II bike lanes on Bell Road from Joeger Road to I-80. These improvements are not a part of the HFRP Trails Expansion Project. The Draft SEIR analysis determined that the HFRP Trails Expansion Project's impacts to bicycle activity and facilities were not significant and no mitigation is required.

The commenter's statement that the HFRP Trails Expansion Project will cause 50 additional bike trips per day is conjecture and is not substantiated. The Draft SEIR has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, that the potential impacts have been thoroughly analyzed, and appropriate mitigation measures have been proposed. No further response is required.

Please see Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking.

The commenter states that the following areas were not thoroughly addressed in the Draft SEIR: VMT and Mitigation Measure S8-5 requiring a left-hand turn lane with Phase 2 of the Twilight Ride.

With regards to impacts to resources that would result from constructing a left turn lane for the Twilight Parcel on Bell Road, the County has confirmed that sufficient space would be available to design the lane within the existing right-of-way. Specific resource studies cannot be completed until a preliminary design is available, however, a review of aerial photography of the site confirmed that likelihood for sensitive resource such as riparian areas or wetlands to occur in the ROW is minimal. While some oak removal may be required, the number of trees would be small (no more than five based on a preliminary review of aerial photography). The Draft SEIR specifically addresses tree removal in impacts discussion 12-9 and Mitigation Measure S12-7: Protect Oak

Woodland Habitat lays out detailed steps that will be implemented to mitigate the loss of trees protected under the County's tree ordinance.

The commenter questions Mitigation Measure 10-1, which restricts general public access to the Trails Expansion areas to the daylight hours.

This restriction is only for people accessing the parking areas for the Trails Expansion areas. Each parking access area will have a gate which is locked nightly. This mitigation measure in no way restricts the general traffic of the neighborhoods.

2.7.183 LETTER I183

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Re: Comments - Hidden Falls Regional Park Trails Expansion Project

Dear Ms. Herrington:

I183-1

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Proposed Placer County Hidden Falls Regional Park Trails Network Expansion Project (the "Proposed Project"). These comments are being provided on behalf of my client, Harvego Real Estate LLC (HRE). This letter follows up on, and incorporates by reference, my February 27, 2017, July 5, 2018, and February 21, 2019 letters regarding Placer County's (County) January 30, 2017, and June 4, 2018 Notices of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (NOP) and public scoping meeting.

I183-2

As a prefatory matter, the County continues to ignore the legal and physical challenges associated with the proposed routes of access to the Proposed Project. According to the DEIR, the public would access certain newly developed park areas via two privately owned roads: Auburn Valley Road and Curtola Ranch Road. The County holds certain limited easement rights to use the portion of Curtola Ranch Road that is owned and operated by HRE to access the Proposed Project site; however, the existing easement expressly states that, until the County undertakes significant physical road improvements, the County's use of the road is limited to "non-public uses." Accordingly, the County does not have the right to undertake Phase 1 of the Proposed Project, which does not propose any road improvements, but states that the County will conduct docent-led tours as often as once per day. Pursuant to an agreement with HRE, the Placer Land Trust may currently conduct docent-led tours no more than once a month; the County has no right to conduct these tours at all. The DEIR ignores this fact, stating only that "changes to existing easement terms would need to be made prior to allowance of the proposed Phase 2 uses." (DEIR, 3-36.) The County also proposes an entry gate and ranger kiosk but omits any detail regarding how it would obtain the rights to place these elements on private property.

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Furthermore, in order to use Curtola Ranch Road (and the privately owned Auburn Valley Road) in the manner contemplated in the DEIR, major improvements would be required; even if the County could obtain the legal right to use the road as described in the DEIR, many of the required improvements would be cost-prohibitive, if not physically impossible. The County has not engaged with HRE to discuss its apparent plans to convert the portion of Curtola Ranch Road that runs across HRE's property—a narrow, private road with limited capacity traversing extremely difficult terrain—into a public throughway that could accommodate hundreds of daily trips. The County should not continue analyzing a project that it has neither the legal right nor the physical ability to build.

I183-3

In addition, the DEIR fails to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Pub. Res. Code § 21000 *et seq.*, and its implementing regulations, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, § 15000 *et seq.* (CEQA Guidelines). The Proposed Project is an entirely new project—not a revision or addition to the previous Hidden Falls Regional Park Project—yet the County improperly attempts to circumvent environmental review by preparing a Subsequent EIR instead of a wholly new EIR. In addition, the DEIR violates CEQA in that: (1) the project description is incomplete; (2) impacts are measured against an improper baseline; (3) it fails to fully analyze and mitigate for environmental impacts; (4) it lacks an adequate discussion of alternatives. Accordingly, the County should revise and recirculate the DEIR.

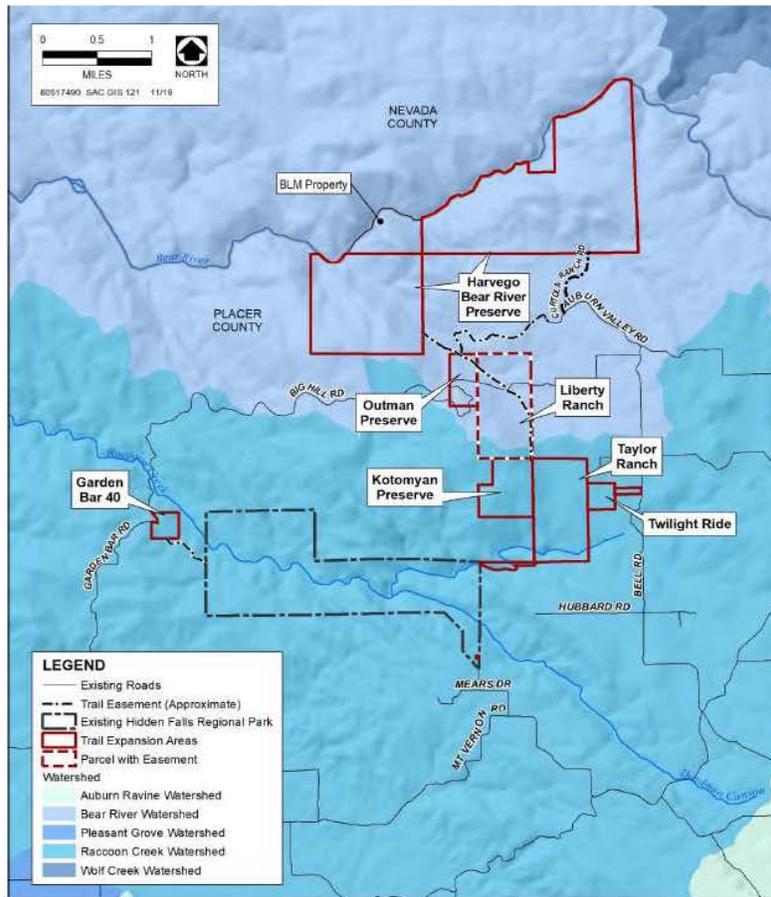
I. Use of a Subsequent EIR is Inappropriate.

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Because the Proposed Project is a new project, rather than a change to the Hidden Falls Regional Park Project, a stand-alone EIR is required. Reliance on prior environmental review is appropriate where the new proposal represents a change or addition to the previous project, and “the original environmental document retains some informational value despite the proposed changes.” (*Friends of the College of San Mateo Gardens v. San Mateo County Community College District* (2016) 1 Cal.5th 937, 951-952.) Here, the Proposed Project is in an entirely different location, encompassing 1,000 acres that are geographically remote (as to some portions of the Proposed Project, six miles away) from the existing Hidden Falls Regional Park. Indeed, much of the Proposed Project is located within an entirely new watershed, as demonstrated in the below figure. (DEIR, 11-3.)

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As explained below, by preparing a Subsequent EIR, the County is attempting to skirt CEQA’s substantive requirements, using an improper baseline and relying on outdated environmental surveys. It is inappropriate for the County to rely on any portion of the Hidden Falls Regional Park Project EIR, and the County must prepare a new EIR to evaluate the Proposed Project.

II. The DEIR Does Not Adequately Describe the Proposed Project.

The DEIR does not adequately describe the Proposed Project, ignoring significant amounts of development and construction that will be required for public access, and associated impacts.

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CEQA defines a “project” as the “whole of an action” that may result in direct, indirect, or reasonably foreseeable environmental changes. (CEQA Guidelines § 15378.) CEQA, therefore, prohibits an environmental document from narrowly defining a project to avoid consideration of all the project’s impacts. (See e.g. *San Joaquin Raptor/Wildlife Rescue Ctr. v. County of Stanislaus* (1994) 27 CA4th 713.) However, here, the DEIR does exactly that. According to the DEIR,

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The proposed project would develop phased recreation and access facilities on the 979-acre former Spears Ranch property and would expand the existing parking area on the Didion Ranch portion of the Park to provide opportunities for passive recreation (i.e., hiking, biking, horseback riding) on the entire 1,200-acre Hidden Falls Regional Park. In addition, the project would improve access to the western portion of the property, including an on-site staging/parking area with access from Garden Bar Road.

(DEIR, 3-5.) But the project description and analysis fail to account for access to other proposed entry points to the expanded areas of the park, which are described elsewhere in the DEIR. For instance, the DEIR's Executive Summary indicates that the Proposed Project would

Provide three new points of access to the [proposed] expanded trail network system, with parking areas supported by trailhead amenities . . . New points of parking and access are proposed at Harvego Bear River Preserve off Curtola Ranch Road for access to the northern areas of the trail network, on the Twilight Ride property off of Bell Road to provide access midway through the expansion areas, as well as the parking area on the Garden Bar 40 parcel for access to the western end.

(DEIR, 2-1.) Despite the DEIR's references to development of additional entry points, there is no meaningful discussion of the impacts of improvements necessary to allow this kind of access.

The relevant portion of Curtola Road, which runs across a large swath of HRE property, is a private, unimproved, narrow gravel road featuring steeply sloping sides that traverses a narrow earthen dam prior to entry to the Harvego Bear River Preserve. A significant part of the road follows alongside an open water canal, which conveys valuable Nevada Irrigation District (NID) water and excess flood flows. Easements for access to Harvego Bear River Preserve over Curtola Ranch Road require that the County improve that road prior to public use, and even if it were not legally required, the road is not currently safe or adequate for the trips contemplated by the Proposed Project. It is unclear whether the portion of the road that traverses an earthen dam could even be made safe for the traffic proposed by this Project. Accordingly, significant improvements will need to be made, and—given that that the road is flanked by an irrigation canal on one side and a steep slope on the other, and crosses a dam—those improvements will involve a massive amount of engineering and construction, if they are even possible.

Yet, the project description fails to provide any meaningful discussion of the necessary updates to Curtola Ranch Road. The DEIR provides only that "the PLT and County may allow general public use of the access easement on Curtola Ranch Road only after an all-weather roadway surface of not less than 20 feet in width is constructed." (DEIR, 3-35.) The DEIR discusses minor improvements to Curtola Ranch road as part of Project Phase 2, but these improvements do not meet the standards set forth in the County's easement agreement with HRE. The DEIR lacks detail regarding the major construction necessary to conduct those improvements, and this omission pervades the entire DEIR, undermining the analysis of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, traffic impacts, impacts to water quality, and impacts to biological resources, among others. The DEIR must be revised to include an adequate project description.

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III. The DEIR Uses an Improper Baseline.

The DEIR uses an improper baseline for purposes of evaluating Proposed Project impacts. CEQA generally requires that baseline environmental conditions be described in the EIR as they exist when the NOP is published. (CEQA Guidelines § 15125(a).) Contrary to this standard practice, the DEIR states, at section 1.4:

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According to Section 15125 of the State CEQA Guidelines, baseline conditions are normally defined as the physical environmental conditions in the vicinity of the project as they exist at the time that the NOP is published. A lead agency may also use permit limits as baseline only where an action modifies a prior project that had CEQA review and the facts support it (i.e., reaching the limit is not hypothetical). **In the case of this SEIR, baseline condition assumes the HFRP is fully developed and operational.** Therefore, the environmental setting described in the SEIR is directed toward conditions within the HFRP Trail Expansion Project Area. This approach to the environmental setting is consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15125 which states the lead agency should use the baseline that provides the most accurate picture practically possible of the project's impacts, including conditions expected when the project becomes operational.

(DEIR, section 1.4 [emphasis added].) The DEIR's approach to baseline is directly contrary to law. The California Supreme court specifically proscribed use of a "permit limits" projected baseline in *Communities for a Better Environment v. South Coast Air Quality Management District* (2010) 48 Cal.4th 310, 320-21. In a later decision, the California Supreme Court clarified the very narrow circumstances in which use of a projected baseline may be permitted, and none of those circumstances exist here. (*See Neighbors for Smart Rail v. Exposition Metro Line Constr. Auth.* (2013) 57 Cal.4th 439, 451-53.)

The DEIR also improperly evaluates the Proposed Project's impacts based in part on the environmental setting described in the 2009 EIR prepared for the Hidden Falls Regional Park Project, but there is no indication that the baseline for that document—prepared more than a decade ago—is reflective of current conditions at the site. The County initially published the NOP for the Proposed Project on January 30, 2017, and later revised and reissued that document on June 4, 2018. Thus, the environmental setting described in the EIR should reflect conditions as they were in 2017, at the earliest. Accordingly, the DEIR must be revised and recirculated, with all impacts measured against an appropriate baseline.

IV. The DEIR Fails to Adequately Analyze and Mitigate for Project Impacts.

A. The DEIR is Inadequate with Regard to Biological Impacts.

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The DEIR improperly analyzes biological impacts based on surveys that are outdated and, in some instances, reflect conditions in a geographically remote area. For instance, the DEIR relies on surveys conducted in 2005 to assess impacts to special status fish species, such as Central Valley steelhead and Chinook salmon. (DEIR, 12-27.) Based on those surveys, the DEIR concludes that these two special status species are only "likely to occur" or "could occur,"

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respectively. The DEIR also relies on 2005 surveys to determine impacts with regard to western pond turtle, a species known to occur in the Proposed Project area. (DEIR, 12-27.) The DEIR must use updated information to describe the current environmental conditions within the Proposed Project area, so that the public and decisionmakers can understand the true impacts of the Project on those resources.¹

B. The DEIR Fails to Analyze the Proposed Project's Impacts to Water Quality.

The DEIR fails to appropriately analyze water quality, including the following potentially significant environmental impacts that may result from the Proposed Project:

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- Development and significant expansion of access roads and parking areas may result in impacts to water quality. As discussed above in Section II, the DEIR fails to describe necessary improvements to access roads, such as Curtola Ranch Road. Because Curtola Ranch Road is adjacent to a canal that conveys valuable NID water to the Bear River, any construction along or on that road has the potential to degrade water quality.
 - Development and expansion of access roads may result in flooding, yet the DEIR fails to analyze these impacts related to flooding in a meaningful way. Storm flows are collected and transported via a canal, and beneath an earthen dam. Flow direction varies based on time of year and the volume of water in the canal; in high precipitation years, the canal's reverse flows have caused the storm flows to overtop the banks of the canal, flooding local areas. The DEIR must address this issue.
 - Equestrian access to trails within the Proposed Project impact area may result in impacts to water quality due to increased bacteria loading. By permitting equestrian activities near the Bear River and Raccoon Creek, the Proposed Project could degrade water, some of which may be designated as drinking water.
 - Trail use by all users within the Proposed Project impact area may result in impacts to water quality in the Bear River, given that a portion of the expansion area and proposed trail are adjacent thereto. Even though much of the Proposed Project is in the Bear River watershed, the DEIR only identifies potential impacts to Raccoon Creek. (See Impact 11-2, DEIR, 11-14.) The DEIR must disclose, analyze and mitigate the potentially significant impacts to the Bear River, and its watershed.

The DEIR must be revised to discuss the above list of potential impacts to surface water quality and then be recirculated.

¹ The baseline for other species is also set through data gathered significantly earlier than the date on which the NOP for the Proposed Project was released, such as ringtail (2010-2013), yellow-breasted chat (2007-2008), and yellow warbler (2010-2013).

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C. The DEIR Fails to Adequately Analyze GHG Emissions and Impacts to Air Quality.

The DEIR fails to adequately analyze impacts associated with GHG Emissions. As mentioned above, the fact that the project description omits critical details about necessary improvements to the access roads, including Curtola Ranch Road, fundamentally undermines this analysis; the equipment required to undertake those improvements will emit substantial GHGs, which must be incorporated in the DEIR's calculations.

I183-9 In addition, the DEIR improperly relies upon a threshold of significance that is not appropriate for this type of development project. The DEIR simply states that, because the Placer County Air Pollution Control District does not have a specific threshold of significance for "parks," the County is entitled to rely upon the extremely high bright-line threshold of 10,000 MTCO_{2e} annually. (DEIR, 15-15.) However, the DEIR offers no justification for this threshold and no explanation of how it purports to achieve the ambitious GHG reduction goals promulgated by the State of California for 2020, 2035, and 2050. The GHG analysis is woefully inadequate.

Similarly, the analysis of air quality emissions must be revised. The omission of key construction activities from the DEIR translates into artificially low estimates of air quality emissions, including criteria pollutants. These calculations must be revised to take into account construction emissions, and this addition will inevitably result in potentially significant impacts. Accordingly, pursuant to the California Supreme Court's Decision in *Sierra Club v. County of Fresno* (2018) 6 Cal.5th 502, 518-521, an evaluation of health effects associated with those emissions is required.

D. The DEIR Fails to Adequately Analyze Wildfire Risk and Emergency Access.

I183-10 The DEIR does not adequately analyze and mitigate the risk of catastrophic wildfire that will be created by bringing hundreds of users into this pristine, densely vegetated, open space area. The additional park visitors are likely to substantially increase the risk of wildfires in the Proposed Project's area of impacts, especially given that: (1) most wildfires have anthropogenic causes; (2) much of the expansion area has steeply sloping topography along trails, waterways, and access roads; and (3) CAL-Fire has assigned much of the expansion area a high fire risk designation, with certain adjacent areas designated as severe fire risk. (See DEIR, 16-5, 16-6.) The DEIR's only mitigation for these foreseeable and significant impacts during park operation are: (1) installation of 12,000-gallon water tanks onsite; and (2) one additional emergency vehicle. These mitigation measures are woefully inadequate when compared with the extent of fire risk, especially given the speed with which the water tanks would be depleted in the event of a wildfire.

The DEIR also fails to provide sufficient emergency access to the expansion area, and to appropriately update evacuation plans that would apply in the event of a wildfire. The Proposed Project would add hundreds of parking spaces, meaning that potentially hundreds of recreational park users would need to be evacuated in the event of a fire, and adding the need for emergency vehicles to enter in the event of injuries or other emergencies. According to the DEIR, "proposed emergency access/maintenance roads would provide better emergency access to all portions of the project area than occurs now, including those across Raccoon Creek." (DEIR,

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16-10.) This is an irrelevant metric; under current conditions, there are few, if any, park users; thus it is not enough to state that emergency access would be better than it is now. The DEIR must be revised to include an emergency access and evacuation plan to ensure the safety of visitors. By omitting any evacuation planning from the DEIR, the County fails to prioritize the safety of visitors and residents in the areas surrounding the park.

E. The DEIR Fails to Adequately Analyze and Mitigate Impacts Associated with Hazardous Substances.

The DEIR fails to disclose and mitigate all reasonably foreseeable impacts associated with the potential presence of hazardous substances. Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESA) were developed for two of the properties incorporated into the expansion area: (1) the Harvego Preserve property; and (2) the Taylor Ranch property. (DEIR, 14-3.) “Field reconnaissance of the [Taylor Ranch] property identified a lode mine with vertical shaft covered at the surface with vegetation and other inert debris (wood, concrete, vegetation, and miscellaneous trash), a waste rock pile, and associated structures located at the eastern boundary of parcel 026-120-028-000, north of Raccoon Creek.” Therefore, a Phase II ESA was conducted for this property. (*Id.*)

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Based on the results of these studies, it is reasonably foreseeable that soil above Environmental Screening Levels could be present at the Proposed Project site. The DEIR recognizes the potential for such soil to exist at the Taylor Ranch property, stating that “[i]f the lode gold mine, inert debris, and waste rock would be in close proximity to a project facility, it would be removed during construction and would therefore not pose a hazard to the public.” (DEIR, 14-15.) Although such soils would need to be disposed at an appropriate off-site landfill, the DEIR does not analyze impacts of that disposal, including GHGs, air emissions, and traffic impacts.

Moreover, Mitigation Measure 14-2: Prepare and Implement a Safety Hazard Plan and Conduct Soil Sampling, fails to incorporate concrete standards to guide development of mitigation measures. It is improper for lead agencies to defer formulation of mitigation programs by simply requiring future studies to determine the feasibility of mitigation. (*Fairview Neighbors v. County of Ventura* (1998) 198 Cal.App.4th 238, 244.) Despite CEQA’s clear prohibition on deferred mitigation, the DEIR does exactly that. The DEIR must be updated to disclose, analyze, and mitigate all potentially significant impacts associated with development of park features within the expansion area.

F. The DEIR Fails to Adequately Analyze and Mitigate Impacts to Agriculture and Land Use.

The DEIR’s analysis of impacts to agriculture and land use are flawed for at least two reasons.

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First, the DEIR inaccurately concludes that the Proposed Project will not have significant impacts to agriculture and land use. According to the CEQA Guidelines, a project may have a significant impact if it involves changes to the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of farmland, to non-agricultural use.

The DEIR acknowledges that, “[t]he Harvego Preserve is home to a working cattle ranch and the Taylor Ranch, Kotomyan Preserve, and Outman Preserve support cattle grazing.” (DEIR, 4-2.)

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While “[t]he current owner of the Twilight Ride property allows grazing on a seasonal basis.” (*Id.*) However, the DEIR fails to account for the Proposed Project’s potential to result in the conversion of these parcels’ current use from farmland to outdoor recreation uses *alone* due to increased public access to these properties, and the impacts of such access.

Park staff have stated that 90% of visitors to Hidden Falls Regional Park generally remain within the first mile of trails. Thus, the majority of visitors entering at the Twilight Ride trailhead will remain on the Taylor Ranch Preserve, an existing cattle operation, which is only 310 acres. The preserve is likely to be over-run with and adversely impacted by a large number of visitors, including hikers, cyclists, equestrians, and their dogs. In addition, the concentration of visitors in the first several miles of trails is likely to significantly impact area cattle and agricultural operations, and could result in the discontinuation of ranching on impacted parcels.

Second, the DEIR fails to adequately address the Proposed Project’s inconsistency with Placer County General Plan goals and policies. A General Plan operates as a “constitution for all future developments;” land use decision-making must therefore be consistent with the General Plan and its policies. (*Citizens of Goleta Valley v. Board of Supervisors* (1990) 52 Cal.3d 553, 570.) Consequently, if a project “will frustrate the General Plan’s goals and policies, it is inconsistent with the County’s General Plan unless it also includes definite affirmative commitments to mitigate the adverse effect(s).” (*Napa Citizens for honest Government v. Napa County Board of Supervisors* (2001) 91 Cal.App.4th 342, 378-81.)

The Proposed Project would frustrate several of the General Plan’s goals and policies, including:

- GOAL 7.A: *To provide for the long-term conservation and use of agriculturally-designated lands.*
- Policy 7.A.1: *The County shall protect agriculturally-designated areas from conversion to non-agricultural uses.*
- Policy 7.A.3: *The County shall encourage continued and, where possible, increased agricultural activities on lands suited to agriculture uses.*
- GOAL 7.B: *To minimize existing and future conflicts between agricultural and non-agricultural uses in agriculturally-designated areas.*

The Proposed Project will develop enhanced access to areas that are currently used for cattle grazing. Given that most of the park visitors will remain concentrated in small areas of the park currently used for cattle grazing, which are close to the park’s entrance, those visitors have the potential to stress cattle, compromising the viability of continued agricultural use. By adding two hundred ninety-five (295) additional parking spaces for park access, the Proposed Project will permit potentially thousands of visitors to simultaneously be present within the confines of the park. (DEIR, Table 3-1.) This is inconsistent with the General Plan policies aimed at preservation of agriculture and agriculturally-designated areas, as well as policies encouraging increased agricultural activities.

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V. The DEIR Fails to Adequately Analyze Alternatives.

The DEIR's alternatives analysis is fundamentally flawed. A proper analysis of feasible alternatives is essential to comply with CEQA's mandate that significant environmental damage be avoided or substantially lessened where feasible. (Pub. Res. Code § 21002; CEQA Guidelines §§ 15002(a)(3), 15021(a)(2), 15126(d); *Citizens for Quality Growth v. City of Mount Shasta* (1988) 198 Cal.App.3d 433, 443-45.) The DEIR ignores this mandate.

According to the DEIR, "the environmentally superior alternative. . . is Alternative 2, Reduced Trailhead Amenities Alternative," which is essentially a reduced alternative of the Proposed Project that would allow some access and improvements but scale back the proposed parking and amenities. (DEIR, 17-5, 7-14.) Alternative 2 fully achieves most of the project objectives, while eliminating or reducing several of the significant and unavoidable impacts associated with the Proposed Project. Specifically, the reductions in build-out associated with Alternative 2 would:

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- Alleviate the severity of significant project impacts to the visual character of Garden Bar Road;
 - Disturb less land and result in the removal of fewer trees, thus reducing certain significant and unavoidable impact to visual resources;
 - Substantially reduce vehicle trips on local roads, thus reducing the significant and unavoidable impacts associated with vehicle miles travelled;
 - Generate fewer air emissions during both construction and operation; and
 - Decrease activity at the three new proposed trailheads, resulting in less demand for public services and utilities. (DEIR, 17-14, 17-15).

The DEIR summarily dismisses this alternative because "it would not go as far toward meeting the project objectives as fewer visitors could be accommodated." (DEIR, 17-14.) This analysis does not comply with the mandates of CEQA; if the County were to approve any Project, CEQA requires it to select Alternative 2.

VI. The DEIR Must Be Recirculated

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CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines require recirculation of a DEIR where: (1) significant new information is added to the EIR after public notice is given of the availability of the DEIR, but before certification, or (2) the DEIR is so "fundamentally and basically inadequate and conclusory in nature that meaningful public review and comment were precluded." (CEQA Guidelines § 15088.5.) Here, the public and decision-makers cannot assess the Proposed Project's impacts based on the DEIR, which has numerous fundamental deficiencies.

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HRE looks forward to working with the County to ensure that the newly proposed Hidden Falls Regional Park appropriately balances the County's desire to provide enhanced recreation opportunities with the health, safety, and economic well-being of the County's residents, while

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Cont'd | preserving the area's historic agricultural way of life. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I183: HARVEGO (DOWNEY BRAND)

Response to Comment I183-1

The commenter appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Draft SEIR on behalf of their client, Harvego Real Estate LLC (HRE).

The comment is noted. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I183-2

The commenter describes what she believes are legal restrictions to use of Auburn Valley Road and Curtola Ranch Road.

Please see Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking regarding specifics of access and traffic analysis.

With regard to consultation with HRE), this portion of the comment is not directed at the adequacy of the Draft SEIR for addressing adverse physical impacts associated with the proposed project, nor does it contain an argument raising significant environmental issues. Any such consultation, as well as evaluations of cost of the project would occur outside of the CEQA review process. However, this comment is published in this Response to Comments document for public disclosure and for decision maker consideration. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I183-3

The commenter list what she believes are failures to comply with CEQA.

Please see the specific Responses to Comments I183-4 to I183-13, below.

Response to Comment I183-4

The commenter believes use of a Subsequent EIR is Inappropriate.

CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 through 15164 set forth the criteria for determining the appropriate additional environmental documentation, if any, to be completed when there is a previously certified EIR covering the project for which a subsequent discretionary action is required. CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15162(a) and 15163, state that when an EIR has been certified for a project, no subsequent or supplement to an EIR shall be prepared for that project unless the lead agency determines, on the basis of substantial evidence in light of the whole public record, one or more of the following:

- (1) substantial changes are proposed in the project that will require major revisions of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified effects;
- (2) substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken that will require major revisions of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or

- (3) new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete, shows any of the following:
 - (A) The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR.
 - (B) Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR.
 - (C) Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measures or alternatives.
 - (D) Mitigation measures or alternatives that are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

In January of 2010, the Placer County Planning Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit (CUP No. 20090391) and certified an EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2007062084) for the HFRP currently open to the public. The proposed project consists of modifications to existing CUP No. 20090391, and these modifications were determined to be substantial new information that could increase impacts from those listed in the 2010 HFRP Certified EIR. Consequently, the County has elected to prepare a Draft SEIR on the Project. The focus of the SEIR is to determine whether the Project and associated improvements would result in impacts not discussed in the prior Certified EIR, substantially increase the effect compared to that discussed in the prior Certified EIR, or would be consistent with the findings of the prior Certified EIR. The Draft SEIR identified additional alternatives to address the significant impacts of the proposed HFRP Trails Expansion Project. Consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, the analysis contained in the SEIR is limited to the incremental changes associated with construction and operation of the proposed trails expansion area when evaluating whether the modifications to the original CUP would result in a significant impact. The County finds use of a SEIR appropriate and fully consistent with the CEQA guidelines.

Response to Comment I183-5

The commenter believes the DEIR does not adequately describe the proposed project and that road improvements needed for specific entry points and the resulting environmental impacts have not been addressed sufficiently.

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, an EIR project description should contain the location and boundaries of the proposed project by way of a map; a description of the project's technical and environmental characteristics; and a statement briefly describing the intended use of the EIR (CEQA Guidelines Section 15124[a]-[d]). The project description “should not supply extensive detail beyond that needed for evaluation and review of the environmental impact” (CEQA Guidelines Section 15124). A general conceptual discussion of the main features of the project is sufficient (CEQA Guidelines Section 15124[a], [c]; *Dry Creek Citizens Coalition v. County of Tulare*, 70 Cal. App. 4th 20, 27-28 [1999]).

Chapter 3.0, “Project Description” of the Draft SEIR provides extensive detail in an accurate, stable, and finite project description that presents the scope of the Project and includes all of the components identified in Section

15124 of the CEQA Guidelines Section 15124. Chapter 3.0 includes maps to identify the location of the Project, the existing HFRP, and 2019 project components. The project description identifies the background and history of the HFRP; Project objectives; proposed land uses; their location and phasing; and substantial detail on construction, operation, and maintenance of new facilities. Where available, schematic designs of the proposed improvements are included in the project description. For specific improvements that have not been designed yet, a description is provided, and the associated impacts are described in the respective resource sections of the Draft SEIR. For elements where specific improvements would take place in Phases (such as Curtola Ranch Road and Garden Bar Road), the project description lists the specific road improvements that would occur prior to implementation of the specific phase. The impacts of future improvements have been evaluated for the purpose of the Draft SEIR based on the maximum extent of the future improvements. The specific impacts (such as to wetlands or specific oak trees) will be determined at the time that final design details are available and would be entirely contained within the limits evaluated in the Draft SEIR.

Response to Comment I183-6

The commenter believes the DEIR uses an improper baseline.

According to Section 15125(a)(1) of the CEQA Guidelines, baseline conditions are normally defined as the physical environmental conditions in the vicinity of the project as they exist at the time that the NOP is published. Where existing conditions change or fluctuate over time, and where necessary to provide the most accurate picture practically possible of the project's impacts, a lead agency may define existing conditions by referencing historic conditions, or conditions expected when the project becomes operational, or both, that are supported with substantial evidence. In addition, a lead agency may also use baselines consisting of both existing conditions and projected future conditions that are supported by reliable projections based on substantial evidence in the record. In addition, a lead agency may also use permit limits as baseline only where an action modifies a prior project that had CEQA review and the facts support it (i.e., reaching the limit is not hypothetical) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15125(a)(3)).

In the case of this SEIR, baseline condition assumes the HFRP, as described in the 2010 EIR, is fully developed and operational. Therefore, the environmental setting described in the Draft SEIR is directed toward conditions within the HFRP Trail Expansion Project Area. This approach to the environmental setting is consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15125(a)(2), which states the lead agency should use the baseline that provides the most accurate picture practically possible of the project's impacts that are supported with substantial evidence, including conditions expected when the project becomes operational. The baseline that was utilized in the Draft SEIR was selected as the best option for disclosing the impacts of the additional project components because it provides the most accurate accounting of the future impacts of the project at full buildout. It is also used to account for the fact that the existing conditional use permit and associated EIR allowed for a more extensive level of use/build out than currently exists, and to account for changes included in the modified use permit that would "roll back" or modify some of the previously approved components and use limits.

The bridge included in the HFRP 2010 EIR has not been built yet; however, the design, placement site and analysis were included in the previous EIR and certified. Additionally, the Nature Education Center and bridge construction costs were included in the County's financial capital planning for the Draft Parks and Trails Master Plan. Therefore, existing conditions (without the bridge and Nature Education Center) would be a misleading baseline because the County has a more than reasonable expectation of the completion of these facilities.

The previous parking area at Garden Bar has been changed to a new location and that location is being evaluated in this SEIR. The relocation of the Garden Bar parking area would reduce the length of road improvements that would be required compared to the impacts evaluated in the HFRP 2010 EIR. The combination of the previously approved EIR and the additional features evaluated in the SEIR fully evaluates and mitigates to the extent feasible all of the potential impacts of the proposed project.

Response to Comment I183-7

The commenter believes the DEIR is inadequate with regard to biological impacts because it relies on old survey information, for example for Central Valley Chinook and steelhead and for western pond turtle.

The potential presence of fish species and pond turtles is based on the presence of suitable habitat, not necessarily on site specific surveys. The analysis approach taken in the Draft SEIR uses this approach. Mitigation measures to protect species or resources build upon measure for the same resources from the 2010 Certified EIR. In fact, they are protective of any resources presence by incorporating avoidance and minimization measures for potential impacts to these resources, regardless of whether they have been documented during surveys. This is a conservative approach to avoid impacts. For specific resources where current occurrence data is needed (such as for special-status plant species), these site specific surveys were conducted in support of the Draft SEIR.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (the responsible and trustee agency with regulatory and commentary authority over any plant and wildlife resources, including those that are state or federally listed) has reviewed the Draft SEIR including the proposed mitigation measures and has provided proposed modifications to them which have been incorporated (see Chapters 3 and 4 of this Final SEIR). None of these modifications result in changes to the impact conclusions presented in the Draft SEIR. No further changes are necessary.

Please also see Response to Comment I73-27 which provides details on many of the specific biological resources discussed in the Draft SEIR.

Response to Comment I183-8

The commenter believes the Draft SEIR fails to analyze the proposed project's impacts to water quality.

The County disagrees. The analysis conducted in support of the Draft SEIR followed standard approved methodology, used the best available data, and disclosed all reasonably foreseeable impacts on hydrology and water quality. The Draft SEIR includes a comprehensive set of mitigation measures, that, when properly implemented by the responsible party, as stated in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the project (see Chapter 4 of the Final SEIR) would reduce impacts on hydrology and water quality to less than significant. Furthermore, the Draft SEIR was prepared in coordination with all relevant County Departments, including Environmental Health, to ensure compliance with all applicable County Standards. No revisions are necessary.

Response to Comment I183-9

The commenter believes that the Draft SEIR fails to adequately analyze GHG emissions and raises concerns regarding health impacts resulting from an increase in air pollutants. The commenter also asserts that the air quality emissions, including criteria pollutants were understated in in the Draft SEIR.

The County disagrees. The analysis conducted in support of the Draft SEIR followed standard approved methodology and used the best available data. Furthermore, the thresholds used are consistent with guidance from the Placer County APCD. The Placer County APCD was included in all relevant communication about the project and provided comments on the Draft SEIR (see comment letter L-1 in this Final SEIR). Additionally, a similar type project in the area (i.e., the July 2019 Auburn State Recreation Area General Plan/Auburn Project Lands Resource Management Plan Draft EIR/EIS) utilized Placer County APCD's 10,000 MTCO_{2e}/year threshold for GHG emissions both for construction and operational emissions.

The Draft SEIR analyzed each criteria pollutant and its potential health effects (refer to Section 9.2.2 Air Quality – Criteria Air Pollutants and Section 15.1.2 Overview of Greenhouse Gases). Additionally, the air quality analysis conducted for the project (Appendix E) determined that the project would not exceed Placer County APCD thresholds for criteria pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions. Increases in adverse health effects as a result of the project would not be expected due to the low level of emissions estimated for the proposed project. The Draft SEIR therefore concluded that the project construction and operation would not expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations and determined that the impact would be less than significant.

To clarify the health impact conclusions and to supplement the information already provided in the Draft SEIR, additional air quality analysis is provided below to further support the discussion in the Draft SEIR.

The California Supreme Court's decision in *Sierra Club v. County of Fresno* (6 Cal. 5th 502) (hereafter referred to as the Friant Ranch Decision) requires that environmental documents consider a project's regional air quality impacts relative to specific health effects or explain why it is not technically feasible to perform such an analysis. The Friant Ranch Decision reviewed the long-term, regional air quality analysis contained in the EIR for the proposed Community Plan Update and Friant Ranch Specific Plan (Friant Ranch Project). The Friant Ranch Project is a 942-acre master-planned development in unincorporated Fresno County within the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin, an air basin currently in nonattainment under the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) and California ambient air quality standards (CAAQS) for ozone (O₃) and particulate matter with aerodynamic diameter less than 2.5 microns (PM_{2.5}). The Court found that the EIR's air quality analysis was inadequate because it failed to provide enough detail "for the public to translate the bare [criteria pollutant emissions] numbers provided into adverse health impacts or to understand why such a translation is not possible at this time." Consistent with the Friant Ranch Decision, the following table provides a conservative estimate of potential health effects associated with operational emissions of the Hidden Falls Regional Park Trails Expansion Project. The estimates provided in the table were developed using SMAQMD's draft Project Health Effects Tool (version 2), which characterizes health risks for projects within the Sacramento Federal Nonattainment Area (SFNA), including western Placer County. To develop the tool, SMAQMD conducted photochemical and health effects modeling of hypothetical projects throughout the SFNA with oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), reactive organic gases (ROG) and PM_{2.5} emissions at 82 pounds per day, which corresponds to the highest daily emissions threshold of all SFNA air districts, including the Placer County APCD (see Draft SEIR, Table 9-5). The tool outputs the estimated health effects at the 82-pound-per-day emissions rate by spatially interpolating the health effects from the hypothetical projects based on user inputs for the latitude and longitude coordinates of a project.

The results presented in the following table are conservative because they are based on a source generating 82 pounds per day of ROG, NO_x, and PM_{2.5}. As shown in Table 9-5, maximum daily emissions during operation of the proposed project are well below 82 pounds. For this reason, any increase in regional health risks associated with project-generated operational emissions would be less than those presented in the following table, which are

already very small increases over the background incident health effect. As discussed in the Draft SEIR and as clarified and amplified further by the results of this tool, the impact during operation would be less than significant.

Table 9-5. Conservative Estimate of Increased Regional Health Effect Incidence Resulting from Operation of the Project^e (cases per year)

Health End Point	Age Range ^a	Mean Incidences (per year) ^b	Percent of Background Health Incidence ^c
Emergency Room Visits, Asthma	0–99	<1	<1%
Mortality, All Cause	30–99	1	<1%
Hospital Admissions, Asthma	0–64	<1	<1%
Hospital Admissions, All Cardiovascular ^d	65–99	<1	<1%
Hospital Admissions, All Respiratory	65–99	<1	<1%
Acute Myocardial Infarction, Nonfatal	18–24	<1	<1%
Acute Myocardial Infarction, Nonfatal	25–44	<1	<1%
Acute Myocardial Infarction, Nonfatal	45–54	<1	<1%
Acute Myocardial Infarction, Nonfatal	55–64	<1	<1%
Acute Myocardial Infarction, Nonfatal	65–99	<1	<1%
Hospital Admissions, All Respiratory	65–99	<1	<1%
Mortality, Non-Accidental	0–99	<1	<1%
Emergency Room Visits, Asthma	0–17	<1	<1%
Emergency Room Visits, Asthma	18–99	<1	<1%

Source: SMAQMD Minor Project Health Screening Tool, version 2, published January 2020. Accessed August 27, 2020. The analysis point is located at the Hidden Falls Park and Ride location (38.959179, -121.163625; Mears Place, Auburn, CA).

^a Affected age ranges are shown. Other age ranges are available, but the endpoints and age ranges shown here are the ones used by the USEPA in their health assessments. The age ranges are consistent with the epidemiological study that is the basis of the health function.

^b Health effects are shown in terms of incidences of each health endpoint and how it compares to the base (2035 base year health effect incidences, or “background health incidence”) values. Health effects and background health incidences are across the Northern California model domain.

^c The percent of background health incidence uses the mean incidence. The background health incidence is an estimate of the average number of people that are affected by the health endpoint in a given population over a given period of time. In this case, these background incidence rates cover the modeled domain. Health incidence rates and other health data are typically collected by the government as well as the World Health Organization. The background incidence rates used here are obtained from BenMAP, as reported in SMAQMD's Minor Project Health Screening Tool, version 2.

^d Less myocardial infarctions.

Response to Comment I183-10

The commenter believes the DEIR fails to adequately analyze wildfire risk and emergency access.

Please see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response.

Response to Comment I183-11

The commenter believes the DEIR fails to adequately analyze and mitigate impacts associated with hazardous substances and that the mitigation measure provides adequate performance standards.

The analysis conducted in support of the Draft SEIR followed standard approved methodology and used the best available data. Mitigation measures may specify performance standards which would mitigate the significant

effect of the project and which may be accomplished in more than one specified way. The specific details of a mitigation measure, however, may be developed after project approval when it is impractical or infeasible to include those details during the project's environmental review provided that the agency (1) commits itself to the mitigation, (2) adopts specific performance standards the mitigation will achieve, and (3) identifies the type(s) of potential action(s) that can feasibly achieve that performance standard and that will be considered, analyzed, and potentially incorporated in the mitigation measure. Compliance with a regulatory permit or other similar process may be identified as mitigation if compliance would result in implementation of measures that would be reasonably expected, based on substantial evidence in the record, to reduce the significant impact to the specified performance standards (Guidelines Section 15126.4)

Mitigation Measure 14-2: Prepare and Implement a Safety Hazard Plan and Conduct Soil Sampling spells out the standards that need to be applied by construction contractors, what documents need to be prepared, and who shall review and approve them for implementation. All potential impacts are adequately analyzed and the mitigation measure is sufficiently protective of workers and the public, without being overly prescriptive. No revisions are necessary.

Response to Comment I183-12

The commenter believes the DEIR fails to adequately analyze and mitigate impact to agriculture and land use.

Please see Master Response 5 – Agriculture.

Response to Comment I183-13

The commenter believes the DEIR fails to adequately analyze alternatives.

The evaluation of alternatives presented in Chapter 17.0, "Alternatives," of the Draft SEIR adequately considered and analyzed potential alternatives as required under CEQA. As specified under the CEQA Guidelines, the Draft SEIR considered potential alternatives that would avoid or substantially lessen any of the significant effects of the project, as identified in the Draft SEIR. However, as described in the evaluation of alternatives, the available options to substantially reduce potential impacts would not meet the project objectives or provide the community benefits of the proposed project as described below.

While Alternative 2 would reduce significant project impacts, it would not eliminate the significant and unavoidable impacts to traffic, and it would not fully meet the project objectives. Alternative 2 would also not provide the same level of benefit to the community offered by the project because it reduces the number of water tanks and helipads for use in fighting wildfires. In addition, Alternative 2 would not provide any equestrian facilities at either the Garden Bar or Harvego Preserve entrances, and no permanent restroom would be provided at the Harvego Preserve. Objectives not as fully achieved with Alternative 2 as with the proposed project include:

- ▶ Implement the recreational resource objectives of the Placer Legacy Open Space and Agricultural Conservation Program (available at <https://www.placer.ca.gov/3420/Placer-Legacy>), beginning on page 3-17 that aim to "...enhance recreational opportunities in the County by improving public trail access, including the construction of staging areas and parking lots, as well as the purchase of public access easements on private land to provide connections to public land and city trail connections" and "provide regional recreational facilities in the foothill region, supplementing the recreation opportunities provided on public

lands to the east and municipal park facilities in urbanized areas. South Placer residents would be served by one or more large regional parks (300 acres or greater) in a rural setting with a variety of passive recreation opportunities. Such a park may be connected with larger area of protected land, providing additional wildlife habitat value.”

- ▶ Expand the existing multi-use, natural-surface trail system to provide recreational opportunities for the residents of Placer County and the region, while maintaining safety for park users, visitors, and nearby residents.

Response to Comment I183-14

The commenter alleges the DEIR must be recirculated.

None of the information presented by the commenter or received during public circulation of the Draft SEIR lead to significant new information and the Draft SEIR presents a full, thorough and adequate analysis of all potential impacts resulting from the proposed project. Recirculation is not required.

Response to Comment I183-15

The commenter states their client HRE looks forward to working with the County on the proposed project.

The comment noted. No further response is required.

2.7.184 LETTER I184

Letter I184

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 1:50 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Jennie Hawkins
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
I184-1 Comments	I would love to see the trails at hidden falls expanded. I've ridden out there a few times and love it!
Attach a document	<i>Field not completed.</i>

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I184: JENNIE HAWKINS

Response to Comment I184-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.185 LETTER I185

Letter I185

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 1:02 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Debbie Hawley
Email Address (Optional)	dhawley@placer.ca.gov
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden falls expansion
I185-1 Comments	Currently use the park and love it . would love to see an expansion as the park is so popular it is crowded a lot.
Attach a document	<i>Field not completed.</i>

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I185: DEBBIE HAWLEY

Response to Comment I185-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 4:14 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	David Hays
Email Address (Optional)	davehays4@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	hidden falls expansion project
Comments	this would be an amazing expansion for all of the families in Placer County and the surrounding areas. It would be such a benefit to the local business owners bringing in more customers to all types of shops and restaurants.
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I186-1

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I186: DAVID HAYS

Response to Comment I186-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.187 LETTER I187

Letter I187

Shirlee Herrington

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

From: noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>

Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 3:05 PM

To: Andrea Dashiell <ADashiell@placer.ca.gov>; Kara Conklin <KConklin@placer.ca.gov>; George Rosasco <GRosasco@placer.ca.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Athena Hendrix
Email Address (Optional)	2athenahendrix@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Comments	I am in support of hidden falls new trails. Placer County is richly blessed with amazing natural resources that the public are accessing regardless of the County's oversight. It would better the community, neighborhoods to invest in these resources by providing safe and structured access, facilities like trash containers, portable potties and wash stations and clearly marked parking. The more we claim and plan public access the more the county can help ensure compliance and safety to anyone to enjoy the beauty that surrounds us. I hope the county continues to invest in public parks, recreation, camping and more to make Placer County truly the jewel of California that it is.
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I187-1

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I187: ATHENA HENDRIX

Response to Comment I187-1:

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:47 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Erik Hillard
Email Address (Optional)	erik@erikhillard.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
Comments	I support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project for many reason. More multi use trails benefit the community on so many levels. Economically trails bring people to the community who spend money at local businesses. More trails increase the opportunity for residents to experience nature and get exercise in an outdoor environment. In todays world of electronics and video conferencing, everything we can do to increase our communities connection to nature is important. Communities with extensive connected trail systems are attractive and draw new residents to join.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I188: ERIK HILLARD

Response to Comment I188-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 1:33 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Wayne & Catherine Hillard
Email Address (Optional)	waynehillard@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
Comments	I support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
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I189-1

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I189: WAYNE AND CATHERINE HILLARD

Response to Comment I189-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.190 LETTER I190

Letter I190

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 1:11 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Neal Hinson
Email Address (Optional)	Nkhinson@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls trail expansion
I190-1 Comments	We need it. Look how busy the pro is now. This is what the residents want. We are willing to pay for it!!!
Attach a document	<i>Field not completed.</i>

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I190: NEAL HINSON

Response to Comment I190-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.191 LETTER I191

Letter I191

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 5:11 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Jennifer Hobson
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion
Comments	I live in Lincoln, Ca and I frequent the foothill trails. These activities are vital the the physical and mental health of so many placer county residents. Expansion would help to accommodate more visitors while also spreading the crowds and making overall trail maintenance more manageable. Please approve this expansion project!
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I191-1

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I191: JENNIFER HOBSON

Response to Comment I191-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.192 LETTER I192

Letter I192

Shirlee Herrington

From: Erik Holback <erikholback@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 8:55 AM
To: Placer County Environmental Coordination Services
Subject: Hidden Falls Expansion Project

I192-1 | I am a life long resident of Placer County and I oppose the Hidden Falls Expansion Project. I am very concerned
I192-2 | with fire danger and the impact on the smaller roads of Cramer and Lone Star. According to the SEIR Cramer
Rd is already considered to be above the threshold of a dangerous road. Please take this into consideration
and vote against the Hidden Falls Expansion Project. Thank you, Erik Holback

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I192: ERIK HOLBACK

Response to Comment I192-1

The commenter expresses opposition to the project.

The opposition is noted. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I192-2

The commenter expresses concern about road safety and fire.

Please see Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking.

Please see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety and Emergency Response.

2.7.193 LETTER I193

Letter I193

Shirlee Herrington

Subject: FW: Cancel Hidden Falls Expansion Project

From: Erik Holback <erikholback@hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 2:42 PM

To: Cindy Gustafson <cindygustafson@placer.ca.gov>; Kelly McCaughna <KMcCaughna@placer.ca.gov>

Cc: Placer County Board of Supervisors <BOS@placer.ca.gov>; Todd Leopold <TLeopold@placer.ca.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Cancel Hidden Falls Expansion Project

I193-1 | I am a life long resident of Placer County and I oppose the Hidden Falls expansion project. I am extremely
I193-2 | concerned over the increased fire risk and traffic hazards described in the EIR. The impact on small local roads
I193-3 | including Cramer, Bell, and Lone Star would be devastating with increased fire danger and traffic
| accidents. Placer County residents need to be able to display their dissatisfaction with the expansion in
| person. Thus, please cancel the upcoming presentation on the project due to the public being unable to
| attend. Thank you, Erik Holback

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I193: ERIK HOLBACK

Response to Comment I193-1

The commenter expresses opposition to the project.

The opposition is noted. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I193-2

The commenter expresses concerns about fire danger and traffic.

Please see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response; and.

Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking.

Response to Comment I193-3

The commenter asks that the upcoming public meeting be cancelled.

Please see Master Response 1 – Public Comment Process.

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:04 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Robert Horowitz
Email Address (Optional)	sactobobhorowitz@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Regional Park Expansion
Comments	Want to put my \$.02 in for more multi-use trails at Hidden Falls, as well as the access and parking that is needed to go along with that. Why is Hidden Falls so loved by the community? It's because of the trails. During these times of COVID, it becomes clear what matters. Safe, healthy outdoor recreation is important to our community. Please support the improvements to Hidden Falls. Thank you.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I194: ROBERT HOROWITZ

Response to Comment I194-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.195 LETTER I195

Letter I195

To: The Community Development Resource Agency, Environment Coordination Services
Placer County Board of Supervisors
Placer County Planning Commission

From: Joel Houston

Date: May 20, 2020

Re: HFRP Expansion DSEIR

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I am a 37-year resident of Cramer Road in North Auburn. I was born and raised here and have been very fortunate to have been able to build a home on my parents' property, for my wife and three children, who are all under seven.

My biggest concern with the Hidden Falls Expansion Project is the issue of road safety and the personal safety of my family, including my parents who are in their 70's.

Cramer Road and Hwy 49 are extremely dangerous right now!

The DSEIR doesn't come close to addressing the traffic issues on Cramer Road. It fails to state that:

- It lacks a center line because it is so narrow
- There is no shoulder
- There are blind curves that aren't even mentioned in the DSEIR, though they are identified in the Traffic Study in the Appendices. (as are blind curves on Bell and Lone Star)
- There are near collisions on these blind curves all the time, because without a center line motorists drift into the center of the road. (local personal knowledge)
- With anything larger than a car (propane trucks, trucks with horse trailers, garbage trucks, RVs, etc.) you better be prepared to slam on your breaks and let them navigate the turn, because they are way over into your lane. (local personal knowledge)
- With the hills and downhill grades, motorists quickly get going too fast.
- Why doesn't the DSEIR mention any of this?
- These blind curves on Cramer, Bell and Lone Star and the traffic safety implications must be disclosed and addressed in the Final SEIR

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Hwy 49 is a death trap!

- Why doesn't the DSEIR mention all the fatalities on the stretch of Hwy 49 between Lone Star Road and Dry Creek? This must be included in the Final SEIR.
- It is challenging even making a right hand turn on to Hwy 49 from Cramer. Why, because the cars are speeding and changing lanes and traffic is heavy.
- My wife has to take a left off of Cramer to take our kids to Forest Lake Christian School. It is the scariest thing she does all day.
- The Winery and Brewery Ordinance EIR disclosed this intersection as a **significant impact**. Why didn't the HFRP DSEIR disclose it as a **significant impact**?
- Making a left turn from Hwy 49 onto Cramer is also extremely dangerous due to excessive speed and the volume of traffic.

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- My wife rarely takes Hwy 49 into Auburn because she feels it's too big of a risk. Between the speeding, arrogance of commuters who evidently want to get where they're going as fast as they can, being tailgated when you are going the speed limit, and motorists swerving in and out of traffic, it's just plain scary. It's certainly not safe for her and the kids.
- Where in the DSEIR does it evaluate how dangerous Hwy 49 is from Bell to Lone Star is? Where are the collision and fatality stats for Hwy 49? This must be disclosed in the Final SEIR.
- Getting on to Hwy 49 from Cramer or Lone Star in the event of an evacuation would be a nightmare.
- Please don't give me the pat answer that is in the DSEIR that states that Caltrans has improvement plans for Hwy 49. This HFRP project should not be able to be approved by making an assumption of what Caltrans may or may not do. It could be years before Caltrans completes their studies, analysis, community outreach, secures funding and moves forward with any construction.

Bell Road is not without its hazards too!

- Bell Road is better than Hwy 49, but it has blind curves and areas that are narrow and hilly.
- The need for a left-hand turn lane for any size parking lot at the Twilight Ride entrance is absolutely essential for my family's safety and everyone else's. Please do not disregard the residents' safety in order to cut-corners on mitigations.
- Speaking of the left-hand turn lane and taper bays... I work in the construction field, so must ask, "Where is the engineer's analysis and specifications? Where are the deceleration calculations that reflect the grade of the road, because this tends to be a stretch of excessive speed. How much will you need to encroach on the Rudd property, or the Wurst Property or the Barnes Property to facilitate the entrance. Are they "willing sellers?"
- The Twilight Ride entrance also fails to mention that it is a blind entry onto Bell due to the hilly road and trees.
- Do all calculations at that entrance calculate the issues with truck and trailer rigs, the need for wider turning radius and also that they will be slower in making ingress and egress turns, and need a longer deceleration lane?
- I don't think you understand just how busy Bell Road can be with traffic to and from the golf course and all the residents that opt for Bell Road instead of Hwy 49.
- Unfortunately, there's plenty of speeding on Bell Road too.

Cyclists think they own the road!

- Our rural roads are becoming ever more popular for cyclists.
- With no shoulder and very narrow, hilly, curving roads there are near misses with them too.
- Of course, they often ride down the middle of their lane, so you have to follow behind them half way to town. (local personal knowledge)

Considering the road issues to be "less than significant" is to live in a make believe world!

- The added traffic from the HFRP expansion project will be significant.
- The SDEIR states that the Twilight Ride parking lot alone will contribute an additional 600 cars trips on a single weekend day and the Curtola /Harvego parking lot another 573. How can 1,173 added vehicle trips to our sub-standard rural roads on a single day not be significant?
- How could any traffic analysis come to the conclusion that this is "less than significant?"

I195-1
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- When you add in the percentage of visitors that will be driving truck and trailer rigs, riding bicycles, and many drivers being from out of the area that don't know these winding roads, you will create a situation that puts my family in danger!

We have enough going on out in our rural North Community. We have enough traffic on our rural roads.

We believe the DSEIR has failed to tell the truth regarding the roads and traffic safety.

I195-2

We also have grave concerns about the increase in risk of wildfires that this project will bring.

- Mitigations do not prevent wildfires, but wise decisions regarding limiting access into a WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE do.
- We have had several fires in our area in just the last 10 years that had us worried about possible evacuation and loss of our home. (local personal knowledge)
- We had our fire insurance cancelled this last year due to being in a high-risk fire area.
- We work hard to create our defensible space and harden our home, and to think the County would undermine our efforts and invite hundreds of people daily into the highly combustible terrain of Big Hill which is just a half mile away, is reckless and irresponsible.
- We also know that the Parks Division is not able to keep up with the fuel reduction, dead tree removal and trail maintenance on current County properties due to lack of funds and staffing.
- The DSEIR fails to disclose how fast a wind driven fire can travel and how blowing embers can travel miles ahead of the wildfire. Please include those sobering statistics in the Final SEIR.
- The authors of the book "Grassfires: Fuel, Weather and Fire Behavior" indicate that the general maximum speed of between 16 and 20 kilometers per hour (9 to 12.5 mph) for wildfires.

I195-3

Are you, the Parks Division and the Supervisors willing to risk the safety of my precious family?

If you move forward with the Hidden Falls Expansion Project then your answer is, "Yes," and you will have demonstrated that you are willing to: 1) disregard these road, traffic safety and wildfire issues and 2) put recreation ahead of public safety.

My family stands with *Protect Rural Placer* in saying, "Stick to what you have out here with docents led hikes and activities and keep us safe." We oppose the Hidden Falls Expansion.

Joel Houston

11080 Cramer Road, Auburn, CA

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I195: JOEL HOUSTON

Response to Comment I195-1

The commenter expresses concerns about road safety and traffic.

The Draft SEIR addresses traffic in the project vicinity, including the SR 49 / Cramer Road intersection referenced in the comment (Table 10-17).

The Draft SEIR addresses existing and planned bicycle facilities on study area roads on page 8-07 of the Draft SEIR, while project's impact to bicycle facilities or activity is discussed on page 8-28 of the Draft SEIR. The Draft SEIR analysis determined that the HFRP Trails Expansion Project's impacts to bicycle activity and facilities was not significant and no mitigation is required.

Please see Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking for discussions of bicycle safety, traffic impacts, and road safety issues.

Response to Comment I195-2

The commenter expresses concerns regarding wildfire.

Please see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response.

Response to Comment I195-3

The commenter expresses opposition to the project based on concerns that the project does not adequately provide for the safety of the public and local residents, including the commenter's family.

The Draft SEIR evaluates the potential road, traffic, and wildfire safety issues identified by the commenter. This Final SEIR includes additional discussion of these topics in Master Response 2 --, Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response, and Master Response 3 -- Traffic, Circulation and Parking. Based on the information evaluated by the County, and with implementation of the proposed mitigation measures for traffic, parking control, and wildfire risk, the potential impacts of the proposed project would be reduced to less than significant levels.

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 8:35 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Ali Houting
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Comments	I support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project because, as a trail runner, I feel strongly that more trailheads and parking areas will allow more people to utilize and enjoy this area in a safer manner. This expansion will make it moe accessible for many people to benefit from time in nature, while avoiding overcrowding.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I196: ALI HOUTING

Response to Comment I196-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:49 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name Gregory A. Howard

Email Address (Optional) gahoward@gmail.com

Agenda Item (Optional) Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project

I197-1

Comments

I support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project. As a 30 year resident of Placer County who has visited Hidden Falls over 50 times, I would like to see this very popular trail area expanded. It is sad that so many are turned away on crowded days because of a lack of parking. Healthy, family activities like Hidden Falls are beneficial to the entire community and should be encouraged. There are far too few locations where hiking and mountain biking are encouraged and this expansion would be a good start. It would be tragic if a few nearby residents are able to restrict these public areas that hold so much good for so many.

I'd hope that these new trails will also allow mountain biking. Hidden Falls is a wonderful location for mountain biking and the behavior of participants is always cordial and well behaved.

Let's be sure this beloved community resource is enjoyed by us and many future generations.

Thank you,
Greg Howard

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I197: GREGORY HOWARD

Response to Comment I197-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.198 LETTER I198

Letter I198

Shirlee Herrington

From: Sandi Howarth <sandihowarth@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 9:06 AM
To: Cindy Gustafson; Kelly McCaughna
Subject: Hidden Falls Meeting

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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April 16, 2020

Dear Cindy,

Thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of Placer County residents during these unprecedented challenges from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Placer County Health Officer Dr. Aimee Sisson has issued a new order that clarifies, strengthens, and extends the terms of the physical distancing order through May 1. Besides this new order, Dr. Sisson acknowledges that models are not an exact science, one projecting a surge in Placer County in May and one in August. What is clear, is that it won't be "life as usual" even in May.

I198-1

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic we are requesting that you, our supervisors take action to table the Public Hearing for the HFRP Expansion Project which is set for May 14. We can all see, that large group gatherings still won't be allowed by that date, even when Dr. Sisson and the governor do start loosening restrictions.

County CEO, Todd Leopold had the foresight to state at the March 24, 2020 Supervisors Meeting, "We have another number of boards and commissions that have either been postponed or we have pushed out some of their key items, specifically ones that may have some public comment that we recognize that individuals want to come and talk at."

We realize that the County wants to provide critical services and conduct essential business during this pandemic, but the HFRP Expansion Project Public Hearing is not an essential service or business item. As you may know, the SDEIR was projected to be out in October of 2018, then December 2018, then February 2019, then June, then August. We all waited through missed deadlines and it didn't come out until February 20, 2020. Clearly there is no urgency to conduct a public hearing without the public.

The HFRP Expansion in fact, isn't even an "action item" for the Planning Commission. This meeting is intended to be a time for the public to hear a presentation by the Parks Division and allow time for questions and public comment. It has been deemed so important to have public participation,

that 6,000 letters were sent out informing residents of the hearing. Judging from the Scoping Meeting on June 14, 2018, and the controversy and interest surrounding this particular project, there will be several hundred people at a public hearing for Hidden Falls.

I198-1
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Remote access is not a viable option, when you're looking at the numbers of people in our rural communities that do not have adequate internet service. Though we realize that a call-in number is utilized for public comment, being able to watch the live streaming of the meeting, the presentation and the comments is a critical piece. This is not the time to compromise the integrity of Placer County's policy and commitment to making sure that the public has full access and the ability to be involved through public hearings.

We also believe that the COVID-19 pandemic is not the time to even put residents in the position of having to deal with this and think about this divisive issue. You know better than we do, the depth and breadth of the impact and fallout of the pandemic... and how much people are struggling through-out Placer County.

"Stronger together", "We're here for you", "We're in this together", "Take care of yourself and each other," are not just catchy slogans. These are appeals to be our best selves as individuals, as neighbors, and as communities. They are meant to encourage, provide hope and strength, and stir people to be compassionate, helpful, and stay at home as much as possible. Our focus should be united right now, and your efforts and ours, need to be on caring for our families, our neighbors, our communities and surviving this pandemic.

Cindy, Robert and Jim, we are trusting you to represent your constituents and take the steps today to cancel/postpone until further notice, the Public Hearing for the HFRP Expansion Project.

We look forward to hearing from as soon as possible regarding this request.

Take care and be well.

Sincerely,

*Tim and Sandi Howarth
Auburn Valley*

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I198: SANDI HOWARTH

Response to Comment I198-1

The commenter expresses concern about the meeting on May 14, 2020 and public comment process.

Please see Master Response 1 – Public Comment Process.

2.7.199 LETTER I199

Letter I199

Shirlee Herrington

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

From: noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>

Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 5:28 PM

To: Andrea Dashiell <ADashiel@placer.ca.gov>; Kara Conklin <KConklin@placer.ca.gov>; George Rosasco <GRosasco@placer.ca.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Andrew Huff
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail & Parking Expansion
I199-1 Comments	Support! The existing trails need relieve by adding more trails which will also disperse people. More parking is obvious. You can still charge so you don't loose revenue. Thanks.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I199: ANDREW HUFF

Response to Comment I199-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.200 LETTER I200

Letter I200

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 7:11 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Don huntsman
Email Address (Optional)	Don@mtbncorcal.org
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls trail
I200-1 Comments	Please consider expanding the trails in hidden falls. The community loves the outdoors and this will greatly benefit the area with money being spent from people visiting the park.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I200: DON HUNTSMAN

Response to Comment I200-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

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