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## **Shirlee Herrington**

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**Subject:** FW: MVW Project - Lake Tahoe

**From:** D Aaron [<mailto:dca2319@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 08, 2016 2:13 PM

**To:** Stacy Wydra

**Subject:** MVW Project - Lake Tahoe

Dear Placer County Board of Supervisors,

I sincerely hope that the Placer County Board will will reflect deep into their hearts when making a decision on the MVW Ridgeline Project. You all have heard the long list of reasons why this project should not be approved, so no need to repeat them. Suffice to say that this project has the potential to impose significantly permanent, unstable conditions to the Lake Tahoe basin. I love this place and have plans to spend the rest of my life here. Please allow me to hold on to that dream.

As an 8+ year full time resident of Incline Village, I strongly object to this project.

Sincerely,

Derrek Aaron

President VouchTree Consulting

Incline Village, NV

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**Subject:** CORRESPONDENCE BINNEY, GEORGE FW: Deny permit for ridgeline development at Tahoe

**From:** Gpoppi [<mailto:gpoppi@aol.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, June 06, 2016 11:38 AM

**To:** Stacy Wydra

**Subject:** Deny permit for ridgeline development at Tahoe

Dear Placer County,

Please deny and development of the ridgeline above the West Shore of Lake Tahoe. All the residents and even visitors in and around the North Shore are opposed to this degradation of the Lake and its surrounding area. This is an important recreation area, but more important is the increase in traffic causing even more congestion and the loss of the beauty of the surrounding mountains.

Please do not make a decision which will further degrade this national treasure!

Sincerely yours,

George A Binney

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**Subject:** FW: Public Comment on Martis Valley West Parcel Project

**From:** [gmcmaya@gmail.com](mailto:gmcmaya@gmail.com) [mailto:gmcmaya@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 08, 2016 10:00 AM

**To:** Heather Beckman

**Subject:** RE: Public Comment on Martis Valley West Parcel Project

Dear Heather,

Please accept, and submit, these comments to the Planning Commission for their meeting on Thursday, June 9, at Granlibakken Resort and Conference Center.

Dear Members of the Planning Commission,

In regards to the Martis Valley West Parcel Project (MVWPP), and proposed adoption of the Martis Valley West Parcel Specific Plan (MVWPSP), I would respectfully like to submit the following comments:

1. Please vote no to this project in its current configuration. I believe it is not in the best long-range interest of our area (where I have grown up and lived off and on most of my adult life), and will cause too many significant problems that will not adequately be addressed through proposed mitigation plans. In the end, we, the locals, will suffer from increased and untenable traffic and congestion.

Additionally, we would be taking one of our remaining, undisturbed Ridge lines in the Tahoe area and basin, and changing - forever - that stature. We would be fools not to look forward “seven generations” as Indigenous wisdom advises, to see what we think of this area after allowing a development of this size and proportion to occur in what is currently undeveloped open space and forested land.

The rarity, and the value of that, is not to be underestimated.

2. Alternatively, if the Commission would please vote for ALTERNATIVE 1, which would allow No Project-No Development, this would be the best solution for all in this community.

As more than one person has pointed out, the idea of “downsizing” the project, as a concession from the developers that is supposed to make me or anyone else concerned about this project feel better, is sophomoric, at best: the consideration of downsizing automatically concedes that the project, at its proposed scale and conceptual design, is untenable for the land, for the local infrastructure (and to change that, so as to accommodate any of the versions of this proposed project, *would significantly and forever change the nature of our Tahoe community and land and skylines*), and for the local community of humans who dwell here and love the place as a peaceful, quiet place.

The proposed MVWPP is too much. Proposing to compromise the Tahoe Ridge line is particularly offensive to those of us who have grown up with these vistas and views. Any alternative other than #1 may propose that “smaller” is better; but over time, the precedent of development will take over, and what we have cut into at all, will eventually erode further away. Look at history in this region (or anywhere), and you will see this to play out time and time again.

This is an open area, undeveloped, currently unstressed by human and developmental concerns. Don't we deserve at least ONE SIGNIFICANT area, parcel, in our community that maintains, and honors and respects, the value of such land, in the larger scheme of land management and human dwelling in an ecosystem? There are signs of environmental stress everywhere within and around the Lake Tahoe basin. Could we not please leave one area alone, and NOT convert an area that currently remains unstressed?

Yours, most gratefully,

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**Subject:** Scale back Martis West

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

From: Jan Ellis [<mailto:jantahoe@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2016 10:32 AM

To: Stacy Wydra

Subject: Scale back Martis West

I'm unable to attend the meeting on June 9th in which The Martis West proposal will be before the board. However, I wish to express my opinion to the Placer Co. Supervisors. My number one concern is the traffic and evacuation impact that seems to continue to be swept under the rug. The reality of traffic gridlock in the summer continues to increase and the carrying capacity at peak season (July and August) needs to be a major factor in approving all the projects coming down the pipe. With the growing number of dead and dying trees in the basin it is not a question of if But when a catastrophic fire causes an emergency evacuation for residence and tourist alike. Our existing roads can not handle both emergency vehicle needs and the string of cars that will be at a stand still. The reality of a chaotic and potentially deadly scenario needs to be taken seriously. Call me paranoid but if and when my greatest fear comes to pass, I will hold every board member who approves this project "as is" responsible for not taking the risk seriously. Please DENY the proposed development and send them back to the drawing board to come up with a scaled down project that still includes the work force housing component.

Sincerely,

Jan Ellis

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**Subject:** FW: please DENY the Martis Valley West Project

**From:** Laura Lambert [<mailto:laura.lambert@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, June 06, 2016 5:51 PM

**To:** Stacy Wydra

**Subject:** please DENY the Martis Valley West Project

Hello,

My family is part of two time-share properties on Lake Tahoe's Brockway Point. The extended family has had the property and vacationed there since 1947 -- my husband grew up on that point, as his father did before him and as our two children do now. We have a vested interest in not destroying, polluting and further overcrowding the already stressed Tahoe Basin. The Martis Valley West project threatens to do all of that. I ask that you NOT let it proceed.

Thank you,  
Laura Lambert

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Laura Lambert  
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## Shirlee Herrington

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**From:** Steve Pearsall <pearsalltahoe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 08, 2016 9:32 AM  
**To:** Shirlee Herrington  
**Subject:** Fwd: HOUSING SPRAWL

Included is my note for Ms. Heckert. Thank you.

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Steve Pearsall <[pearsalltahoe@gmail.com](mailto:pearsalltahoe@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Wed, Jun 8, 2016 at 9:28 AM  
**Subject:** HOUSING SPRAWL  
**To:** [kheckert@placer.ca.gov](mailto:kheckert@placer.ca.gov)

Dear Ms. Heckert,

Please remind your Board of Supervisors that most of the people living in the Lake Tahoe Basin, and around the Truckee neighborhood as well, do not wish the Martis Valley West project to proceed. You represent your constituents, not a select few from Colorado or elsewhere.

I look forward to your comments at the Thursday meeting.

Sincerely,

Steve Pearsall  
Crystal Bay

## **“Just Say No To Martis Valley West”**

The sophistry of downsizing as a concession from Tahoe developers to gain project approval is creating a broken system. Actually downsizing is a backhanded acknowledgement that development at proposal scale is too much. It has become a tool that is supposed to leave stakeholders feeling better that the smaller project could have been worse (that is to say larger). Too often the tactic is justified by system-wide environmental trade-offs that somehow ameliorate earlier or competing development activities. Ironically saying no on those projects may have prevented the issues in the first place.

This broken system is arguably better than no system and again we are supposed to be thankful. But meanwhile Tahoe is being converted into something less special. Just because it is happening less quickly if projects are smaller is not really comforting.

The proposed Ridgeline project (Martis Valley West Parcel) is particularly galling because it would develop one of the few relatively pristine features of the area. Oh sure, some might be taken-in that it will be smaller than originally proposed, but over time the precedent of the project and inertia of Tahoe’s culture of growth and development will regain.

The capacity and resilience of the area to absorb more projects with the people and culture they are designed to attract is not limitless. The signs of environmental stress due to development are already everywhere. Why convert an area that remains unstressed? I urge the Placer County Planning Commission to “just say no” to the Martis Valley West project. Preserve Lake Tahoe.

John Sell  
Crystal Bay NV