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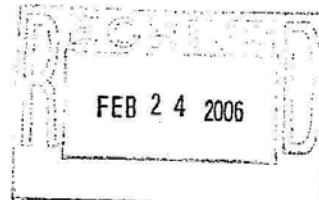
Letter 81

Rocklin City Council 21 Feb 06

We are dead set against
development of Clover Valley.
Its a beautiful area that should
be preserved for future generations
It is a land grab by greedy
developers. If they want to build
do it on trees flat land.
Once we develop land like Clover
valley its gone forever.
Lets not destroy beautiful areas
by putting dumb mode buildings
we should leave nature for future
generations

81-1

Sincerely O em + Dorothy Desmul
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LETTER 81: DESMUL, VERN AND DOROTHY

Response to Comment 81-1

Comment noted. This comment states the commenter's opinions regarding the project and does not address the adequacy of the EIR.

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March 14, 2006

Letter 82

City of Rocklin Planning Department
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RE: Proposed Clover Valley Development

Dear Council members:

The purpose of this correspondence is to express my opposition to the proposed development of Clover Valley (Large and Small Lot Project) located near my residence. It is my opinion that Rocklin is overwhelmed with homes, congested with traffic, and lacks the necessary open space to keep it a small and rural community as well as providing homes for the native and seasonal wildlife.

82-1

About 25 years or so ago, I remember reading some type of Placer County magazine, which proudly boasted itself as a *rural* county with numerous *rural* communities. This is the main reason why I purchased my residence within Rocklin. Over the years, I have enjoyed watching owls, hawks, numerous other native birds, squirrels, wild turkeys, opossums, skunks, jack rabbits, raccoons, etc. from my residence and in the surrounding area. Unfortunately, I have notice the wildlife has been diminishing.

82-2

Every time it expands, the City of Rocklin disturbs the native wildlife habitat. For example, the City of Rocklin allowed development of numerous homes just off of Pacific Avenue and Sierra Meadows Boulevard (Americana). I remember walking in that area long before it was development. I remember seeing a sign that had proposed a small number of homes on acreage. However, the City of Rocklin deviated from the original plan. More importantly, the City of Rocklin allowed this subdivision to sit immediately next to the Wetland Preserve. This action disturbs me. No one but the residents that surround the preserve can enjoy watching the beautiful and wonderful animals. Furthermore, I have concerns that the use of pesticides and fertilizers by those residents would contaminate the preserve.

82-3

Since its development of Stanford Ranch, the City of Rocklin has become congested with traffic, which brought pollution. For several years now, smog has hung over the Roseville/Rocklin area due to rapid development growth. Whenever there is an accident on the freeway near Rocklin Road exit or Highway 65 Bypass, traffic backs up and forces its residents to take the Taylor Road/Pacific Street to Sunset Boulevard. I hate trying to get home. This proposed development would cause additional traffic down Rocklin Road, Pacific Street, and Midas Avenue. Whenever a train comes through, I watch traffic race down my street to get through to Midas Avenue or to Rocklin Road.

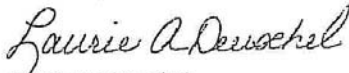
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Recently, I took a look at the map of Rocklin. I am deeply disturbed by the lack of open space Rocklin has left. It appears the City of Rocklin has plans to develop the area behind the current Post Office on Pacific Street, the area near Sierra Community College, and the area by Interstate 80 and Sierra College Boulevard. Not to mention the business area of Granite Drive. It is unsatisfactory of the proposed "open space" within the Clover Valley area.

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- 82-5 I proposed the Clover Valley area be dedicated to "complete" open space (all 622+ acres). Clover Valley area should be open to visitors exploring the area as a historical site. Clover Valley should have an Indian Museum dedicated to the local Indians. Clover Valley could offer a natural campground for visitors such as the Boys and Girls Scouts of America. Clover Valley could offer tours of the area that include Native Americans use of the land and the native wildlife such as Effie Yeaw Interpretive Center located in Sacramento County.
- 82-5 I read all the correspondences located in the Appendix. Nearly all of the correspondences demanded the City of Rocklin not to develop the area. I read several articles from the Placer Herald newspaper and viewed numerous Save Clover Valley signs placed on residents' property. The majority of Rocklin residents oppose this development. I oppose this development for several good reasons: too many homes, traffic congestions, noise and air pollutions, diminished native wildlife and wildlife habitat, just to name a few. Furthermore, I believe the re-circulated draft Environmental Impact Report does not cover all of the native and seasonal wildlife. I saw a report on the native birds but not on the native and seasonal four-legged animals.
- 82-6 And one last note, Earth needs trees! I agree with one resident's statement, the development proposal does not specifically state what type of trees the homeowners will be responsible for planting. I oppose the taking of any trees. Additional native trees are what this area needs.

Sincerely,



Laurie A. Deuschel
Twenty-year Resident

C: Save Clover Valley Coalition

Highlights of the Opposition:

Traffic Impact

Increase traffic – Rocklin Road, Pacific Street, Midas Avenue, Second Street, Sunset Avenue, etc.
Increase traffic noise and air pollution
Dangerous road conditions – Sierra College Boulevard

Ecosystem

50-foot creek setback instead of 100-foot (or more) creek setback
Storm water runoff and erosion
Contaminants – fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, petroleum products, and other hazardous chemicals
Increase temperatures from asphalt, cements, and other types of pavements
Removal of native trees
Clover Valley Creek connects to Dry Creek Watershed, which houses Central Valley Steelheads – the proposed development would impact downstream

Cultural and Natural Resources

Loss of artifacts – 33 sites
Loss of Oak Woodlands (canopy)
Loss of Wetlands – native plants (riparian) and aquatic life, native and seasonal wildlife species

Miscellaneous

Increase in property taxes – additional police, fire, and public works
Education – additional schools because Placer County Office of Education opposes the annex of Rocklin Unified School District with Loomis and Placer Unified School Districts
Open Space does not mean green belts and token parks
The proposed plan discusses only the proposed 558 houses but not the commercial business lots

LETTER 82: DEUSCHEL, LAURIE A.

Response to Comment 82-1

Comment noted. This comment states the commenter's opinions regarding the project and does not address the adequacy of the EIR.

Response to Comment 82-2

Comment noted. This comment states the commenter's opinions regarding the project and does not address the adequacy of the EIR.

Response to Comment 82-3

Comment noted. See Master Response 4 – Traffic.

Response to Comment 82-4

Comment noted. This comment states the commenter's opinions regarding the project and does not address the adequacy of the EIR.

Response to Comment 82-5

Comment noted. The DEIR addresses the No Development Alternative on page 6-6 of the Alternatives Analysis chapter of the EIR. Though the No Development Alternative would result in no impacts to aesthetics, traffic or air quality, improvements such as those mentioned by the commenter would also contribute to the degradation of the resources on the project site and have a potentially significant impact to both biological and cultural resources on the project site. See Section 1 of Master Response 8 – Biological Resources.

Response to Comment 82-6

The commenter's desire to protect native trees is noted. The developers of the proposed project would be responsible for project landscaping, including along roadways and at the proposed residences.

Letter 83

Comments re: the EIR Draft for CLOVER VALLEY March 6th, 2006


83-1 Much reference has been made to property rights. We all understand property owners have rights. Residents who currently live in and own property in Rocklin have property rights. These rights include, but are not limited to public safety. Public safety includes safe streets, hence maintenance of roads, lights, parks etc. Public safety also includes clean water, hence water treatment facilities and ongoing testing of the safety of the water supply. Citizens likewise should have a public safety right to clean air, or at least no worsening of preexisting air quality. Air Quality in Rocklin is already bad. That information is on file, and has serious short term and long term health consequences. That information is also on file.

83-2 I believe that a legal precedent has already been set. Sherwin-Williams was successfully sued as a "public nuisance" for their lead containing paints, and the ensuing brain damage to citizens exposed to these paints. In the future, what is to prevent a class action lawsuit against the City of Rocklin for knowingly contributing to unacceptable air quality and worsening health problems by approving the Clover Valley Development? Should the development proceed, it would be very easy for an attorney to commission a retrospective study of the health impact by reviewing medical records etc at hospital ERs surrounding Rocklin.

83-4 As I stated in my verbal comments at the meeting, there is a financial impact on residents. It includes the cost of ER visits, medications, breathing treatments, missed school days, and missed work days for parents staying home and monitoring ill children. Quality of life would be impacted by at risk people having to stay indoors and/or not exercise on bad air quality days. How does one quantify the cost to a community of premature labor, SIDS and asthma? How does one quantify the cost of the impact of cardiovascular disease? The effects of air pollution and particulate matter are on record. I strongly urge our planning commission and city council to take these public health and legal issues seriously.

83-5 With the New Year rains, and the March rains, drainage problems have surfaced. I live in the Mission Hills neighborhood, and walk the Clover Valley Loop regularly. The water in the Clover Valley Park and at the Sunset Whitney Golf Course was astounding at New Year's. Where will all that water go with increased roof surfaces, yard hardscaping, roads and sidewalks? I did not see the soil type mentioned in the draft, i.e. clay and hardpan in the Rocklin area. Also on record is the increased run off from herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers in the maintenance of additional yards. All these substances, other than affecting water quality, are also known to be "hormone disruptors" contributing to cancer and diseases such as Alzheimers. This is another public health issue which has not been assessed.

83-6 A health impact evaluation would be prudent, and part of the city council's fiduciary responsibility to its citizens.

Sincerely,

Anne Diroll
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LETTER 83: DIROLL, ANNE

Response to Comment 83-1

As noted in the DEIR, cumulative air quality impacts related to the proposed project would be expected to be significant and unavoidable. If the project were approved, the City Council would be required to issue a statement of overriding consideration, acknowledging these impacts and explaining the reasoning behind their determination that the benefits of the proposed project would outweigh the impacts.

Response to Comment 83-2

See Response to Comment 83-1.

Response to Comment 83-4

See Response to Comment 83-1. Air pollution plays a well-documented role in asthma attacks; however, the role air pollution plays in initiating asthma is still under study and may involve a very complex set of interactions between indoor and outdoor environmental conditions and genetic susceptibility. Studies have shown that children who participated in several sports and lived in communities with high ozone levels were more likely to develop asthma than the same active children living in areas with less ozone pollution. Other studies have found a positive association between some volatile organic compounds and symptoms in asthmatic children. A large body of evidence has shown significant associations between measured levels of particulate matter outdoors and worsening of both asthma symptoms and acute and chronic bronchitis.

While these general relationships are known, performing a risk assessment for asthma or other respiratory diseases is not possible. Doing a health risk assessment for toxic air contaminants, however, is possible because specific rates of risk have been identified for the specific pollutant; i.e., statistical studies have identified a quantified risk associated with a given exposure.

In the case of asthma, a quantified relationship has not been established between exposure and health effect. The problem is exacerbated by the multiple pollutants known to cause or worsen asthma. Even if a risk factor were available for ozone (the pollutant most clearly documented as causing asthma), it would not be possible to estimate a project-caused ozone increment, particularly on the local scale, because ozone is not released directly to the atmosphere, but is created in the atmosphere by photochemical reactions.

For these reasons, the Placer County Air Pollution Control District, The California Clean Air Act, and the federal Environmental Protection Agency have set emissions thresholds of significance. For indirect sources such as the Clover Valley Project, an individual project is unlikely to result in a measurable change in regional air quality. A mass-

emission threshold allows significance to be established without demonstrating that a measurable or quantifiable change in air quality would occur.

Response to Comment 83-5

Impact 4.11I-1 in the Hydrology and Water Quality chapter of the DEIR discusses drainage impacts as a result of grading and increases in impervious surfaces, such as roofing, landscaping, roads and sidewalks. The DEIR analysis found that, after the implementation of suggested mitigation measures 4.11-1(a-c), impacts related to drainage would be reduced to a less-than-significant level.

Additionally, impact discussion 4.11I-5 discusses water quality as a result of runoff from developed areas. As stated in the impact discussion, the project would include stormwater quality treatment structures that would filter storm/drainage water prior to it entering the Clover Valley Creek. These filtration methods would be chosen in accordance with the California Stormwater Quality Association's (CSQA) *Stormwater Best Management Practices Handbook, New Development and Redevelopment*. Additional mitigation measures were also supplied (see mitigation measures 4.11MM-5[a-e]) to further mitigate any impacts related to water drainage quality. This impact was found to be less-than-significant after implementation of project-level infrastructure (such as the filtration structures) and the suggested mitigation measures included in the DEIR.

Response to Comment 83-6

This comment does not address the adequacy of the RDEIR.

Letter 84

David Mohlenbrok

From: Bruce & Barbara Dolder [dolder@starstream.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 05, 2006 2:46 PM
To: David Mohlenbrok
Subject: Valley View Parkway Negative Impact
Attachments: Letter to Rocklin Planning Department.doc

Please see attached letter.

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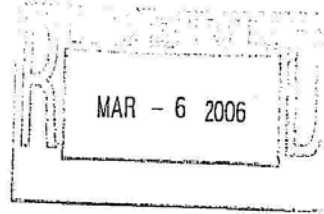
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March 5, 2006

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Dear Mr. Mohlenbrok,

As residents of Springfield, Whitney Oaks, we are strongly opposed to the proposed Valley View Parkway. We are certain that the proposed parkway will not contribute to the well-being and quality of life for residents of our active adult community. Furthermore, unlike the majority of residents living in the Springfield community, we have not retired and need to commute to our jobs. Even now, making a left turn on to Park Drive is challenging during the morning hours—especially with the turn in the road just before the Springfield Drive entrance. At times, those coming up the hill are going way over the speed limit when coupled with this blind turn, can make for collisions and near misses.

84-1

The current Environmental Impact Report indicates that there will be 558 homes that will be generating up to 9 car trips per day each making for thousands of cars passing through the heart of Springfield - at least 5,100 up from the valley floor towards our development and 9000 towards Highway 65 each day. In addition, the report explains that another developer will be building adjacent to Clover Valley, adding another 524 homes - doubling the traffic impact on Park Drive.

It appears to us that the only persons who benefit from this proposed parkway are the developer, the people who would live in the valley and those coming from Sierra College Boulevard. This would create a situation that will make Park Drive another Roseville Parkway or Taylor Road, complete with traffic congestion, noise and pollution.

84-2

If the project goes through, we see nothing but grief ahead. This goes beyond just inconvenience—this presents a real health and safety issue for all Rocklin residents! ***We urge the City of Rocklin to reject this ill-fated plan.***

Sincerely,

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LETTER 84: DOLDER, BRUCE AND BARBARA

Response to Comment 84-1

The effects of additional traffic have been analyzed in Section 4.4 of the DEIR. Increases in traffic on Park Drive will not cause degradation in operating conditions beyond the level of service “C” standard maintained by the City of Rocklin. Please refer to the response to comment 28-1.

Response to Comment 84-2

This comment does not address the adequacy of the EIR.

Letter 85

85-1

Dear Rocklin City Planning Dept, 2/14/06
We have lived in Rocklin since 1982. We continue to see natural land paved while bird & plants lose habitat. We're avid birders & enjoy watching birds such as Cooper Hawks, Red Tails, Red-shouldered, Kestrels, Quail, Great Horned Owls, white-crowned sparrows, Juncos, Titmice, Yellow-rumped Warblers, Anna's Hummingbirds, etc within Rocklin. Sadly, their numbers are decreasing due to loss of habitat!!!

EVEN IN WINTER SPRING BEGINS



85-2

I would love to see a natural area preserved like at Sun City Lincoln Hills, where Fish & Game Biologists are involved in duplicating Marsh, pond & grassland areas to watch birds, walk & enjoy the healing powers of God's creation: from fish, frogs, lizards, birds, native plants to...

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② The ponds have mosquito-eating fish, frogs & insects as well as protective landscaping so birds have places for cover, water, food, nesting habitat with educational signs & plant labels. Thus, Sacramento Audubon members can take a field-trip to the area as well as school-children, families, tourists & visitors. Such places promote peace, serenity, learning,


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2) We envision this kind of re-creational, peace-producing & learning opportunities for the Rocklin Tax payers.

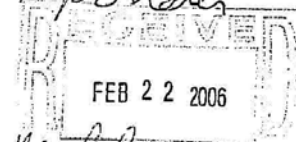
Everyone needs such natural environments to re-discover the natural beauty of Nature & the priceless value ~~it~~ provides. It also can be used to educate our children & to learn the importance of taking good care of the earth & preserving the eternal nature of Mother-Nature.

Without it, we are in danger of promoting a dead, concrete-jungle without the joy of green-growing plants for the benefit of bird choruses & concerts, as well as the ecological interaction of the "birds, bees, flowers & trees". We are all connected & the more we preserve open-spaces & provide these things, the more harmonious we can learn to become. Peace on earth starts with inner-peace.

Thanks for being willing to listen to & ponder our suggestions & comments

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God Bless each of you Neely
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LETTER 85: DOZIER, DIANA AND TERRY

Response to Comment 85-1

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Response to Comment 85-2

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