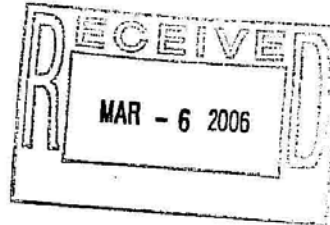


Rod Murphy
4300 Leisa Lane
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Letter 146

March 6, 2006

Sherri Abbas
Planning Services Manager
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Rocklin, CA 95677



Dear Ms. Abbas:

Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Clover Valley Subdivision

Below are my written comments to the Recirculated EIR for the Clover Valley Subdivision

Noise Impacts:

- 146-1
- On Sierra College between English Colony Way and King Road, the noise level is shown to increase to 66.4 dB (Table 4.6-4). The EIR further states that a 6 foot high masonry wall will be constructed for proposed residences. What about existing residences on the east side of Sierra College? Will a sound wall be constructed on the east side of Sierra College Boulevard? Was the addition of the 6 foot masonry wall included in the noise model? The additional noise impacts to residences on the east side of Sierra College Blvd. will be exacerbated by the construction of a sound wall on only the west side of Sierra College Blvd. (proposed residences).
- 146-2
- Were the noise impacts looked at solely based upon the additional traffic generated from the proposed Clover Valley Subdivision? With the upcoming construction of Bickford Ranch, Twelve Bridges and other communities, the cumulative impact of all of these projects needs to be analyzed? Will the additional noise impacts generated by these projects exceed the Rocklin General Plan guidelines, CEQA and FICON?

Traffic Impacts:

- 146-3
- Impact 4.4I-1: The intersection of Sierra College Blvd. and Del Mar Avenue is shown to experience an LOS D. The explanation that this intersection is a minor approach and no mitigation is required is unacceptable. Sierra College Blvd. is posted as a 55 MPH zone at this intersection. There is a horizontal curve directly to the north and south of this intersection. The combination of the posted speed limit and the degradation of the Level of Service (LOS) at this un-signalized intersection increase the likelihood of traffic accidents. This is a safety issue and should **not** be overlooked. Furthermore, this intersection does not comply with the City of Rocklin's General Plan (Policy 13).

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I appreciate the opportunity to provide written comments. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rodney L. Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'R' and 'M'.

Rodney L. Murphy

LETTER 146: MURPHY, ROD

Response to Comment 146-1

The traffic noise level increase along Sierra College Boulevard associated with the proposed project is identified in Table 4.6-4 as ranging from 0.1 to 0.8 dB. Noise level increases in this range are not considered to be audible, and therefore not considered to be significant. As a result, no adverse noise impacts were identified for the existing residents located adjacent to Sierra College Boulevard. Noise barriers were recommended for the proposed Clover Valley residential uses to be located adjacent to Sierra College Boulevard because noise levels are predicted to exceed the City noise standards applicable to new residential uses. This situation is consistent with the application of the City noise standards for any new residential development within the City limits.

Response to Comment 146-2

The cumulative impact assessment section contemplates development of other projects as well, such as Bickford Ranch.

Response to Comment 146-3

The change in LOS for the westbound approach to the intersection of Sierra College Boulevard and Del Mar Avenue from “C” to “D” is not considered a significant impact because the standard of significance for intersection operations is based on the overall level of service. For unsignalized intersections, a level of service is computed based upon the overall weighted average delay of all traffic utilizing the intersection. While side-street delay will increase at this location, LOS “D” operations are not uncommon for stop sign approaches to unsignalized intersections. The increase in traffic at this location will not result in any undue safety issues.

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David Mohlenbrok

From: Betsy Newington [betsy@starstream.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2006 1:08 PM
To: David Mohlenbrok
Subject: Clover Valley Environmental Impact Report
Attachments: Clover Valley Create a Backyard Habitat and a Tribute to the Ancient Native Culture.doc

Please see attached note on comments about Clover Valley.
Thanks,
Betsy Newington

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Rocklin's Clover Valley: Create a Backyard Habitat *and* a Tribute to the Ancient Native Culture

If the Clover Valley Project is moving forward and it seems inevitable, several steps should be taken to try and protect this unique, beautiful piece of natural wilderness.

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| 147-1 | 1. It's easy to attract wildlife, provide cover, food, water and a secure backyard habitat for wildlife to raise their young and become certified by the National Wildlife Federation. The reward will be to help safeguard the remaining wilderness for generations to come and ensure the natural beauty which will increase the real estate value of the Clover Valley Property. Birds, bats and frogs help keep down insect populations. Native plantings require less water and less maintenance. No lawns near the creek will mean no herbicides or insecticides that will poison the water systems that seep into our watershed and eventually come through our faucets to contribute to cancers and illnesses such as allergies, immune deficiencies, etc. |
| 147-2 | 2. Strict CC&Rs: A minimum 100 foot set back from creek should be established which will help prevent run-off from car washings or animal feces. (See Santa Barbara County Project Clean Water Website for great information on easy and practical preventative measures on environmental issues). |
| 147-3 | 3. Create programs to educate residents and especially children as to why it is so important to protect this "Rocklin Clover Valley Jewel".
4. View Working Examples: Many native areas exist close to homes. Davis Arboretum, Oak Crest Village in Citrus Heights. Other examples of Drought tolerant gardens using native plant materials are: Strybing Arboretum in San Francisco or Berkley Botanical Gardens. |
| 147-4 | 5. Protect The Indian Archeological Sites. Hire professionals knowledgeable in Indian history to educate the public through recording important facts, producing booklets and creating programs for the Rocklin school system. Fences should be built to protect sacred sites while benches and bleachers should be provided to view various venues and hear lectures about the local geography, Indian history and wildlife. Relearn from Indian Heritage the lessons we forgot about how to respect nature and learn from the harmony and balance of wildlife. |

Betsy Newington is a Resident of the Clover Valley Area
Garden/Landscape Designer and Teacher

LETTER 147: NEWINGTON, BETSY

Response to Comment 147-1

The comment notes that native plantings will attract and provide food and cover for wildlife. However, the landscapes within privately owned yards will not be restricted by the project. The comment further notes that lawns near Clover Valley Creek would contribute to herbicide and insecticide runoff into the creek that would poison drinking water. Impacts related to residential runoff are addressed in Impact 4.8-35, which finds that even with the implementation of erosion and sediment control measures listed in 4.11MM-3 and 4.8MM-8, the impact would be significant and unavoidable. If the project were approved, the City Council would be required to issue a statement of overriding considerations acknowledging these impacts and explaining the reasoning behind their determination that the benefits of the proposed project would outweigh the impacts.

Response to Comment 147-2

See Section 2 of Master Response 11 – Hydrology and Water Quality.

Response to Comment 147-3

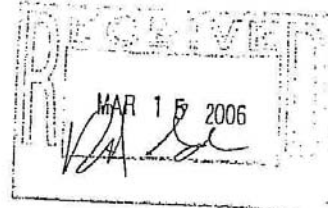
This comment does not address the adequacy of the DEIR.

Response to Comment 147-4

The DEIR notes that cultural resources impacts will be mitigated to a less-than-significant level by implementation of Impacts 4.7MM-1(a) through 4.7MM-1(c). The suggestions offered by the commenter are not considered necessary to reduce impacts to cultural resources to a level below the threshold of significance.

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Cultural Sites

148-1

1. The Cultural section of the DEIR is, to put it mildly, inadequate and falls short of providing any information about what is going to happen to the cultural sites in Clover Valley. Based on the incompleteness, conflicting statements and lack of information in the DEIR for the cultural section, we request a new DEIR. The history of our city is at stake and our city should take every step necessary to ensure our city's ancient history is not lost to obscurity.

The mitigation for these sites dating back thousands of years according to the latest DIER in section 4.7MM-1 (c) says:

"Eight sites shall require data recover excavations".

What is the mitigation for the remaining 25 sites? Which sites are being excavated? Are the sites being excavated 'individual contributors'?

In section 4.7I-1 it reads:

"However, for some cultural sites data recovery excavations may not occur prior to the initiation of construction; therefore, the proposed project would result in a potentially significant impact"

So does this statement mean that there is a loophole that would allow the developer to build over all the sites without having to abide the proposed mitigation plan?

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2. We would request information about each site, including what was found, the significance of site and the age of the site be made public. We would also request that the public be told what the impact of the proposed development would be on each individual site before the vote by the city council to certify or not certify the EIR. We need to find out what is out there before the proposed construction begins, not during.

In the current DEIR on page 4.7I-1, it says "Due to the sensitive nature of the information contained in the Historical Properties Management Plan it is not available for public review."

Why can't the people of Rocklin know what is planned for the history of town and these sites? We do not have to be told exactly where these sites are located but we should be told exactly what is planned for all 33 of them -- will the initial construction described in

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the DEIR to remove 1.5 million cubic yards of earth impact these sites, will roads pave over them, will houses be build on top of them, will sewer lines and catchment basins be build on above of them or graded thru them. This history of our town should not be a secret –

3. New Cultural Report for Clover Valley

All 33 pre-historic sites discovered in Clover Valley qualify to the National Register of Historic Places as an 'Archaeological District' and 12 sites in Clover Valley qualify on their own as 'Individual Contributors' to the National Register. We have amazing history in our city and our city should be fighting to preserve it.

148-3

Given the importance of the 33 pre-historic sites discovered in Clover Valley and their qualification to the National Register of Historic Places under criterion D, 'will provide information important in pre-history' (see page 65 of Peak and Associates report, 'A Determination of Eligibility and effect on Cultural Resources within the Clover Valley Lakes Project Area'), we believe it is imperative for the good of our community and future generations to learn as much as we can about the culture and history that once occupied this valley and our town. We believe Clover Valley is the last of its kind in our region and within the top 5 feet of this valley is an ancient history dating back thousands of years, which remains in historical context. The Peak Report says, "Most of the sites now lie in their natural unaltered setting, appearing much as it did in the prehistoric period of significance. Overall, the alteration of the landscape for the construction of modern features will alter the setting, feeling and association aspects of integrity of the district."

We believe Clover Valley should be researched thoroughly, using non-intrusive investigations. Not only is it important to preserve these sites for the Native Americans whose ancestors once lived and are buried here, but it is equally important to preserve these sites for the citizens of Rocklin, the state of Calif and the world. This history belongs to all of us and our future generations. To do anything less would be ahistorical.

Given the great significance of the cultural finds in Clover Valley we are continuing to request (as we also did in the NOP):

A. A new cultural report for Clover Valley. We base this request on the January 2002 Peak and Associates report's own admission, that many of the sites were examined only in areas slated to receive direct impact due to the construction. Without further investigation we will never know if there are more sites to be discovered and what important information they may yield.

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As we noted in the comment we made in the NOP, the Peak and Associates cultural report, 'A Determination of Eligibility and effect on Cultural Resources within the Clover Valley Lakes Project Area (Page 54-62)', indicated several of the sites, including 5 sites that qualified as 'individual contributors' were only marginally explored. Listed below are the sites which qualify as an 'individual contributors' to the National Registry of Historic Places and the quotes from the Peak and Associates cultural report, 'A Determination of Eligibility and effect on Cultural Resources within the Clover Valley Lakes Project Area' which indicate these sites were only marginally explored :

●CVL-7 (page 54) – “Only the central and western portions of the prehistoric period resource was subjected to test excavations due to the avoidance by direct impact of the eastern portion is proposed”. Note: Qualifies as an individual contributor to the NRHP.

●CVL-9 (page 59) – “This large site was only investigated along the margins and the central and eastern area, away from Clover Valley Creek which lies to the west. All indications point toward a very dense deposit of cultural material in this western portion with highly organically enriched midden sediment”. Note: This site is 56,611 square meters in size and qualifies as an individual contributor to the NRHP.

●PA-98-103 (page 60) – “This resource was only minimally tested along the extreme northern portion during test excavations. The large resource was only minimally tested along the periphery of the deposit (proposed road construction)”. Note: This site is 45,903 square meters in size and it's believed to be a Native American burial site (page 46). Qualifies as an individual contributor to the NRHP.

●PA-98-115 (page 61) – “Only the extreme eastern edge of this resource was examined during the test excavation as that was the only portion slated to receive direct impacts due to the construction of a proposed road”. Note: Qualifies as an individual contributor to the NRHP.

●PA-98-122 (page 62) – “This site was only tested by means of shovel test pits as project redesign eliminated direct impact. It is unique in that it is primarily identified by a concentration of circular-shaped depressions and two large depressions that may have served as ceremonial structures”. Note: qualifies as an individual contributor to the NRHP.

If sites were only marginally tested where residential lots, roads etc were being constructed, how many other sites remain to be discovered? We also believe that all of

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Clover Valley needs to be surveyed even if it is not in the path of the proposed construction.

Please review the prior data that we provided (map of project with cultural sites superimposed over it) and the pages we referenced. This information was provided to you in our NOP comment. If you need this data again we can provide it for you.

148-4

B. We also request that the new cultural report is conducted by an impartial independent agency. Peak and Associates would not be considered an impartial independent agency as they were originally hired by 650 Ventures and provided the report to Gerry Kamilos, a representative of 650 Ventures. This would be a conflict of interest.

148-5

4. Construction Setback from Cultural Sites

Based on the most current map provide by the city of the layout of the 558 homes, very little has changed to protect the 33 pre-historic sites that qualify to the National Register of Historic Places. We would hope that the city would not only have respect for thousands of years of history, but also respect the reverence that these sites have to Native Americans, which include several burial grounds, ceremonial sites and rock art panels.

In the prior NOP comment we provided a map showing all 33 pre-historic sites currently known, superimposed over the proposed development. We also provide a spreadsheet showing the impact of this development to these sites and compare it to the previous information provided in the January 2002 Peak and Associates report (see Table 4:Project Effects Within Permit Area/Treatment - page 68-69 - 'A Determination of Eligibility and effect on Cultural Resources within the Clover Valley Lakes Project Area').

Based on the previous Project Effect table from the January Peak report (Page 68-69), 24 of the 33 sites would be effected by the proposed Clover Valley Lakes Development by roads, residential lots, catchment basins, sewer lines, sidewalks and the infrastructure that goes along with a major housing development.

Using the most current information showing 558 homes, 22 of the 33 sites would be still be directly effected by catchment basins, sewer lines, sidewalks and the infrastructure that goes along with a major housing development. Of the 12 sites that qualify individually to the registry 9 of them will be impacted. This does not begin to mitigate how development would affect the sites that are now in open space that will be impacted

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by the bulldozers, backhoes and general construction equipment that will go over these sites during construction of the sites infrastructure. Little or no mitigation has been done to preserve these ancient sites.

We request:

- A. The city require a minimum set back of 100 feet on all sides for all 33 sites discovered and any future sites to be discovered.
- B. No construction activity to be performed within 100 feet of the 33 cultural sites discovered or future sites discovered
- C. No Equipment or trenching or fill be places within 100 feet of the identified 33 pre-historic sites and any sites discovered in the future.

148-6

5. Proposed Construction Monitoring for Cultural Sites

Our history is important and we must preserve what is left. Twenty years ago, there may have been a few places like Clover Valley, rich in pre-historic sites. But today with our ever-expanding development that pave over our open spaces and history dating back thousands of years, Clover Valley is truly an endangered place. We not only need to protect the sites that exist in this valley but also the ones that may be accidentally uncovered by the proposed development.

We request:

- A. Independent monitoring by an archaeological firm (not Peak and Associates) along with a representative of the UAIC and a member of the Clover Valley Foundation.
- B. We request that these representatives be on site at all times during construction.
- C. The developer should absorb the cost of these services.

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6. We request that the entire valley floor of Clover Valley be left as open space in order to preserve the ancient history of Rocklin.

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Biology/Wildlife

A group of concerned citizens are currently working with the Dry Creek Conservancy. The goal of our group is to determine the feasibility of Salmon and Steelhead returning to Clover Valley Creek. The Dry Creek Conservancy has agreed to provide the scientific resources needed to help determine if the fish can make it up into Clover Valley Creek and if the natural resources are conducive to spawning if and when they can get there. The survey of Clover Valley Creek led by the Dry Creek Conservancy is currently in process.

The purpose of the creek survey is :

1. **First to collect scientific data on the barriers the fish may encounter to determine if the barriers are permanently impassable.**
2. **Secondly to categorize the habitat in this watershed.**
3. **Thirdly to educate the people of Rocklin about the health of their stream.**

Once this data is collected, sound decisions can be made to benefit the natural riparian resources on Clover Valley Creek.

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Given the importance of this survey and its outcome, we are requesting that the proposed Clover Valley Lakes development take into account the feasibility of Salmon and Steelhead returning to Clover Valley and ensure what is proposed to be developed in this valley, will also enable these fish to return.

What is developed in Clover Valley will directly affect the Dry Creek Watershed. As you may know the Dry Creek Watershed has recently been designated as critical habitat for the Central Valley California Steelhead trout, which also includes waters potential for habitat, such as Clover Valley Creek. Under ESA requirements, (Ecological Society of America) all federal agencies

“Must ensure any actions they authorize, fund or carry out are NOT likely to jeopardize the continued existence of a species, or destroy or adversely modify its designated critical habitat”.

To minimize the impacts of the loss of riparian habitat to Rocklin, the Dry Creek Watershed and the people down stream we would request the city of Rocklin expand the antiquated 50 foot setback they currently enforce. In the last 150 years over 95% of the

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wetland areas (300 million acres) that once existed in Central California are gone, they are being mitigated away by developments like Clover Valley even though the importance of these habitats are well known as helping to prevent flooding and improving our water quality. 80% of the endangered wildlife remaining in the United States lives in wetlands.

We would ask that the riparian setbacks include the **entire active flood plain**, plus an additional **100 feet buffer** as recommended by a recent **Jones and Stokes and Associates study commissioned by Placer County**.

LETTER 148: O'DEEGAN FAMILY, THE

Response to Comment 148-1 and 148-2

These issues will be handled in the course of preparation and implementation of the Historic Properties Management Plan, reviewed by cultural resource professionals. See Master Response 7 - Cultural Resources for further explanation of the federal NHPA Section 106 process. The Cultural and Paleontological Resources section of the RDEIR satisfies CEQA. The City has conducted a thorough deliberative review of the cultural resources and impacts thereto which is reflected in the RDEIR. The RDEIR provides historical and ethnographic context with which to understand the significance of the resources. (RDEIR 4.7-1 – 21) Contents of the 33 cultural resources are reported at Table 4.7-2. Standards of significance and applicable law and regulation are reported. (RDEIR 4.7-26 – 30) The RDEIR explains the methodology used to assess resources. (RDEIR 4.7 – 30) Impacts to cultural resources are described generally because, as explained in Master Response CR-2, confidentiality is a means of protecting the integrity of the sites from vandalism and looting. Mitigation measures appear at 4.7-34, 4.7-38, 39. Master Response CR-1 explains further how the federal NHPA Section 106 process will develop additional mitigation for construction impacts and management measures to provide ongoing protection of sites that will not be impacted.

Moreover, it is important to note that the federal NHPA Section 106 process is designed to ensure history is not “lost”. The State Office of Historic Preservation will evaluate the impact to each site individually and develop an appropriate mitigation measure. One commonly imposed means of mitigation is excavation of sufficient material to exhaust the archaeological contribution of a site.

Response to Comment 148-3

The Army Corps of Engineers and Office of Historic Preservation are satisfied with the work conducted to date. Therefore, the City does not see a need for additional studies. See Master Response 7 - Cultural Resources regarding confidentiality. Commentor requests a new cultural survey be performed on the basis that the 2002 Peak & Associates' *Determination of Eligibility* reported excavations were conducted only in areas in the path of construction. A new survey is not called for. Excavation limited to areas proposed for construction is consistent with modern archaeological practice and State law: “Excavation as mitigation shall be restricted to those parts of the unique archaeological resource that would be damaged or destroyed by the project.” (Pub. Resources Code § 21083.2(d)) Additionally, pursuant to the federal NHPA, the Corps and the State Office of Historic Preservation will review the proposed construction impacts on each site and require additional excavation if the agencies believe a site may yield additional information.

Response to Comment 148-4

The commenter speculates that a conflict of interest exists for Peaks and Associates; however, all documents to date and in the future will be reviewed by two impartial agencies: the Army Corps of Engineers and the OHP. These reviews ensure accuracy.

Response to Comment 148-5

See Response to Comment 148-1. The RDEIR at 4.7-33 notes that the project has been revised to avoid and protect resources. A minimum setback of 100 feet from all cultural sites is not feasible because it would preclude installation of required fire access roads and other necessary infrastructure. Moreover, it is important to note that CEQA does not prohibit adverse effects to cultural resources but requires mitigation to the extent resources are not preserved: “To the extent that unique archaeological resources are not preserved in place or not left in an undisturbed state, mitigation measures shall be required . . .” (Pub. Resources Code § 21083.2(c))

Response to Comment 148-6

See Master Response 7 – Cultural Resources.

Response to Comment 148-7

This comment does not address the adequacy of the DEIR.

Response to Comment 148-8

Impacts to special-status fish, including Central Valley steelhead trout, would be mitigated to a less-than-significant level with implementation of Mitigation Measures 4.8MM-15(a) and (b), which include implementation of the terms and conditions of the NOAA Fisheries Biological Opinion.

Regarding impacts to riparian and seasonal wetland habitat see Response to Comment 10-8.

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City of Rocklin
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March 3, 2006

RE: CLOVER VALLY DEVELOPMENT

Dear Mr. Mohlebrok,

149-1

First of all, I own property next to Clover Valley on the east side of Sierra College Blvd., where a new traffic signal will be installed. I can tell you that making left or right turns from my property onto Sierra College Blvd., is a very, *very dangerous situation right now*. This new signal light will allow us to make both right and left turns *safely* out of my driveway.

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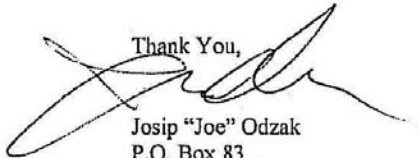
I support this project and believe that the EIR has addressed the necessary issues. I also believe that this project will improve and beautify the entire area.

I was at the meeting on Thursday February 23, 2006 and was very disappointed to hear some of the people that were against the project, mainly environmentalists who really do not live in the area and are not fully aware (as I am) of how much improvement this project will have. An example is the woman who came from Santa Rosa, talking against the project and saying how much she enjoying Clover Valley. How could she? She is presently not allowed to walk, ride a bike or hike on the property at this time. What does she know about the existing problems of making a left or right turn? *She is not aware about any of this because she doesn't live there, as I do!*

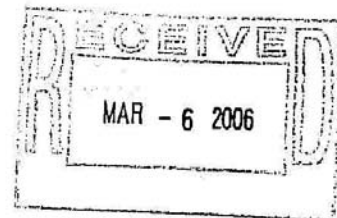
It seemed as though there were more cons then pros but I know that was only because the people that are for the project didn't really feel a need to be there.

I hope the City of Rocklin will give the Clover Valley developers the green light soon for the EIR fully addresses the necessary issues and I would like to see the improvements made soon.

Thank You,



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LETTER 149: ODZAJ, JOSIP

Response to Comment 149-1

Comment noted.

Response to Comment 149-2

This comment does not address the adequacy of the DEIR.

Letter 150

David Mohlenbrok

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Sent: Friday, March 03, 2006 5:28 PM
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Subject: Clover Valley
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Please download the attached letter.

Thank you.

Eleanor Olsen

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March 3, 2006

**Mr. David Mohlenbrok, Senior Planner
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Subject: Springfield Traffic Concerns – Clover Valley

To Whom It May Concern:

150-1

I planned on coming to the community meeting regarding Clover Valley however, you scheduled the meeting an evening when the Olympics was airing. Many of us were very interested in watching the events. I think this was a poor choice in timing for the City of Rocklin to schedule such an important meeting. This aside, some members of our community did attend and I received an e-mail regarding traffic concerns on Park Drive.

150-2

After reading the information I concur with Springfield residents who are very concerned about the traffic, noise and pollution. There should be another alternative route to protect the wonderful environment we presently enjoy. In addition, there are too many houses being built in Clover Valley. For such a beautiful area the lots should be at least 2 acres each per dwelling, thereby protecting the wildlife and the natural beauty and beautiful oak trees. Fences around each property should not be allowed, but only a fence protecting a swimming pool area.

150-3

There are areas in our country that adhere to strict environmental procedures, as I explained above, thereby creating communities that are truly beautiful and very desirable for those who can afford to pay to live there. Clover Valley is the perfect place to do something spectacular.

Think very seriously about what you and the developers are proposing. Close your eyes and imagine the impact you will be creating and the destruction. Is this the legacy you want to leave for us, Clover Valley, the City of Rocklin and Placer County?

Sincerely,

Eleanor Olsen

LETTER 150: OLSEN, ELEANOR

Response to Comment 150-1

This comment does not address the adequacy of the DEIR.

Response to Comment 150-2

It should be noted that the smaller lot sizes enable more land to remain in open space. This issue was addressed on page 4.2-10 of the Land Use chapter in the DEIR, which notes that the proposed General Plan Amendment would “allow for more open space and less residential development” than the current land use designations provide. Because the reason for the fence suggestion is not provided, the intent of the comment is unknown, and a response is therefore not possible.

Response to Comment 150-3

The comment does not address the adequacy of the DEIR.