Letter 44

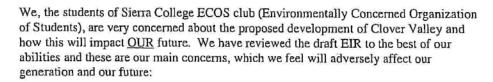
March 15, 2006

City of Rocklin Community Development Department 3970 Rocklin Road Rocklin, CA 95677

Attention: David Mohlenbrok

RE: Clover Valley Recirculated Draft EIR

Dear Mr. Mohlenbrok,



 Commons – the undeveloped land in the Rocklin area has rapidly diminished by being paved over with new developments. While the owner has certain rights, it is an invasion of our rights to these commons by allowing developers to continually build houses on the open areas, obstructing our views, and altering the natural beauty that once existed. At the rate Rocklin is being developed, soon there will be no remaining open space.

- 2. We feel the approval of this proposed project would be an irresponsible move by the City of Rocklin to the young people of our generation and those of the future, especially since it will have a much greater effect on our future than to those currently in office. As we see it, it would benefit the rich developers and a few fortunate wealthy homeowners at the expense of <u>all</u> other future generations.
- 3. Building in Clover Valley would forever reduce the ecosystem services provided by the oak trees, wetlands, and other vegetation currently growing naturally and freely in the valley. It would permanently destroy the current Clover Valley into something that could never be recovered, by our generation or any other. It would be a future taken away from us, by you, if you allow this project to proceed.
- 4. In addition to the general environmental impacts, the draft EIR clearly lacks taking into consideration the amount of increased traffic through the area (Sierra College Blvd. in particular) when Lincoln's Twelve Bridges is complete, when the Bickford Ranch project is built, and when Lincoln's Del Webb community is complete. The increased traffic from these other projects should have been taken into consideration with the expansion of roadways in the Clover Valley proposal.

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The draft EIR did not appear to include reports as to how noise, pollution, and traffic would be impacted as these other developments are built.

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5. We would ask that you take into consideration the technical reviews, reports, and letters submitted to you by experts and concerned citizens that were submitted to you in October as part of the NOP process. Many organizations, businesses, and private citizens have written to you with specific concerns in areas that are important to them with regards to this project. Many of those letters included in the draft EIR are from experts in their field voicing specific concerns in areas lacking in the EIR. While we don't claim to be experts, we are just students hoping to someday become experts, we would hope that you will act in a responsible manner and address each of these concerns that have been submitted to you.

44-6

Our student organization has unanimously voted in support of protecting Clover Valley from the death and destruction that will occur if the developers are allowed to build on this land. The ecosystem within the valley is made up of native oak trees, wetlands, wildlife, and other plants and insects, which are currently living successfully within the boundaries of Clover Valley. What will happen to all of these natural living creatures if their home is taken over by man? Is the few dollars the City of Rocklin stands to gain, plus the millions of dollars going to the greedy developer really worth the permanent destruction of a unique piece of land containing a complete ecosystem as well as ancient Native American sites? Is it worth the destruction of something that can never be changed back to its natural state once the bulldozers start?

If you can't think of our future, think of the future of your grandchildren and great grandchildren. What would they think knowing you had an opportunity to do the right thing and stop the development?

44-7

In the words of the great Chief Seattle: "We have not inherited the Earth from our Ancestors...We have only borrowed it from our Children."

Please, think of future generations and vote <u>NO PROJECT</u>, and save Clover Valley. If you feel you must allow some type of project to move forward, then please choose the Environmentally Superior Alternative in the Executive Summary of the draft EIR on page 2-9 and ensure that the mitigation measures are adequate and enforced.

Sincerely,

Janet Woris, President Sierra College ECOS club

Letter 44: Sierra College ECOS Club

Response to Comment 44-1

The comment does not address the adequacy of the RDEIR.

Response to Comment 44-2

The comment does not address the adequacy of the RDEIR.

Response to Comment 44-3

The comment does not address the adequacy of the RDEIR.

Response to Comment 44-4

Please refer to the response to comments 25-3, 40-2, and 40-5.

Response to Comment 44-5

As noted in the first paragraph of each technical subchapter of the RDEIR (Chapters 4.2 through 4.12), "Pertinent comments received in response to the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the proposed project have been considered in this analysis." For a list of NOP commenters and a synopsis of issues raised, please refer to pages 1-6 through 1-12 of the RDEIR.

Response to Comment 44-6

The comment does not address the adequacy of the RDEIR.

Response to Comment 44-7

The comment does not address the adequacy of the RDEIR.

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Letter 45

David Mohlenbrok

From: Mark Siemens

Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2006 8:43 AM

To: David Mohlenbrok; Terry Richardson

Cc: Dan Ruden; Bill Mikesell

Subject: Comment to Clover Valley EIR

Here is a my comment to clarify this public safety issue:

There is a two-lane connection from Park Drive to Sierra College Blvd. planned in the Clover Valley
Lakes development. This connection has been in the General Plan and is key to the safety of Rocklin residents.

The greatest disaster risk in Rocklin involves the transportation facilities that traverse and skirt our City. Those risks generally involve the hazardous materials that move up and down Highways 80 and 65, and the rail lines in and around Rocklin. Each day, dangerous substances pass through and around our city, bringing risk of accident, vessel failure, or even terrorism that could bring harm to the residents of Rocklin. The greatest risk of exposure in these events is through airborne plumes of hazardous material.

The predominant wind patterns in Rocklin are from the South-Southwest. The escape routes from our City are in the South and West. The transportation facilities are in the South and West. A hazardous materials release from any of the major transportation facilities, driven by the predominant winds, could quickly compromise the evacuation routes from the largest population areas in Rocklin. In a catastrophic event, the Park Drive to Sierra College connection could be the most important route to save lives, not from the region, but from the core of the Rocklin population area.

Mark Siemens Chief of Police

02/23/2006

LETTER 45: SIEMENS, MARK, CHIEF OF POLICE

Response to Comment 45-1

The comments do not address the adequacy of the RDEIR.

Response to Comment 45-2

The comments do not address the adequacy of the RDEIR.

Response to Comment 45-3

The comments do not address the adequacy of the RDEIR.

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Letter 46



March 6, 2006

File: 84438708; 84400042

City of Rocklin 3970 Rocklin Road Rocklin CA 95677

Attention:

Sherri Abbas

Dear Sherri:

Reference:

Clover Valley Large and Small Lot Tentative Subdivision Maps

Recirculated Draft DEIR

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Recirculated Draft DEIR for the Clover Valley Large and Small Lot Tentative Subdivision Maps. We understand the Herculean efforts necessary to prepare such a document and congratulate the consultants and the city on the results of those efforts.

Our office has reviewed the DEIR documents and consolidated our responses in this letter. The following table summarizes our comments on the DEIR for this project.

All comments relate to Table 2-1 and the impacts and mitigation measures contained therein and correspondingly to the chapters to which those mitigation measures refer. For the purpose of this response letter we have not elaborated but rather highlights our concerns and/or comments. Should you or your consultants desire any additional clarification or more detailed explanations on our comments, we will be glad to meet as necessary.

	Impact	Mitigation Measures	Comment
46-1	4.31-7	4,3MM-7	First bullet measure states "All road crossing of Clover Valley Creek shall be bridged or culverts with masonry creek walls" The current proposal calls for culvert type crossing using Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) retaining systems rather than masonry walls. This approach will help reduce the size of impact as well as construction duration. Mitigation measure should be updated to reflect use of MSE walls.

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Letter46 cont'd

Reference: Clover Valley Large and Small Lot Tentative Subdivision Maps Recirculated Draft DEIR

	Impact	Mitigation	Comment
46-2	4.31-7	Measures 4.3MM-7	Third bullet measure relates to detention ponds. In reality, there will not be any grading of the detention areas; detained flows will backwater upstream of the two roadway crossings inundating the designated areas without any "sculpting" or grading of basins. There are no "levees" around the areas inundated by detained flows; all roadway and house pad areas are setback from the limits of any detained flows at elevations providing required freeboard per FEMA and the city of Rocklin requirements.
46-3	4.31-8	4.3MM-8(a)	The timing for preparation of the Small Lot Design Guidelines currently states "prior to recording of final maps". Suggest modifying to recording of small lot final map(s) in order to allow recordation of large lot map.
	4.31-8	4.3MM-8(b)	First bullet suggests possibility for reducing road widths by eliminating
46-4			sidewalks and/or on-street parking. This option would be welcomed in order to reduce currently anticipated impacts from grading and tree removals. We would like to identify those locations where such reductions in width are considered acceptable as soon as possible to ensure final improvement drawings contain those width reductions.
46-5	4.51-2	4.5MM-2(d)	Mitigation measure currently states "prior to final map approval" for complying with stated air quality measures. Suggest this mitigation measure be tied to issuance of building permits.
46-6	4.81-1	4.8MM-1(b)	This mitigation measure relates to the construction impacts of the off-site sewer project and should be tied to the approval of those plans rather than recording of any final maps.

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Letter 46 cont'd

Reference: Clover Valley Large and Small Lot Tentative Subdivision Maps Recirculated Draft DEIR

46-7	4.8I-2	Mitigation Measures 4.8MM-2	Comment This mitigation measure should be checked so as to not conflict with the language contained in the Development Agreement.				
46-8	4.81-7	4.8MM-7	First bullet limits construction to "non-breeding times for raptors and fish". This timing restriction should be re-visited given other mitigation measures specifying raptor surveys and the lack of any protected fish species within the project area.				
46-9	4.81-10	4.8MM- 10(a)	The last paragraph states that "should any raptor species be found nesting" Suggest that "any raptor" be changed to any "legally protected raptors".				
46-10	4.8I-15	4.8MM- 15(a)	Third bullet specifies replacement ratio of 3:1; Corps permit should govern.				
46-11	4.81-15	4.8MM- 15(b)	First bullet requires use of Vortechnics filtration system; suggest adding "or approved equal" language.				
46-12	4.111-6	4.11MM-6	First and second bullets are not valid. The road crossings are proposed as culverts, not bridges. The detention cannot be provided using bridges. The use of more than one culvert opening ("single span" versus "two spans") is critical to design.				
Additional Comments:							
46-13		Page 2-77: The second to last sentence misspells the word "practicable". It reads: "maximum extent praticable.' And should read "maximum extent practicable."					
46-14	Sm The Fig is r	 Page 3-1: The last line refers to 'Large Lot Tentative Map and Figures 3-4 through 3-9, Small Lot Tentative Map(s)'. The figures are actually numbered 3-4(a) through 3-4(f). Therefore, on page 3-13 where the EIR refers to Figure 3-10, it is really referring to Figure 3-5. On page 3-15, where the EIR refers to Figures 3-11(a) and (b), we believe it is really referring to Figures 3-6(a) and (b). The remaining figures for this chapter are incorrectly numbered as well. 					

CHAPTER 3.3 – WRITTEN COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

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Reference: Clover Valley Large and Small Lot Tentative Subdivision Maps Recirculated Draft DEIR

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 Page 3-20: The word 'relatively' repeats in the second sentence below Table 3-3. The second 'relatively' should be deleted so the sentence ends with '...4.5 percent and 1.0 percent under the proposed project.'

As mentioned above, we are available at your request to meet with you or your consultants to discuss our comments should you desire. We look forward to the final environmental document being released and moving forward with the next step in the entitlement process.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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LETTER 46: STANTEC CONSULTING, INC.

Response to Comment 46-1

The commenter is correct in that currently the proposed project would result in the use of Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) retaining systems and not masonry walls. The first bullet of Mitigation Measure 4.3MM-7 is hereby changed as follows:

All road crossings of Clover Valley Creek shall be bridged or <u>arched</u> culverts with masonry creek walls <u>or other engineered retaining system found to be aesthetically comparable</u> shall be used, to <u>eliminate minimize</u> fills into the riparian areas on and off the project site.

This change is for clarification purposes only and would not result in any changes to the adequacy of the mitigation measure. In addition, the implementation of this change would help further reduce the aesthetic impacts related to this mitigation.

Response to Comment 46-2

The commenter is correct that the proposed project would not include any levees or grading of the detention basins. The third bullet in mitigation measure 4.3MM-7 is hereby changed to delete the last sentence as follows:

The shape of each basin and its dam and levee areas shall be graded in a non-linear design to reduce the impression of a man-made structure and designed in conjunction with a licensed landscape architect;

This change is for clarification purposes only and would not result in any changes to the adequacy of the mitigation measure.

Response to Comment 46-3

The design guidelines for this project were adopted with the annexation of the property in 1997.

Response to Comment 46-4

The commenter supports the possible restriction of sidewalks and states a desire to identify possible locations for the final improvement maps.

Response to Comment 46-5

The comment does not address the adequacy of the RDEIR.

Response to Comment 46-6

The comment does not address the adequacy of the RDEIR.

Response to Comment 46-7

The comment does not address the adequacy of the RDEIR.

Response to Comment 46-8

The commentor is correct that the prohibition on construction during non-breeding times for fish would be overly inclusive and is overbroad. The first bullet in mitigation measure 4.8MM-7 is hereby changed to delete the words and fish as follows:

Construction shall occur during non-breeding times for raptors and fish;

This change is for clarification purposes only and would not result in any changes to the adequacy of the mitigation measure.

Response to Comment 46-9

The commenter is correct, for clarification purposes, the final paragraph of Mitigation Measure 4.8MM-10(a) is hereby changed as follows:

If the above survey does not identify any nesting <u>legally protected</u> raptor species on-site, adjacent to the site, or at off-site proposed sewer line locations, further mitigation would not be required. However, should any <u>legally protected</u> raptor species be found nesting at any of the surveyed locations, the following mitigation measures shall be implemented.

This change is for clarification purposes only and would not change any conclusions contained within the DEIR.

Response to Comment 46-10

The commentor suggests that the replacement vegetation ratio should be consistent with that required under the Corps Section 404 permit. The last sentence of the third bullet in mitigation measure 4.8MM-15(a) is hereby changed as follows:

All riparian vegetation that is removed or destroyed shall be replaced on site at a 3:1 ratio at the replacement ratio specified in the approved Section 404 Corps permit issued for the project;

This change is for clarification purposes only and would not result in any changes to the adequacy of the mitigation measure.

Response to Comment 46-11

The commenter is correct, for clarification purposes, the final paragraph of Mitigation Measure 4.8MM-15(b) is hereby changed as follows:

The Corps City shall ensure that the Vortechnics or approved equivalent filtration system is maintained in perpetuity to ensure they are functioning properly to remove pollutants and protect water quality.

This change is for clarification purposes only and would not change any conclusions contained within the DEIR.

Response to Comment 46-12

See Master Response 1 – Introduction for clarifying discussion of bridge and culvert terminology.

Response to Comment 46-13

The commenter is correct in identifying a misspelling on the second-to-last paragraph of page 2-77. The sentence is hereby changed as follows

The primary goal of this mitigation measure is to reduce the discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent praticable practicable.

This change is for clarification purposes only and would not change any conclusions contained within the DEIR.

Response to Comment 46-14

The commenter is correct in that there is a numbering error for the figures in Chapter 3 of the DEIR. The numbering of the existing figures 3-4(a) through 3-10 are hereby changed to 3-4 through 3-15 as indicated below. This change also applies to the table of contents.

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Figure 3-4(a) is now Figure 3-4
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Figure 3-4(b) is now Figure 3-5

Figure 3-4(c) is now Figure 3-6

Figure 3-4(d) is now Figure 3-7

Figure 3-4(e) is now Figure 3-8

Figure 3-4(f) is now Figure 3-9

Figure 3-5 is now Figure 3-10

Figure 3-6(a) is now Figure 3-11(a)

Figure 3-6(b) is now Figure 3-11(b)

Figure 3-7 is now Figure 3-12

Figure 3-8 is now Figure 3-13

Figure 3-9 is now Figure 3-14

Figure 3-10 is now Figure 3-15

This change is for clarification purposes only and would not change any conclusions contained within the DEIR.

Response to Comment 46-15

The commenter is correct in identifying a typographical error in the second sentence following Table 3-3 on page 3-20 of the DEIR. The sentence is hereby changed as follows:

Similarly, MDR (medium density residential) and PQP (public/quasi-public uses) uses would decrease from 5.2 percent and 1.8 percent of the total project area under the existing designations, relatively, to 4.5 percent and 1.0 percent under the proposed project, relatively.

This change is for clarification purposes only and would not change any conclusions contained within the DEIR.

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Letter 47

Laura Webster

From: Lynne Sully [Isully@starstream.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 05, 2006 8:15 PM

To: Laura Webster

Subject: Re: Clover Valley EIR Comments

Laura,

Here are some additional comments regarding the DEIR.

47-1 4.81-2
4.31-8 concern over off site impacts to trees

47-2 4.7MM-1(a) would like an explanation regarding the training of construction personnel by the archaelogist.

47-3 4.7MM-3(a) What type of permanent fencing? Will the fence draw attention to the site?

47-4 4.11MM-5(c) Most of the mitigation meaures say "could be directed." Will these measures be taken?

Thanks, Lynne

LETTER 47: SULLY, LYNNE, PLANNING COMMISSIONER

Response to Comment 47-1

The comment consists of "concern over off site impacts to trees" and refers to Impact Statements 4.3I-8 and 4.8I-2, but does not provide specific reference to any inadequacy of the RDEIR in addressing this topic. Please refer to Mitigation Measures 4.3MM-8(a), 4.3MM-8(b), and 4.8MM-2 in the RDEIR for further discussion.

Response to Comment 47-2

Sensitivity training for construction personnel is a standard measure routinely employed on large construction projects. The level of the training varies from project to project, depending on likelihood of finding buried resources, and other project attributes, such as the use of cultural resource monitors. The details of the training program will be included in the management documents, see Master Response 7 – Cultural Resources.

Response to Comment 47-3

The permanent fencing will be placed in such a manner as to not draw attention to cultural resources. This technique has been successfully used in other venues allowing sites to be preserved in a public venue such as the American River Bike Trail in Sacramento County and the Twelve Bridges development by limiting access.

Response to Comment 47-4

As noted in Mitigation Measure 4.11MM-5(c) (page 4.11-24 of the RDEIR), the applicant and the City would work together to determine the specific types and locations of stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) to be implemented.

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March 6, 2006

City of Rocklin Ms. Sherri Abbas, Planning Services Manager 3970 Rocklin Road Rocklin, CA 95677

FAX: (916) 625-5195

Subject: Clover Valley Recirculated Draft EIR

Dear Ms. Abbas:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Clover Valley Large and Small Lot Tentative Subdivision Maps Project Recirculated Draft EIR (January 2006). The United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) has reviewed the Draft EIR, and remains concerned about the cultural resources that exist on the project site. Revisions made to the project, as reflected in the Recirculated Draft EIR, have come a long way in increasing protections for these priceless resources. Through direct negotiations with the project developer, additional mitigation measures have been agreed upon. These measures, which are listed below, should be included in the Final EIR as conditions of project approval. It is also the UAIC's intent to memorialize these requirements in the Historic Properties Management Plan and the Section 404 Permit for the project.

Additional cultural resources mitigation measures:

- 1. Relocate lots and infrastructure to avoid known cultural sites.
- 2. Deed cultural sites in fee and/or easement to the UAIC.
- 3. Halt work if artifacts are encountered.
- Develop and implement (if necessary) a reburial plan in coordination with the UAIC.
- 5. Turn over all previously collected artifacts to the Tribe.
- Provide qualified cultural resources monitors during construction, and also allow the UAIC's cultural monitors to be present.
- 7. Provide cultural resources training to construction personnel.
- 8. Protect known cultural sites with temporary construction fencing.
- Provide plans of all cultural resources interpretive signs to the Tribe for review and approval prior to placement.

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With the implementation of the extensive mitigation measures already in the Recirculated Draft EIR, the additional measures that will be specified in the final Historic Properties Management Plan and Section 404 permit, plus the measures listed above, I believe the cultural resources on the property will be protected to a far greater degree than as originally proposed. We look forward to seeing all these mitigation measures reflected in the final EIR and made conditions of project approval.

Sincerely,

Julie Huff

Tribal Vice Chair

LETTER 48: UNITED AUBURN INDIAN COMMUNITY

Response to Comment 48-1

Commentor indicates the United Auburn Indian Community ("UAIC") has participated in direct negotiations with the developer resulting in additional mitigation measures. Commenter lists the additional measures and requests they be included in the Final EIR as conditions of project approval.

The direct negotiations to which Commenter refers are being conducted in the context of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps") Clean Water Act § 404 permit process as explained more fully in the "Cultural Resources Master Response 1." (See Mitigation Measure 4.8MM-4(a) requiring developer to obtain a Clean Water Act § 404 permit.) A number of Commenter's recommendations appear in the January 2006 Recirculated Draft EIR. Response to Comment 48-2 explains the City's determination that including Commenter's recommendations that are not already part of the Recirculated Draft EIR as additional mitigation measures and conditions of project approval will not reduce effects to, nor enhance protection of, cultural resources.

Response to Comment 48-2

Commentor lists the additional cultural resources mitigation measures proposed for inclusion in the final EIR.

1. Relocate lots and infrastructure to avoid known cultural sites.

Recirculated Draft EIR §4.7I-1 explains that the site design has been revised a number of times to avoid and protect resources. The City will continue to work with the developer to determine whether additional revisions to protect cultural resources are practicable. Even so, due to the narrowness of the valley and the requirement for adequate access for residents and emergency vehicles, some resources cannot be avoided. For resources that are not avoided a program of mitigation will be developed as a result of developer's obtaining a Clean Water Act § 404 permit from the Corps in consultation with the State Office of Historic Preservation. (See Mitigation Measure 4.8MM-4(a) requiring developer obtain a Clean Water Act § 404 permit.)

2. Deed cultural sites in fee and/or easement to the UAIC.

Cultural resources that are preserved in open space will be protected in accordance with agreements developed between the Corps and the State Office of Historic Preservation as part of the federal Clean Water Act § 404 permit process and in accord with the requirements of the federal Historic Preservation Act. (See Mitigation Measure 4.8MM-4(a) requiring developer obtain a Clean Water Act § 404 permit.) Site ownership will be an important element of the agreements. Therefore, it would not be appropriate for the City to impose, by means of a condition of approval, a determination of ultimate ownership of the sites.

- 3. Halt work if artifacts are encountered. Included as Mitigation Measure 4.7MM-4(a) and 4(b) require work to stop if artifacts are encountered.
- 4. Develop and implement (if necessary) a reburial plan in coordination with the UAIC.

A reburial plan will be developed as part of the Clean Water Act § 404 permit process. (See Mitigation Measure 4.8MM-4(a) requiring developer obtain a Clean Water Act § 404 permit.)

5. Turn over all previously collected artifacts to the Tribe.

Commenter's recommendation to make turning over previously collected artifacts to the Tribe (UAIC) a condition of approval does not explain how doing so reduces effects to, or enhances preservation of, cultural resources. The City believes ultimate possession of artifacts is a matter more appropriately addressed between the developer and the UAIC.

6. Provide qualified cultural resources monitors during construction, and also allow the UAIC's cultural monitors to be present.

The City concurs with Commenter that qualified supervision of construction activity may minimize effects to cultural resources. For that reason, Recirculated Draft EIR Mitigation Measure 4.7MM-1(a) requires, among other things, use of qualified monitors throughout all earth-moving activities on the project site. The City believes Mitigation Measure 4.7MM-1(a), as stated, adequately protects resources during construction activities.

7. Provide cultural resources training to construction personnel.

The City agrees with Commenter that providing cultural resources training for construction personnel may minimize effects to cultural resources. Consistent with the suggestion, RDEIR Mitigation Measure 4.7MM-1(a) requires all construction personnel receive cultural resources sensitivity training from a qualified archeologist.

8. Protect known cultural sites with temporary construction fencing.

Recirculated Draft EIR Mitigation Measure 4.7MM-1(b) requires the developer place, in consultation with a qualified archaeologist, temporary orange construction fencing fully enclosing cultural resources sites. Sites to receive fencing will be identified during the federal Clean Water Act § 404 permit process.

10. [sic] Provide plans of all cultural resources interpretive signs to the Tribe for review and approval prior to placement.

Responsibility for the design of interpretive signage is more appropriately addressed as part of the agreements developed as part of the Clean Water Act § 404 permit process.

(See Mitigation Measure 4.8MM-4(a) requiring developer obtain a Clean Water Act § 404 permit.)

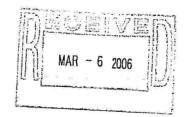
Response to Comment 48-3

The City agrees with the Commenter that the mitigation measures included in the January 2006 Recirculated Draft EIR offer more comprehensive protection than what was offered in the earlier Draft EIR.

Letter 49

March 5, 2006

To: Sherri Abbas, David Mohlenbrok City of Rocklin Community Development Department



From: Betty Weibert, Commissioner

Re: Clover Valley Lakes project DEIR

Comments from the public at the February 23, 2006 meeting included the following concerns.

- Impact of traffic from project on Park with emphasis on how it would impact the senior population along with the schools in the vicinity. Impact of traffic onto Sierra College Blvd. Flow through of traffic from 80, 65 via Park to Valley View Parkway to Sierra College. Affect on intersections along Sierra College. Valley View becomes short cut thorofare.

 49-2 Effects on the wildlife corridor, ecosystems, creek borders.

 49-3 Sewer line placement. How will the construction affect the creek?

 49-4 Air quality. Increase in pollutants both to air and water systems.
- 49-5 Increased noise pollution both during construction and after with increased traffic.
- 49-6 Disturbance of anthropological and cultural sites.
- 49-7 Storm water and runoff issues.
- 49-8 Oak tree removal.
- Creek setbacks can they be increased from 50 ft to 100 ft. Construction of bridges to cross creek.
- 49-10 Defining what open space is.
- 49-11 Report details referenced by outdated data and reports.
- 49-12 Impact of Bickford Ranch onto the Clover Valley project.

I noted staff taking many notes on these items brought forward from the public and I would like to have feedback on whether the DEIR can be further enhanced in these areas or if not the reasons/conclusions, etc.

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I feel that two concerns are highest in the public's view point and these are the potential traffic issues and the effects on the ecology of the valley both to the grassland/tree habitats and the stream.

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In Biological Impact Evaluation Report, 12/22/2005, page 17 Impact and Mitigation Analysis notes the absence of an updated vegetation community map. I think it would be in our best interest of get an updated map. Also under Impact 4. Impact to Wildlife Habitat, a deficiency is identified as "Wildlife Habitat" is too general. I agree and would like to see this DEIR include more detail on the impacts to the various wildlife.

49-15

In the Clover Valley Tree Removal Summary the Tree Summary chart notes 17,460 trees in open space in fair condition. The following chart "Removal of Trees" does not indicate these trees as part of the chart. Is it correct to assume that these trees will remain part of the open space and what measures can be included to insure their survival and improve their health.

49-16

The Kleinfelder report was done in 1998. It references the 900 home project and states on page 1 that "grading plans were not available at the time this report was prepared". A geology report. Nature of the project has changed. Shouldn't this report be upgraded and prepared taking into consideration grading plans.

49-17

Environmental Site Assessment report references a PCWA canal built in 1906? and still supplying irrigation water today. With development of this property under consideration, shouldn't the condition of this canal be assessed.

49-18

Hydrology Evaluation, 12/12/2005, Proj. No.: 279-00-0504 page 9 states a concern that the conceptual bridge designs are inconsistent with the CLOMR application and the hydrologic/hydraulic modeling needs to be revised. Further an O&M plan must be developed and a long-term funding mechanism must be established for the O&M costs. Mitigation measures are suggested however, page 11 contains comments that "houses may be flooded by overflow...."

Further mitigation efforts are ref. Pad heights are said to be higher etc. and this puts everything back with the parameters of the FEMA 100 year flood plain. Which lots and where are they in jeopardy and what real assurances do we have that 5 to 10 feet pad elevations will give appropriate protection to these lots from flooding if this project goes forward?

LETTER 49: WEIBERT, BETTY, PLANNING COMMISSIONER

Response to Comments 49-1 through 49-12

The comments restate issues raised at the public meeting which are addressed throughout this FEIR.

Response to Comment 49-13

Please see Master Response 4 – Traffic and Master Response 8 – Biological Resources.

Response to Comment 49-14

See Section 1 of Master Response 8 – Biological Resources.

Response to Comment 49-15

Trees existing in open space areas will remain except for minor tree removal related to installation of utilities. The Open Space Management Plan sets forth management goals for protecting the oak resources. A discussion of the unintended impacts to oak trees as a result of the construction of the proposed project, including the trees considered to be in open space areas, is included in Impact 4.8I-2.

Response to Comment 49-16

Page 2 of the Kleinfelder report states that the scope and purpose of the report is to evaluate the "subsurface conditions at various locations on the site at various locations on the site in order to provide preliminary geologic and geotechnical engineering parameters and general recommendations for project planning." The Kleinfelder study included the digging of 19 exploratory test pits and studying the overall existing geologic setting in Clover Valley. The Kleinfelder report assumed that the proposed project would include 900 residential units, the project as proposed is substantially smaller than this figure. Because the proposed project is smaller than the total scale of the project explored by the Kleinfelder report, impacts related to geological conditions of the proposed project site would be expected to be similar to, or less than those determined in the Kleinfelder report. Given that the geologic conditions on the project site are long-term and not subject to change a revised geologic study would not be likely to conclude any new and significant impacts.

Response to Comment 49-17

The hydrology report prepared by West Yost and Associates as well as the hydrologic planning for the proposed project prepared by Stantec Consulting considered the condition of the canal.

Response to Comment 49-18

See Response to Comment 43-212.