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1 GEORGE McKINNEY: Good evening. George
2 McKinney, 3750 Argonaut Avenue, Rocklin.

3 Short and sweet: The first time out with the
4 EIR worried me because you did not address -- or it did
5 not address the downstream fallout. All I did when I
6 worked was help rescue all the people who got flooding
7 out in the Dry Creek area and on down. The new EIR, I
8 think, in my humble opinion, addresses it very
9 specifically, and does a very good job of it.

10 After talking with some of your Planning
11 Commission people on the phone, I think they are well
12 aware of it, and are doing what they can to do a very
13 good job of mitigating any problem it would cause. I
14 thank you for it. I think it's a good DEIR.

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15 ROGER SWEITZER: Hi. Name is Roger Sweitzer. I
16 live on Adobe Road in the Stanford Ranch area. I'm here
17 to support the revised DEIR on three areas: one, the
18 reduced density, I think, is a plus; secondly, flood
19 protection; and then improved access.

20 If we leave Clover Valley the way it is right
21 now, nobody has access. Not even Ansel Adams could get
22 in there and take pictures. I would like to see Clover
23 Valley; I can't, not legally. I saw pictures of it.
24 It's beautiful. Maybe someday I can afford to live
25 there. I hope that will happen.

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1 But I hope the City Council takes time to
2 address some of the things that need to be addressed but
3 goes forward with allowing this development to happen.

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4 ROGER HENDERSON: Good evening. My name is
5 Roger Henderson, 1958 Truman Court, Rocklin.
6 I'm here to support the draft EIR. I've heard a
7 lot of pros and cons tonight, and I would like to lend
8 my support as long as the City Council and the officers
9 of the DEIR and the Clover Valley Partners take very
10 good heed of what's being said here tonight. There may
11 be some additional data that needs to be put in the DEIR
12 to make it appropriate, but I am here to support the
13 adoption.

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14 Thank you.
15 DUANE WILSON: Duane Wilson, Silver Star Court,
16 Rocklin.
17 I'd like to -- before I start, I'd like to raise
18 a point of order. You've been saying that we can't make
19 general remarks about the EIR, but under the DEIR, 6.6,
20 no alternative, no project is an alternative; therefore,
21 it's legitimate to talk about no alternative and still
22 be talking about the EIR. So I should have been further
23 up in the line, I think.

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24 There are a number of problems with this
25 development, and I think most of you, if you're honest,

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1 would have to acknowledge it. Let's just look at one of
2 them, to start with. The analysis is on 558 homes, but
3 in section 5.1 of the DEIR, it specifically says that by
4 approving this project, we will then have 501 more homes
5 on the north end of the project and 23 on the southeast
6 end. I would suggest to you you need a DEIR on 1,082
7 homes, which is going to be the actual impact if you
8 approve this development.

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9 Now, when you look at the analysis of just 558
10 homes and we look at the traffic, that's a horrible
11 analysis. Who from Rocklin, other than if they have a
12 relative up there, drives to the northeast?

13 What Valley View Parkway will do, if any traffic
14 analysis -- person who analyzes traffic, what it will do
15 is to funnel thousands of cars onto the streets of
16 Rocklin, because all those people in Twelve Bridges and
17 Bickford Ranch and all those thousands of homes that
18 Lincoln are building are going to try to do everything
19 they can to avoid Highway 65 through Lincoln. It took
20 me 15 minutes to go ten blocks through there the other
21 day, and they haven't stopped building homes yet. So
22 Valley View Parkway will become a funnel for traffic
23 into the area.

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24 I have to talk just a touch about the
25 environment. I don't think there's a biologist that's

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1 been on site and doing this biological study, because
2 they don't list any of the animals that are there. If
3 there's an endangered species there, the only reason
4 they'll find it is if somebody runs over it with a
5 Caterpillar tractor.

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6 How can you mitigate when you don't give any
7 data? There's no information on what animals -- even
8 your tables say, well, in the general habitat, we may or
9 may not have X number of -- they don't know what is
10 there. So obviously, no biologist has been there. I'm
11 a biologist. I'm a former biology teacher. I read it,
12 and I can't tell what they're going to do because they
13 don't know what's there.

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14 One other item and I'll quit, and that has to do
15 with oak trees. You say you're going to take out only
16 7,500 mature oak trees. That's not how many trees are
17 going to be gone, because the grading itself will kill a
18 lot of oak trees. My estimate would be three to 4,000
19 more will die as a result of the grading. You can see
20 your markers back there where you're tearing down those
21 steep hillsides.

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22 VICE MAYOR YORDE: This is your last point.
23 DUANE WILSON: You talk about seeing Clover
24 Valley. After this development is in, the only thing
25 it's going to do for the citizens of Rocklin is they can

1 ride a bicycle through a housing development along a
2 polluted creek.

3 _____ NANCY LOHSE: Hi. My name is Nancy Lohse. I've
4 lived in Rocklin for 27 years, and I'm a veteran teacher
5 of 32 years, so I'd like to refer to 6.6 of the DEIR,
6 regarding no development alternative.

7 I'm speaking tonight for thousands of Rocklin
8 residents who couldn't be here tonight, probably because
9 they have homework to do or it's their bedtime. These
10 are the children of Rocklin. When my class of
11 eight-year-olds heard the plans for Clover Valley last
12 year, they were full of questions, all starting with the
13 word "why"?

14 Teachers usually have the answers, but this time
15 I had none. They felt they needed to express their
16 concerns, so we drew posters. They Crayoned pictures of
17 beautiful paths lined with trees, bubbling blue stream,
18 and birds and animals in abundance. That's their dream
19 for Clover Valley. Before you put profit before
20 conservation, ask yourself, what is the legacy you want
21 to leave further generations: paved roads, or peaceful
22 trails?

23 Reading the EIR, I can only conclude that
24 biology and wildlife? Gone. And what would your answer
25 be when the children ask you, "Why?"

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1 VICE MAYOR YORDE: Let's have a couple more
2 speakers, and we're going to take a five-minute break.

3 JOHN ELDRIDGE: My name is John Eldridge. I
4 live at 3790 Oakdale Court. It's only a short distance
5 to this property we're talking about.

6 When I moved here 26 years ago, I thought it was
7 beautiful to have the deer running around in the yard
8 and all kinds of animals, but the deer eat all of my
9 plants. Last month, I caught 16 skunks in the back of
10 my yard, and 6 raccoons and 4 possums. That's not very
11 healthy. So I'm glad to see this project come in.

12 I've been living here 26 years. I never once
13 ever walked across that property back there. It's only
14 a quarter of a mile, and I could care less.

15 But I'm a retired developer. I know I'll get
16 razzed. But I used to develop, and it was a lot of fun
17 to develop.

18 When the EIR came out, it's a good thing. We
19 need that, to a certain extent. But when you carry it a
20 little bit too far, it puts the property a little out of
21 reach for the ordinary person. I wholeheartedly am in
22 favor of this project. Good luck to you.

23 VICE MAYOR YORDE: One more, and then we're
24 going to take a break.

25 DREW GAWEL: Good evening. My name is Drew

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1 Gawel. I live on Whitney Boulevard.

2 Nowhere in this EIR report is there a mention of
3 the ecological health of the actual waters in the creek.
4 To be sure, there is mention of, quote, dense, quote,
5 lush and penetrable riparian canopy. But the creek
6 itself -- these waters should also be home to a wealth
7 of microorganisms in the water. These are the little
8 critters that can hardly be seen by the naked eye. The
9 large mayflies, cattishflies [ph.], stoneflies, the
10 mites, the bugs, the beetles all make up the
11 indispensable bottom of the aquatic food chain.

12 These organisms are indispensable. They are
13 also bellwethers of the stream health. These organisms
14 are very sensitive to water health; i.e., oxygen
15 content, pH, silting and, of course, pollutants.

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16 Storm-water runoff carrying insecticides,
17 herbicides, lichen, even compounds for fleas and ticks,
18 like Advantage, that are in dog urine will be all
19 catastrophic for these necessary organisms.

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20 What about the holding ponds you plan on
21 building? These ponds will be havens for mosquitoes
22 unless we practice ongoing mosquito abatement. Will the
23 new residents tolerate mosquitoes for stream health? I
24 think not; not likely, if the past is any indication,
25 and certainly not under the threat of valley fever, etc.

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1 Surely, any spraying will eliminate all but the
2 most hardy organisms. We will have dead water, home to
3 only worms and a few tolerant mollusks and crustaceans.

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4 I talked to Fred Bates, of the Dry Creek
5 Conservancy, a few years ago down by the UA multiplex,
6 where you can walk along the creek there, which, if
7 anybody has gone down there, quite often, it smells like
8 sewage. I was talking to him about the health of the
9 stream, and he said that the health downstream was
10 marginally in good shape, better shape than he had
11 expected. That was a few years ago.

12 With the collapse of the Clover Valley
13 contribution, all that beautiful, clean water, it will
14 also collapse marginal pollutions downstream. All this
15 is not addressed in the EIR.

16 Thank you.

17 VICE MAYOR YORDE: Okay. Let's take a
18 five-minute break.

19 (Recess.)

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20 ERNA BARNICKOL: Thank you. I appreciate that.
21 I didn't really come to speak this evening. I came to
22 hear this very interesting thing. This development, I'm
23 very interested in. But I realize what I have to say is
24 very pertinent to what you're talking about; that is,
25 the environmental impact on deer, which we have not

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1 addressed. I'm speaking of the spiked fences.

2 I live in -- excuse me. I am Erna Barnickol. I
3 live at 4120 Coldwater Drive, Rocklin, Springfield. We
4 witness, constantly, the slaughter of deer coming over
5 the top of that fence. It's not a very pretty sight to
6 see a deer hanging there with its insides hanging out.
7 This is something we could do something out.

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8 First of all, it was there because it had to be
9 approved, as I understand, by the City Council and the
10 Planning Commission. So that's why we have them. I'm
11 saying that -- asking you to give deep consideration to
12 not allowing them to build anywhere in this project or
13 anywhere near the project that's near deer area -- they
14 not be allowed to build fences with spiked top; they
15 build flat tops, that are not repellant to the deer.

16 The City Council, I would request, perhaps could
17 do an ordinance to that effect, so that you could have
18 something to go by, because we have minimized the deer's
19 existence here. The least we can do is minimize the
20 risks we have prepared for them. I really ask you to
21 give attention to this issue.

22 Thank you.

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23 LISA LOEBS: Hi. I'm Lisa Loeb. I live at
24 4633 Durham Road, in Rocklin. I'm here to address the
25 alternatives section of the draft EIR.

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1 My family and I have lived in Rocklin for about
2 12 years and have enjoyed the benefits of top-rated
3 schools, friendly people, and a quiet, safe community.
4 I've always believed these qualities are what make a
5 good city. But we have an opportunity at this stage of
6 the city's development to become a great city.

7 In my opinion, the difference between a good
8 city and a great city is whether or not people from
9 outside the city wish to visit and to move there. As
10 you know, every year Money magazine writes the most
11 livable cities in America. The criteria they use are
12 common. For example, they look for top schools, low
13 crime, nice homes, and good jobs. However, what
14 separates the great cities from the others is a lack of
15 sprawl, charming downtowns, and beautiful open-space
16 parks.

17 It is my opinion that Rocklin will rise from
18 being a good city to becoming a great city if we focus
19 on two important things: Number one, we need to
20 redevelop our downtown so it won't be described as --

21 VICE MAYOR YORDE: Let's try to focus on the
22 draft EIR.

23 LISA LOEBS: What I just want to say is we have
24 the opportunity for greatness here. If we carved up
25 this beautiful valley just for the sake of 558 new homes

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1 and a retail center, then we may as well forget about
2 greatness. If we add more sprawl with homes and
3 traffic, who will want to visit Rocklin?

4 Here it is. It's up to you. The power is in
5 your hands. You could be remembered always for having
6 the courage and the vision to vote no project and make
7 Clover Valley a regional historic park.

8 How fortunate you are to be in a position to
9 decide the future of the city of Rocklin. We know that
10 it takes courage to make difficult decisions. It
11 certainly takes courage to go against wealthy
12 developers. So I ask you this: Do you have the courage
13 for greatness?

14 Thank you.

15 VICE MAYOR YORDE: I request to remind everybody
16 that we're here to address the environmental impact
17 report.

18 STEVE LOEBS: My name is Steve Loeb, 4633
19 Durham Road, Rocklin.

20 I would like to first thank the two
21 commissioners who took the time to read the two
22 phone-book-sized pieces that make up this DEIR. And I
23 would like to ask the rest of the council and the
24 commission to please read it before you make your
25 decision. Would you make a pledge to everybody here

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1 that you intend to do that, that you won't rubber-stamp
2 this, and read it?

3 VICE MAYOR YORDE: It's not appropriate to take
4 that kind of action. Go ahead. Keep going.

5 STEVE LOEBS: I can understand why developers
6 want to build this. There's a lot of money to be made.
7 I can understand why people would like to live in this
8 valley. It's beautiful. I'd like to live in Yosemite,
9 but there's a reason why we don't. So please vote no.
10 Please first read it, and vote no.

11 Thank you.

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12 SUZANNE KIZER: Hi. My name is Suzanne Kizer,
13 and I'm a resident of Clover Valley for 25 years.

14 First of all, I'd like to say it's incredible --
15 we may be naive -- that you don't think it's important
16 to read the EIR, and you are the people who will be
17 making the decision on it.

18 Anyway, we moved here because the quality of
19 life was wonderful. The air was clear, the wildlife was
20 abundant, and it had a small-town feel and was a great
21 place to raise a family. With all this development, I'm
22 very concerned about the quality of life which is being
23 denied to all of us.

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24 I have read most of volume one of the DEIR.
25 There are many concerns, but my main ones are: number

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1 one, hazards, which is 4.1, 4.6, 4.3, 4.5, in the valley
2 from wildlife, such as badgers, mountain lions, coyotes,
3 to the snakes and black widows, which can be fatal if
4 bitten, which are very abundant; the destruction of the
5 habitat, especially of the deer, fish, badgers, the
6 mountain lions in the corridor, that is not totally
7 addressed in there and how they're going to mitigate for
8 that; putting fences around building, putting fences
9 around open space, only it traps the animals inside and
10 traps the animals outside; the last thing, the digging
11 of sewer lines that will occur everywhere in my
12 neighborhood, that will create traffic jams, noise
13 pollution and, for some people, not being able to get
14 out of the driveway.

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15 The sewer is discussed at length here in the
16 EIR, but there's nothing that says where it's going to
17 be, how long is it going to take, and what is going to
18 be done about the traffic in the meantime.

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19 The fact -- that Clover Valley gate, which
20 there's no gate there now -- nobody trespasses there
21 now. With this new development, they're planning to put
22 a gate in. I have been in three different prior
23 meetings. I have seen three different sketches of the
24 gate. I would like to know that that gate will not be
25 open; that it will be permanently shut.

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1 With all of the development back there, I'm sure
2 the residents on the summit, which will be developed,
3 will not want to drive all the way down the valley to
4 get out. They will want to go down Clover Valley,
5 Mountain View, in that area. Midas cannot take that
6 much traffic.

7 These comments are all written down, which I'm
8 going to give to you.

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9 The development seems, like many others in this
10 area, that it will only benefit the elite people who
11 will be able to buy homes there, depriving all of the
12 residents of its soon-to-be-lost peace and beauty.

13 If you can't say no to this project, consider
14 the alternative plans for the least amount of homes.
15 Two are suggested, both rural and regional, mentioned in
16 the DEIR. The rural has a hundred-forty-nine homes,
17 which would be the least invasive. The regional has a
18 hundred-and-eighty homes. This can be done.

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19 Sewers would not have to be dug, which are going
20 to cost the City a large amount of money, the wetlands
21 would survive, and there will be fewer cars on the road.
22 Developers will still make an enormous amount of money.

23 I'm almost done.

24 A great Californian once said: I firmly believe
25 one of the greatest legacies we can leave to future

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1 generations is the heritage of our land, but unless we
2 can preserve and protect the unspoiled area which God
3 has given us, we will have nothing to leave them.
4 That was said by Governor Ronald Reagan on
5 April 3rd, 1971.
6 Please do the right thing. I know that you can.
7 Thank you.

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8 ROB HASWELL: My name is Rob Haswell, and I'm
9 from Auburn. I'm here tonight to lend my voice in
10 support of the citizen activism that has filled this
11 venue tonight.
12 It is a sad fact of the politics in this county,
13 with the hundreds of thousands of developer dollars that
14 pour into every political race [unintelligible] in this
15 valley, that the only avenue left to regular citizens
16 having a meaningful voice in the future of our community
17 is through the court system.
18 This project, the history of this project is a
19 sad and classic example of this dynamic. This political
20 system is broke. I oppose it, and I would ask the
21 public servants, who are sitting on this board tonight,
22 when they consider the revised EIR, that they remember
23 the words of the late United States Senator Paul
24 Wellstone, who once said: Politics should not be about
25 power and money games. It should be about doing better