

City of Scotts Valley Planning

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This letter is to address proposed mitigation measures for "The Terrace at Scotts Valley planned development and negative effects this project will have on the wildlife/habitat and an increase in traffic.

Regarding your proposed mitigation measures:

The parcel you wish to develop is one of the Last truly forested areas left on Scotts Valley drive. You have stated in the proposal that it inhabited by the Pallid bat, Birds of prey, the Dusky-footed wood rat and the endangered Mt. Hermon June beetle. From living in the Scotts valley area for over 25 years I know for a fact that it is shared by many other animas not mentioned in your Bio mitigation proposals. I do not believe that it is ok to cut down 56 of our cities already protected trees. I believe by permanently removing the habitat for the species that live there would be a great detriment to their existence. If this plan is approved, I would like to see all the proposed trees to be cut transplanted instead and planted in other parts of the city and not grown from acorns from the site.

On page 37 of this proposal you state that the amount of traffic generated by the project will not substantially effect intersection operations. I do not agree and I believe that many intersections operation will be very negatively affected by the construction activities associated with the construction. You speak of retaining and reconfiguring the adjacent intersections of the proposed project however you do not mention how you are going to manage the increase in traffic during the construction phase. As stated in your noise and traffic report on page 4 that Scotts Valley drive carries 16,382 cars per day. How are going to manage traffic during a major development across the street from a busy middle school which will also be involved in its own reconstruction activities. Drivers are going to avoid that portion of Scotts Valley drive like the plague. The shutting down of lanes operation of earth moving vehicles and the increase in private contractors activities will all add to an already heavy traffic load. You also do not mention what other streets and neighborhoods which will be negatively impacted by drivers seeking alternate routes around the Proposed project. Quein Sabe and Oak Creek are streets which bypass the proposed portion of Scotts Valley drive to be developed. How are you going to

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mitigate the potentially negative effects of the increase in traffic through these residential neighborhoods.

I strongly believe that the issues we are presenting to you should be taken in to consideration before any decision is made by the city council regarding the approval of this proposed project.

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