APPENDIX 1.6.1

Letter Nos. F1 through F198

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Comment Letter No. F1

From: Randy Martin [mailto:drrandymartin@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 08, 2017 1:08 AM
To: Diane Aranda <daranda@planning.lacounty.gov>; DRP Special Projects <specialprojects@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: County Mission Village EIR Comments - Attn: Mr. Samuel Dea

1/8/17

To: Mr. Samuel Dea, Dept of Regional Planning
From: Dr. Randy Martin, OMD, Valencia, CA 91355

RE: County Mission Village EIR Comments

Please see below my comments on the Mission Village EIR 1

1. Concern for Spine Flower Preserves. There needs to be more measures designed to protect this endangered flower. The proposal as currently written gives inadequate protection. 2

2. Oil Field: No homes should ever be built on top of a closed oil field. There will be off-gassing and airborne VOC. 3

3. The EIR excludes a traffic chapter. The referral to the 2007 study is not adequate due to the changes between then and now. 4

4. Water shortage. The SCV has inadequate water for the current residents. This issue is not adequately addressed. How could we possibly generate more water when our water table has already dropped by 70 fee and several wells are dry This is not addressed. 5

5. River Water Quality: Nothing in the project should be built within a hundred feet from the floodplain. 6 No fill should be placed into the existing flood plain. 7

6. Dust pollution is already an issue in the SCV. This project as proposed would create an exacerbation of the existing problem. 8

7. How can the SCV accommodate the additional traffic and congestion, both within city and on the 405 and 5 freeways?Farm land should be left as farm land, and not allowed to contribute to additional LA Sprawl. 9

8. I am against this project and the proposed number of units. 10

Electronic Signature: Dr Randy Martin, OMD Doctor of Chinese Medicine Valencia, CA 91355

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Comment Letter No. F2

From: Alaric Balibrera <alaricarrives@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 12:05 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: No to development of Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

Reconsider and reject the Mission and Landmark villages. We must prioritize wetlands over development; we must prioritize stewarding our planet responsibly. Any human development on the last wetland in a desert is emphatically misconceived and irresponsible. We may not endanger more wildlife. There are no safeguards in place to ensure federally protected species won't be harmed, and the wetlands are vastly more important than economic growth.

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Sincerely,
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Culver City

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Comment Letter No. F3

From: Christens-Barry, Owen [mailto:Owen.ChristensBarry@experian.com]
Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 4:55 PM
To: DRP Special Projects <specialprojects@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Mission and Landmark Villages -- extremely opposed

Hi there,

I wanted to write in my extreme disapproval for the proposed Newhall Ranch expansion of Mission and Landmark Villages.

There are few places left with the unique setting and resources available like Santa Clarita. These developments push past the areas abililty to provide those resources, and endanger the community. 1

Traffic is already snarled along the 405 and 118. The mountainous terrain inhibits the ability of significant expansions of highways. 2

Further, the Sespe Wilderness and watershed are in danger of being encroached on if this goes through. 3

Last, there is significant danger to the community. If Bouquet Reservoir floods, it will run down that river just like the Francisquito dam disaster of 1928, which killed ~500. And the hillsides all around that area are basically unstable sand. 4

Look, everyone has a right to live somewhere. But it'd be much safer and easier to build higher-density communities in existing community footprints, than to expand further laterally.

This isn't about just the stickleback. It's about every animal and historical site in the area of the proposed development, as well as the surrounding communities. 5

Thanks,

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Comment Letter No. F4

From: elliot bronwein [mailto:elbron02@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 3:41 PM
To: DRP Special Projects <specialprojects@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Re: Landmark and Mission Village Projects

Please reconsider these housing developments; if built, they would create much damage to the local environment(damaging the Santa Clara river, and putting excessive strain on the drinking water supply) as well as significantly adding pollution to the air from the extra traffic produced. 1

Sincerely,

Dr. Elliot Bronwein

Resident of Santa Clarita

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Comment Letter No. F5

From: On Dre <evoldeth@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 4:31 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Landmark and Mission Vellage Projects

To whom its concerns,

Please do not let Newhall developers to bypass the laws and the truth. If recent developments are an indication those involved in development are deceitful. As a resident of the area I've seen too much sprawl development without regard to the communities of people who live here. Thank you. 1

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Comment Letter No. F6

From: Catherine Flynn <catflynn661@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 8:10 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Landmark and Mission Vellage Projects

Dear Planning Department,

I attended the meeting this evening at Rancho Pico Junior High School and was dismayed at the lack of concern for the traffic issues this new community will cause. Traffic leaving Santa Clarita begins backing up around 6:30 a.m. for us commuters. The commute home is even worse. Adding a new town north of Santa Clarita will only exacerbate the problem. 1

The developers want you to believe that all of these new residents will be working locally. Where? In restaurants, the mall or the industrial center? Jobs available locally will not allow for a family to afford one of these new homes. Many good paying jobs in our economy are those associated with the film industry and although Santa Clarita is doing a great job promoting local filming, the abundance of jobs in Burbank and other areas of Los Angeles are the real draw for media people. Banking, insurance and financial sector jobs are south of Santa Clarita and people will use the 5 and 405 to get to those jobs. 2 3 4

Doesn't the planning board have a responsibility to the millions of commuters already on the road to address our concerns? 5

Thank you,
Catherine Flynn
Valencia, CA

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Comment Letter No. F7

From: Gerald Staack <gstaack24@socal.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 1:27 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Cc: Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov
Subject: Geothermal Energy for new Landmark & Mission Villages in Santa Clarita

TO: LA County Department of Regional Planning,

I left an abbreviated written message, of what I am writing you now, on the form that you handed out at the Jan 12, 2017 hearing in Rancho Pico Jr. High School. I'd like to see any new homes, that may be constructed in both 'Landmark and Mission Villages,' be built so they can use Geothermal energy for heating and cooling. I'm not sure how these 'Villages' are going to become "net zero greenhouse emission communities" when over 20,000 homes start turning on their natural gas heating furnaces one cold, autumn morning in the future. The promises of zero GHGs using 'offsets' may sound good on paper but control and actual enforcement seems highly problematic.

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Geothermal is efficient, economical, and has an inexhaustible supply of free energy that is virtually available at all latitude on our globe….and houses are basically 'green.'… Clean air (no CO2 output), low electric usage (especially on houses with solar panels), and always at 70°F. There are various geothermal systems on the market, and installations can cost anywhere from $10K to $30K. For California, an open loop system with a small circulating pump may be all that is needed to distribute the winter heating fluids and the summer cooling fluids into the house. It works!

Geothermal is the free energy source the world has been waiting to discover all these years. I became a proponent of the world using Geothermal energy to heat and cool homes ever since I saw it being installed in Europe. New homes are getting it, and old ones are being converted everywhere.!

I would like to see both communities take advantage of this cheap energy and go totally 'green.' It relatively adds just a few dollars more to the price of housing. Please consider it. You can learn more by going to the link:

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http://welldrillingschool.com/courses/pdf/geothermal.pdf

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Looking forward to California having a solid green, sustainable future,
Gerald Staack
Newhall, 91321

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cc: LA County Board of Supervisors, 5th district

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Comment Letter No. F8

From: Damian Lopez <zlopez59@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 4:10 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

No more development! The fabric of society is tearing under the weight of development. 1

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F9

From: Mike Howl <mike.howl@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 7:40 AM
To: Diane Aranda; DRP Special Projects
Subject: Recycled Greywater Solutions for new and prospective development projects
- Particularly Landmark Village EIR

>> As concerned citizens, we have been following the status of new prospective projects that the County
and Board of Supervisors has requested some sort of recycled water use. At Reflow Water Works LLC,
we provide numerous simple solutions and consultation to this growing need. Per Build it Green and
other rating services, we can increase the green points for projects and increase the Net Zero footprint
for all communities. In fact, a new home community River Islands in Lathrop, CA, has instituted
mandatory greywater use for each home to be used for landscaping and or toilet flushing. Marin County
recently enacted an ordinance requiring Greywater systems for each new home and major remodel.
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>> Please see our website at reflowater.com for more information on how we offer assistance to cities,
counties and developers in addressing these problems
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>> Los Angeles County prides itself on being green and forward thinking. As such, we would request the
County to consider condition ing all new projects going forward to use some sort of recycled or
greywater, and rainwater water in their design.
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>> Thanks
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>> Mike Howl
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Comment Letter No. F10

From: nathaniel walters <asifasdad@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 1:20 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I was lucky enough to live in the area for several years, and in all the cities and countries I've lived in since I've missed this precious landscape. It is much more valuable that yet another housing development, for more people than a housing development would profit. Please consider what can be replaced and what can't, and who benefits in what way. And prevent this short sighted destruction of something that should be timeless. 1

Thank you for your good work by the way. 2

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Comment Letter No. F11

From: Stephanie McNutt <Stephanie.McNutt@patagonia.com>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 1:25 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Please save the last LA flowing river!

Newhall Ranch Project - To protect the river water quality and the endangered fish, the project should be moved away from the Santa Clara River. 1

Filling the floodplain with 200 million cubic yards of dirt hurts water replenishment and will massively add to dust pollution in the Santa Clarita Valley. 2

Please save the river, as it's so important to our eco-system and adds to the beauty of Southern California. 3

Don't let the desire for money ruin what we have and what we want our children to have. The fate is in your hands. 4

Thank you!

Stephanie McNutt
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Comment Letter No. F12

From: Jeff=oakridgelandscape.net@mg.netzeronewhall.com on behalf of Jeff Myers <Jeff@oakridgelandscape.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 12:18 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: I support Landmark Village

Dear Mr. Dea:
The Newhall Ranch plan is a prime example of the type of development project we need to keep growing jobs and
the economy in Los Angeles and California.
With Newhall Ranch, developer FivePoint will invest a total of $12 billion to create an economic engine that will
drive job growth and the economy for a long time to come. The project will create 60,000 permanent new jobs
and, importantly, create more than 11 million square feet of commercial space that will provide jobs close to
homes.
This plan represents real, sustainable development that Los Angeles County and California desperately need. Please
allow Newhall Ranch and FivePoint to move forward with this project so our community can benefit from these
important investments.
Best,
Jeff Myers
Santa Clarita

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Comment Letter No. F13

To the L.A. County Dept. of Regional Planning:

Thank you for receiving public input on the proposed Newhall Ranch Project – in particular the first two phases – Landmark and Mission Villages, which this message addresses. In my opinion, this whole development is a prime example of private interests overriding all reasonable measures of the public good. First and foremost, it is proposed to be built on, and will destroy, over 140 acres of floodplain. It is *never* a good idea to build on floodplains. Floodplains store floodwaters, and given the alternating drought and flooding cycles in this area – projected to become even more extreme with increased global warming, this floodplain is absolutely critical. The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board has wisely recommended that the Newhall Ranch applicant avoid development in the floodplain, but that recommendation was ignored. I hope the County will listen to the wisdom of the Water Quality Control Board on this matter.

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Further, having sufficient fresh water in this area for the past six years has been increasingly problematic, and cutbacks have been required. The current population is barely sustainable in dry years now – it is not reasonable to suppose an additional 70,000 people (projected for the completed project) will have enough fresh water in future years, as global warming progresses and droughts become longer and more severe. Unless some method of storing huge amounts of water – such as underground cisterns – is undertaken in the near term, a greatly enlarged population simply will not be able to be supported here. The developers, of course, aren't bothered by this, as they will have collected their money and moved on.

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Another problem with the development is the lack of buffer zones to protect the sensitive biological resources in the riparian areas along the Santa Clara, Southern California's last major free-flowing river. Without significant buffer zones, the natural riparian corridor would most certainly be negatively affected by such urban forces as domestic predators (cats and dogs), pollution, diseases transmitted from domestic animals to wildlife, increased artificial light at night, disruption by pedestrians and off-road vehicles, etc. These extraordinary, and endangered, natural resources should be preserved as an important part of the public commons rather than paved over and developed for private profit.

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The project also completely disregards the rights of the Chumash and other Native American tribes to their sacred burial sites and other cultural resources in the area proposed for Newhall Ranch. These tribes were here long before we were. Why do we insist on continuing to shove them aside – once again for financial gain? Would we want some organization with a lot of money to plow up and pave over *our* sacred spaces?

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And there would be additional negative impacts on other fronts: increased air pollution, which is already a major problem in the Santa Clarita valley; vastly increased traffic in an area whose infrastructure is already inadequate; and the loss of nearly 1500 acres overall of rich agricultural land, whose long-term protection is extremely important for society's well-being.

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Finally, the claim that Newhall Ranch will have net-zero emissions and will not contribute to climate change simply defies belief. Just because there would be outlets to charge electric vehicles in every house does not mean every house would have an electric vehicle – far from it. And the so-called "offsets" would be taken in other parts of the country or world. They would not affect pollution in Santa Clarita, and the proposal indicates no method of measurement or insuring that they are even legitimate. Using this kind of offset for emissions reduction has proven unreliable in cap and trade programs elsewhere, and there is no reason to believe they would be any more effective in this situation.

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With so much public opposition to this proposal for so many years, it would seem obvious that it is *not* a good idea. At the public hearing I attended, the only speakers in favor of it were individuals whose business would financially benefit from it. In my opinion, personal enrichment cannot justify the negative environmental effects and damage to a precious and rare community resource – a river and floodplain that should be part of the public commons. There are other options for development, if there *must* be further development (and I would argue that there should *not* be in this area). For example, the project could be greatly reduced in size and moved to the eastern part of the property next to existing urban areas, which would provide an adequate buffer zone from the river and avoid development of the floodplain.

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Again, I urge you to reject not only the first two phases (Landmark and Mission Villages) of the Newhall Ranch project, but the entire Newhall Ranch proposal as currently conceived and configured, and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which are incomplete and inadequate.

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Comment Letter No. F14

From: Jason McCaffrey <Jason.McCaffrey@patagonia.com>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 8:17 AM
To: DRP Special Projects; newhallranch@wildlife.ca.gov
Subject: comments on the Mission and Landmark County

To whom it may concern;

- Houses should not be built over a closed oil field (Mission Village). There is too great a chance that airborne VOCs will leak up into the homes. 1

- The exclusion of a traffic chapter make the supplemental document inadequate because traffic has greatly increased since the 2007 review was released and new projects have been approved. A chapter updating the traffic analysis should be added. 2
- Controlling greenhouse gases and traffic congestion are intimately related. Traffic congestion in the Santa Clarita area is already over the top and will only get worse if Landmark Village and Mission Village are built as planned. It is necessary to consider these two factors together and absolutely ensure no net increase in GHG for these projects. 3
- The promise of zero GHGs sounds good on paper but the enforcement reality is lacking: 4

There are no safeguards to track the future offsets that will need to be bought;

Will the offsets actually exist to be bought? Will enough offsets be available?

Who will assure that the offsets are actually bought? 5

Who will assure that the offsets are actually effective to offset the amount of GHGs needed to be offset?

How will the use of electric cars be monitored and enforced in order to gauge if the touted GHG reductions actually occur? 6

All these assurances need to be codified as enforceable mitigation measures. 7

The project is still too big and impactful to the Valley and flies in the face of 21st century smart planning – it needs to be significantly scaled back and away from the Santa Clara River 8

- Where's the analysis of the methane that will be generated from trash created by this massive project, what about emissions from trash truck – the GHG analysis in not sufficient 9
- The severe water cutbacks required in the SCV in the last six years are new information showing that we cannot accommodate this massive project with our current water resources. That water table dropped 70 feet and several wells went dry. 10

- There have been a lot of articles about how offsets are often a green washing scam. What guarantee do we have that the offsets being purchased as GHG mitigation will result in measurable, provable, reductions in GHG emissions beyond what would have otherwise occurred? 11
- Mitigation for GHG that is proposed to be bought as pollution credits in other countries is unenforceable and unverifiable. AND it will not help our local air pollution problems. 12
- No mention or itemization of the external creators of GHG for this project, like methane from waste disposal, energy production for water delivery and desalination of waste water, off site energy production for infrastructure, auto and truck deliveries and other uses is not in the Environmental document because those chapters are excluded from the document. These issues must be discussed in order for the document to be valid. 13
- Our Valley is already out of federal compliance for dust pollution (PM10 and PM mil) that causes asthma and permanent lung damage and affects our children's health. Filling the flood plain with 200 million cubic yards of dirt will substantially add to this pollution. 14
- To protect the river water quality and the endangered fish, the project should be moved away from the Santa Clara River. Filling the floodplain with 200 million cubic yards of dirt hurts water replenishment and will massively add to dust pollution in the Santa Clarita Valley. 15 16
- There should be a .25 mile buffer around the spine flower preserves to protect this endangered flower. The proposed endowment is not sufficient to provide protection. We see what has happened in the valley oaks Savannah (SEA 64 – no trails as promised, inadequate management to preserve the oaks, oaks dying) 17

Comment Letter No. F15

From: Heather Shields
Sent: <Heather.Shields@patagonia.com> Monday,
To: February 13, 2017 8:54 AM
Subject: DRP Special Projects
Newhall Ranch and Landmark Village

Hello,

Thank you for taking the time to read public comments regarding the two proposed towns along the Santa Clara River. I have several concerns with the two projects proposed. 1

1. In the Landmark Village EIR, it states that "given the presence of a culvert underneath SR-126…, wildlife could cross under SR-126 and continue to move north through Chiquito Canyon." The link to the BIOS viewer by the CDFW was incorrect in the EIR, but I did finally find the map of the Essential Connectivity Areas surrounding the project. On this map, the red area is the Essential Connectivity Area. The culvert is outside of the ECA. It also doesn't state how big the culvert is. Is it big enough for a Mountain Lion to fit through, or just a field mouse? 2
2. In the "Significant Unavoidable Impacts" section of Landmark's EIR, it states that even with mitigation efforts, "the proposed project's contribution to cumulative impacts to coastal scrub would remain significant." Earlier in the EIR, it was stated that native wildlife, protected and common, were most abundant in coastal scrub, margins of agricultural fields, riparian woodland, and grassland habitats. In significantly impacting the coastal scrub, developing the agricultural fields, woodlands and grasslands, where is the wildlife to go? 3
3. Several places the EIR states that an Integrated Pest Management Plan will address the use of pesticides and prohibit the use of anticoagulant rodenticides. However, other places in the EIR, it states "A program of aggressive rodent control shall be implemented to control burrowing on slope areas." What is "aggressive rodent control" and what are the slope areas? The banks of the Santa Clara River? Rodenticides are not only extremely toxic to predators, but also to fish and marine wildlife. If aggressive rodent control means that they will be using rodenticides to control burrowing rodents on the banks of the river, then the "take" of the unarmored threespine stickleback should be the least of our concerns for this endangered fish. 4
4. The IPM will only dictate how rodenticides will be used during construction. With the thousands of residential and commercial units being built near the river, there is no stopping these new residents and retail units from using anticoagulant rodenticides and any kind of rodenticide, for that matter (even the non-anticoagulant forms are extremely toxic to marine life). The runoff from potential landscape watering and infrequent rain showers can and will flush these toxins into the river and harm the marine life living there. This area is also rife with raptors and mammalian predators that are at risk of predating a poisoned rodent. The IPM is useless after construction is complete. 5

Thank you for taking the time to listen to our concerns. I hope that you will take steps to ensure that our wildlife is protected to the furthest extent. 6

Thank you,
Heather Shields

Heather
Shields

Comment Letter No. F15

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Comment Letter No. F16

From: elliot bronwein <elbron02@yahoo.com> Sunday,
Sent: February 12, 2017 3:40 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Re: Mission and Landmark housing developments

Right now, the Santa Clarita Valley has too much traffic and air pollutants. development of these thousands of new homes in Santa Clarita does not address issues; it simply exacerbates the problem. It may be good for business but horrible residents. It is highly unrealistic to assume that all the new residents would electric cars. Even if they did, there would still be the massive traffic

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- The exclusion of a traffic chapter make the supplemental document inadequate because traffic has greatly increased since the 2007 review was released and new projects have been approved. A chapter updating the traffic analysis should be added.
- Controlling greenhouse gases and traffic congestion are intimately related. Traffic congestion in the Santa Clarita area is already over the top and will only get worse if Landmark Village and Mission Village are built as planned. It is necessary to consider these two factors together and absolutely ensure no net increase in GHG for these projects.
- Putting car chargers in every garage, and solar panels on every home does 'nothing' to address the ensuing traffic and pollution problems.

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Respectfully,
Elliot Bronwein (Santa Clarita Resident)

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Comment Letter No. F17

From: Tom Budlong <TomBudlong@RoadRunner.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 10:19 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

An Environmental Impact Report must be required.

Impacts of the Newhall Ranch Mission and Landmark projects in the Santa Clara Valley can only be understood and evaluated by an Environmental Impact Report, as required by CEQA. In this fast changing world the old Newhall Specific Plan is insufficient. 1

You must require an EIR be created so we can all see the range and level of impacts, including knowledge of other projects in the area. The cumulative impact an EIR would be of great interest. We all, officials and the public, must be informed and aware of cumulative impacts. 2

Regards,
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Comment Letter No. F18

From: Teri Byrne <terbyrne@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 8:22 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Mission Village and Landmark Projects

Dear LA County Regional Planning Commission,

I am a resident of the Santa Clarita Valley and I have the following concerns regarding the Mission & Landmark Village Projects: 1

-Traffic on the I-5 is currently a nightmare. I understand that the supplemental document does not include a traffic chapter. It would be terribly irresponsible to approve this project without the benefit of a Traffic analysis that is based on current conditions. 2

-Water resources were greatly strained during our recent drought. The water table dropped 70 feet and several wells went dry. These projects cannot be accommodated by our current water resources. 3

I hope that you will consider the impact that these projects will have on traffic and water resources during this approval process. 4

Thank-you,

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Comment Letter No. F19

From: Bruce Campbell <madroneweb@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 6:20 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Mission and Landmark proposals for the Santa Clara River

February 13, 2017

Bruce Campbell
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Los Angeles County Dept. of Planning
Comments on Mission and Landmark "Villages" and on inadequate Newhall Ranch Draft AEA documents

To whom it may concern at the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, L.A. County, and beyond, 1

Thanks for extending the comment time in regards to the couple portions which the massive development proponent decided to take up again following the decision in the *CBD* case at the California Supreme Court. 2

First, I find it disturbing that the proponent for the largest development ever in California had the gall to determine for itself which sections of the EIR needed to be re-circulated. Generally, one would await guidance from the court as to what sections would need to be revised. Then, sadly, the cherry-picked topics seem to be accepted by some decisionmakers as sufficient. (Not the way law and agencies are supposed to operate – even in the age of Trump!) 3 For instance, where is the chapter regarding traffic? Clearly, the decrease in gas prices over the last approximately four years combined with increased development in the north county has led toward much more crowded roadways. 4 Traffic congestion means more emissions – yet one would not note that due to the proponent's convenient ignoring of traffic shifts in the last decade, of GHG emissions relating to solid waste, and of GHGs related to moving and filtering water. 5

I notice that the California Supreme Court held that (pertaining to CEQA) the determination by CDFW back in 2010 which essentially declared **the greenhouse gas emissions** that would come from this largest development ever proposed in the State of California as insignificant was **NOT supported by substantial evidence.** 6

Often, "evidence" can be more convincing if it can be quantified. I notice that it is mentioned that about 11,000 tons of GHGs are generated annually in the area proposed for development. Well if one looks at the "current" situation in the proposed development area, one can count trees and bushes and do related research and come up with an estimate of how much carbon is being sequestered in the vicinity in this pre-massive development phase? Yet, not only did there appear to be no attempt to try to estimate the amount of carbon 7

sequestered, there was not even an admission that trees and vegetation have a role in sequestering carbon except to poo-poo its significance by calling such important functions merely "incremental". And at the same time, construction emissions are being poo-pooed as well despite known toxicity of black carbon, diesel, and other emissions. 7 8

In my vocal comments, I brought up that I will believe that the developers are serious about carbon sequestration when they call for the cutting of ZERO oak trees from the property. Yet there are a number of even sizable oaks targeted for removal under the massive "Village" plans. The only place where I could find an admission that trees / vegetation play a role in sequestering carbon / GHG emissions is on page 1.0-23 under mitigation measure LV 4.23-10 where it simply says that "Los Angeles County shall confirm that the project applicant or its designee shall fully mitigate the related construction and vegetation change GHG emissions (the "Incremental Construction GHG Emissions")" by relying either on funding activities to reduce or sequester GHG emissions, or else to purchase and retire a carbon credit from elsewhere. 9 10

This is very weak and I object strenuously! First, the oaks and other vegetation currently storing carbon are not being funded by the proponent, thus any such funding would be to try to make up a little for fairly widespread destruction of trees as well as scraping many properties bare of vegetation as a prelude to construction. Excuse me, these trees and bushes are already sequestering carbon in this Hwy. 5 vicinity. While I am all for sequestering carbon around the world, the current trees and plants store carbon at the site itself, and obviously, construction emissions will occur at the site itself. 11

I notice, despite zero attempt to quantify how much carbon is stored in local trees and vegetation, such a service of nature is essential – rather than "incremental." In addition, I noticed that the plan is to be constructing this largest development ever in California for 30 years! Thus, the particular dangerous emissions related to construction are not just a burden on the area for a year or two, but for three decades! A combo of the huge amount of fill planned to be deposited onto the Santa Clara River floodplain (which would be sure to result in dustier conditions in the Santa Clarita Valley (with current particulate matter already exceeding federal standards), the unrelenting plan for 30 years of construction with no suggestion of seeking to reduce emissions from construction equipment. "Black carbon" is an especially bad pollutant at construction sites, so where is the plan to address that? Also, diesel has over 40 known cancer-causing air pollutants. I call for a recirculation once you come up with actual methods / mitigation measures to control construction emissions. The very term "Incremental Construction GHG Emissions" clearly indicate that the writer who invented this term did so in order to downplay both the toxicity of emissions from construction vehicles, as well as in order to downplay the important carbon sequestration role which current trees and vegetation of the vicinity are providing. 12 13 14 15 16 17

Now to contend with the unarmored threespine stickleback. The proponent makes it appear that this rare fish will do just fine as long as it isn't physically crushed by heavy equipment. However, there are lots of things involved in having an area habitable for certain 18 19

species, and please remember that "take" of a species does not need to involve death of a member of such species. When a project brings about significant deterioration of the habitat which a species needs to survive, due to shifts in moisture, nutrient level, dust, etc., from adding a huge amount of fill to the floodplain of the last free-flowing river in Los Angeles County while allowing some pumping from the Santa Clara River alluvial plain, that is essentially harassment and "take" since it is a downward spiral as far as diminishing quality of habitat. 19

Just because heavy equipment in the Santa Clara River area would not be in the wet part of the channel to run over the rare fish directly anymore (in the latest document shift), does not mean that one can conclude that there will not be increased sedimentation of the Santa Clara River that would bring a deterioration in the habitat of the unarmored threespine stickleback and other species – once there is massive ground, natural vegetation, and riverbank scraping under the "Village"s proposal. 20 Partly due to concern about damage due to heavy construction equipment, I call for a radius of at least ¼ of a mile around spineflower preserves. 21

I'd like to ask: what endangered, threatened, or rare species would have their habitat negatively impacted by the placement of a massive amount of fill onto the floodplain of the Santa Clara River? 22 Will the imported fill be carefully evaluated to try to "weed out" noxious weeds and various contaminants which often accompanies "available" dirt? 23

I did mention in my vocal comments that I understand that there are a lot of carbon / GHG emissions relating to the manufacture of cement – while it doesn't take much brainpower to realized that asphalt seems to generally be layers of hot oil over some little stones. 24 This should also have been evaluated. In addition, methane relating to trash production from the massive developments is a serious GHG emission, 25 while the proposed-for-expansion Chiquita Landfill will clearly be increasing its methane emissions if allowed to expand. 26

Are you accounting for toxic GHG emissions being emitted in far away locations – such as from a coal-fired facility in the Rocky Mtns. area or from two coal-fired facilities in Appalachia which power a uranium enrichment facility? 27 Even if a certain energy source means no more carbon emissions in the Santa Clarita area, it is likely causing damage to lungs of indigenous peoples (as well as others) as well as negatively impacting vegetation and various species in the region. 28

What is presented as the AEA clearly does not meet the court mandate which called for "substantial evidence" if GreenHouse Gas emissions are to be declared insignificant for the proposed huge "Village" projects. 29 Please reject this pathetic effort which refuses to even attempt to quantify carbon storage currently in the area, and also calls for no local measures to seek to mitigate for harmful emissions from construction equipment – including from "black carbon" and diesel pollution for the proposed 30-year construction phase! 30

Sincerely yours,

Bruce Campbell

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Comment Letter No. F20

From: Sandra <sumcatt@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 11:08 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Landmark Project and Mission Village

Please consider the amount of traffic these developments will generate and the corresponding amounts of greenhouse gases that will be generated. I am also concerned about the health of the river and its ability to sustain itself and the flora and fauna that depend upon it. 1 2

Thank you,
Sandra Cattell
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Sent from my iPhone

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Comment Letter No. F21

From: Laurie Cohn <lcohn2010@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 10:29 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Mission Village and Landmark Projects

To Whom it May concern:

In order to protect the river water quality and the endangered fish, the project should be moved away from the Santa Clara River. Filling the floodplain with 200 million cubic yards of dirt hurts water replenishment and will massively add to dust pollution in the Santa Clarita Valley. 1 2

Thank you.

Laurie Cohn
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"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." ...Dr. Seuss

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Comment Letter No. F22

From: Dennis Hagerty <djhagerty@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 9:38 AM
To: DRP Special Projects; newhallranch@wildlife.ca.gov
Subject: Mission Village and Landmark Projects

I am a 20 year resident of Santa Clarita and I have witnessed an explosion of growth during this time, as observed by increased traffic congestion, the over taxing of our water supply, now at critical levels due to sustained drought and a steady and serious deterioration of our air quality. 1 For these reasons and many more, I am opposed to both the Mission Village and Landmark Projects. 2
Of most concern to me is the flawed promise of "Zero GHG's". 3 This plan appears naïve and lacks measurable, provable and enforceable mitigation measures. 4 Dust caused by filling the floodplain with 200 million cubic yards of dirt will negatively impact our air quality. 5 There will be continued damage to and continued depletion of our already limited water supply. 6 There will be increased traffic and GHG emissions caused not just by the addition of 70,000 people, but by all that it takes to support that addition (waste management services, increased trucking services to supply goods and services), which don't appear to be accounted for in the "Zero GHG" proposal. 7 Finally, this project all will bulldoze over Native American sacred burial sites and threatens several endangered species. 8 These projects leave way too big of a carbon footprint and are examples of poor 21st century planning.
I am requesting that the County of Los Angeles and the State of California deny permits for these projects. 9
Thank you.
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Comment Letter No. F23

From: Stacy Fortner <s_fortner@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 11:01 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Mission Village and Landmark Projects

Hi,

I'm am a local resident of Valencia for over 17 years. I have real concerns of the Newhall Ranch Development, and just like the City of Los Angeles, Mayor Garcetti, I oppose this development. 1

Mitigation for GHG that is proposed to be bought as pollution credits in other countries is unenforceable and unverifiable. 2 AND it will not help OUR LOCAL pollution problems. 3

There's no mention or itemization of the external creators of GHG for this project, like methane from waste disposal, energy production for water delivery and desalination of waste water, off site energy production for infrastructure, auto and truck deliveries and other uses is not in the Environmental document because those chapters are excluded from the document. These issues must be discussed in order for the document to be valid. 4

Our Valley is already out of federal compliance for dust pollution (PM10 and PM mil) that causes asthma and permanent lung damage and affects our children's health. Filling the flood plain with 200 million cubic yards of dirt will substantially add to this pollution. 5

I am against the development of houses over a closed oil field (Mission Village). There is too great a chance that airborne VOCs will leak up into the homes and our neighborhoods. 6

I also feel our communities are being overdeveloped causing pollution, traffic, overcrowding of schools, and reducing our property values. 7

Please reject this development. 8

Thank you,

Stacy Fortner
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Comment Letter No. F24

From: Mal Gaffney <malgaff@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 5:41 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Mission Village and Landmark Projects

Dear Mission Village and Landmark Projects,

To address the biological and climate change issues that are required to be addressed by the Court, I include the following comments: 1

· Houses should not be built over a closed oil field (Mission Village). There is too great a chance that airborne VOCs will leak up into the homes. 2

· The exclusion of a traffic chapter make the supplemental document inadequate because traffic has greatly increased since the 2007 review was released and new projects have been approved. A chapter updating the traffic analysis should be added. 3

· Controlling greenhouse gases and traffic congestion are intimately related. Traffic congestion in the Santa Clarita area is already over the top and will only get worse if Landmark Village and Mission Village are built as planned. It is necessary to consider these two factors together and absolutely ensure no net increase in GHG for these projects. 4

· The promise of zero GHGs sounds good on paper but the enforcement reality is lacking: 5

There are no safeguards to track the future offsets that will need to be bought;

Will the offsets actually exist to be bought? Will enough offsets be available? 6

Who will assure that the offsets are actually bought?

Who will assure that the offsets are actually effective to offset the amount of GHGs needed to be offset?

How will the use of electric cars be monitored and enforced in order to gauge if the touted GHG reductions actually occur? 7

All these assurances need to be codified as enforceable mitigation measures. 8

The project is still too big and impactful to the Valley and flies in the face of 21st century smart planning – it needs to be significantly scaled back and away from the Santa Clara River 9

· Where's the analysis of the methane that will be generated from trash created by this massive project, what about emissions from trash truck – the GHG analysis in not sufficient 10

· The severe water cutbacks required in the SCV in the last six years are new information showing that we cannot accommodate this massive project with our current water resources. That water table dropped 70 feet and several wells went dry. 11

· There have been a lot of articles about how offsets are often a green washing scam. What guarantee do we have that the offsets being purchased as GHG mitigation will result in measurable, provable, reductions in GHG emissions beyond what would have otherwise occurred? 12

· Mitigation for GHG that is proposed to be bought as pollution credits in other countries is unenforceable and unverifiable. AND it will not help our local air pollution problems. 13

· No mention or itemization of the external creators of GHG for this project, like methane from waste disposal, energy production for water delivery and desalination of waste water, off site energy production for infrastructure, auto and truck deliveries and other uses is not in the Environmental document because those chapters are excluded from the document. These issues must be discussed in order for the document to be valid. 14

· Our Valley is already out of federal compliance for dust pollution (PM10 and PM mil) that causes asthma and permanent lung damage and affects our children's health. Filling the flood plain with 200 million cubic yards of dirt will substantially add to this pollution. 15

· To protect the river water quality and the endangered fish, the project should be moved away from the Santa Clara River. 16 Filling the floodplain with 200 million cubic yards of dirt hurts water replenishment and will massively add to dust pollution in the Santa Clarita Valley. 17

· There should be a .25 mile buffer around the spine flower preserves to protect this endangered flower. The proposed endowment is not sufficient to provide protection. We see what has happened in the valley oaks Savannah (SEA 64 – no trails as promised, inadequate management to preserve the oaks, oaks dying) 18

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F25

From: Lynne Girdlestone <lynne3095@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2017 6:21 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Mission Village and Landmark Projects

As a long-time resident of Santa Clarita I am writing to express my deep concerns about the proposed development of these two projects -- and what follows them! No one realistically expects a city to stop all growth, and I have seen Santa Clarita grow exponentially since I moved here in 1989. But a project of this magnitude threatens to destroy the sustainability, the health, the environmental stability, and the beauty of this city in a very short period of time. I know that others have presented you with many facts and figures -- pro and con. So what I am asking is that you step back and look at the big picture of Santa Clarita in a state, a country, a world in *real distress from almost every direction*. In these difficult times, can your mandate be to approve only what is *really needed* versus what will benefit only a small group of people financially -- at the expense of the environment and all the other lives (human and otherwise) who call this place home?

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Thank you.
Lynne Girdlestone
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Comment Letter No. F26

From: jwhall dslextreme.com <jwhall@dslextreme.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 12:13 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Comments on Mission Village and Landmark Village Developments

Hello,

As a Newhall resident, I have a concern regarding the Mission Village and Landmark Village projects. In light of my concern, I am opposed to both developments at their current scale. 1

The projected Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions from these developments were judged significant enough to require mitigation measures to offset them. 2

Any developer that employs GHG mitigation measures should be commended. 3

Unfortunately, the Santa Clarita Valley will not enjoy the ultimate goal of net zero GHG emissions. Because of this, additional mitigation measures are slated for off-site within the South Coast Air Quality Management District, off-site within the state and off-site out of state. 4

As the effectiveness of the mitigation measures are debated, my concern is not the arguable GHG emission scores. My concern is ozone. While not a GHG, ozone is known to cause health problems to all ages when it reaches what has been established as unhealthful and/or hazardous levels. 5

The "Summary of Project GHG Emissions" (table 2.1-3 for both Landmark Village and Mission Village contained in their respective Recirculated Portions of EIR) list traffic as the dominant source of their GHG emissions. As it stands, motor vehicles constitute the greatest source of ozone. Cars and trucks do not emit ozone directly; the internal combustion engine produces the heat and chemical elements that cause ozone to form in the lower atmosphere. 6

The Santa Clarita Valley, partly due to prevailing winds, already experiences periods of unhealthful levels of ozone. This is especially true during the summer months. Please see an article from the Santa Clarita Valley Signal news source at the following URL: *http://secure-web.cisco.com/1VoJjUmE_k2kqLNRwJCHH0TGWuke1kEVfRU4EfEZyLHzLwiW57H3r YIWbyWBEQhNdO5WeWPcaCuG-uZcJviLWtUjLcZLP44udOLTepKRgs3ztLRMcL7LOkI_fchZTnYizXFSMmat-YXluyksvBbw44GlPmO7dANiCGqfmKgmCot_SLPo2NlENy9PRpkOti4Psbf5cPmGeJyZ pllEOYyU_QiM5Z4ehU4IXLxJ22WUB_QBUzQF48lUSSLfc1pF-MBJxt80J3fZYHg7FPQ0D6FdqB1ntA_-OXij93s-aqC38-Gkn-590vf2oZkL6Qn4z8AEWCF0Lob_YdffsVMQSdDRYDZN43nJnGW9y2UTdPTKrFYQ0z2* 7

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Interstate 5 (a primary west coast truck route) and State Route 14 transect the Santa Clarita Valley. We are subject to experience high ozone concentrations when conditions are right; similar to the Pomona and San Gabriel valleys. It is reasonable to expect an air quality decline for current and expanded residents of this region as the relative increase in ozone formation follows the projected increase in transportation generated GHG, when conditions are right.

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Thank you,

John Hall

Comment Letter No. F27

From: Norman Harris <hwharris@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 10:58 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Landmark Village/ Mission Village Newhall Ranch No. 00-196-(5) and No. 04-181-(5)

February 12, 2017

Project No. 00-196-(5)
Oak Tree Permit No. 00-196-(5)
Project No.04-181-(5)
Oak Tree Permit No.200500032
Oak Tree Permit No.200500043

Dear Honorable Persons:

These three Oak Tree Permits are requesting the removal of 11, 143, and 65 trees = (218-total trees requested to be removed) of these 10 are Heritage Oak Trees reaching at 45-inches-high, thirty-six inches around or more.
Also over 58 Oak Trees are slated for major encroachment into their protected zones. Of these two are Heritage-Oakes. 1

The removal of the two-hundred and eighteen Native California Oak Trees is not only eliminating an irreplaceable protective natural resource which is part of the 13-million acres of oak woodlands and forest in California. 2 Their destruction would remove the 218-CO2-carbon absorbers as part of the loss of the 675-million-metric TONS of carbon absorbed by Oak Trees and in the understory vegetation, downed woody material and soil horizons. This is in a study by Tom Gaman for the California Oak Foundation of the US Forest Service Inventory and Analysis Summer 2008. This report was published (2008) before the record drought cause millions of Oak Trees to die, removing even more "Sequesters" from the environment. The carbon-inventory for Oak Forest and Woodlands of California would be gravely reduced by the removal of these 218-Oak Trees. 3

An Inventory of Carbon and California Oaks: California oak woodlands and forest could sequester a BILLION tons of carbon, Addendum to Oaks 2040, by Tom Gaman, Registered Professional Forester, states "Oaks are"...normally with out prolonged drought, "long-lived trees. If we assume that our current oak woodlands and forest average 100-years of age (as clearly the Oak Trees in these projects as noted by the number of Heritage Oak Trees present), then we can expect to sequester almost three-million tons of additional carbon a year by protecting and conserving these Oak Trees throughout the 21st century." 4

It would be impossible to create a "negative green-house emission" by granting these Oak Tree Removal permits. The sequestering carbon lost must be an issue addressed in these projects. 5

Very truly yours,
Cynthia Harris,
Past-Vice President of the Santa Clarita Oak Conservancy and private-concerned citizen

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Comment Letter No. F28

From: Bob Hazard <whitefoot@ca.rr.com>

Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2017 3:09 PM

To: DRP Special Projects

Subject: Mission Village and Landmark Projects Newhall Ranch

Sir

I **would not like** to see the Newhall Ranch project built along the 126 Highway. I like the open areas as many people do but if unfortunately the project does happen there are two things I would like to see implemented in the project to soften its impact. 1

First I think each home and park should be included with **a large underground cistern** to collect rain water for use on the properties where they are located. This water can be used for landscape watering and toilet flushing. This would be very valuable in drought prone areas. 2

Second because the Newhall Ranch project is located in between two mountain ranges and along a river, wildlife can be abundant in the area. There should be **a wildlife corridor** or bridge which spans the 126 highway and allows wildlife to have free range between each mountain range and access to the water in the river. 3

Both of these ideas can **funded by including them in the original cost of the home price.** 4

Please pass along these ideas. 5

Thank you

Robert Hazard

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Comment Letter No. F29

From: Jim Houghton <jimc45@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2017 2:18 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Mission Village and Landmark Projects

To Whom It May Concern --

These two projects are just one more example of development gone wild in Southern California. As traffic becomes impossible, water becomes a scarcer resource, as pollution endangers the planet and open areas are increasingly filled in with development, our beautiful area becomes less livable for man and beast.

The cry one hears is, "Prices are too high, we don't have enough homes!" Well, maybe we have enough homes. Scarcity is not a sin. There is nothing in the Bible or anywhere else that guarantees that Citizen So-and-So is guaranteed a nice, cheap place to live in one of the most desirable areas in the world. All this development will create is an area that is no longer one of the most desirable in the world.

Please, please, do not issue these permits. It's time we put the brakes on. Yes, money is involved, tax money and political donations. But at some point, don't we care about our lives and the lives of our children?

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Please.

Jim Houghton
Encino, CA

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Comment Letter No. F30

From: Teresa Jones <teresajones13@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 2:53 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Mission and Landmark

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you today to express my opposition to the Newhall Ranch projects that have been under review. As a resident of Santa Clarita, I am concerned about our changing environment. The future of resources is uncertain, specifically, water. I believe the impact of global warming, and the drought we have been experiencing need to be taken into account. Also, I believe the traffic impact needs to be addressed, as the last assessment was in 2007. 1 2

Please do not destroy our beautiful area.

Best Regards,

Teresa Jones
Resident

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Comment Letter No. F31

From: Louis Lopez <louislopezmusic@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 12:19 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Mission Village and Landmark Projects

As a recent resident of the Newhall area and a current resident of Los Angeles County, I am strongly opposed to the housing development proposed to be constructed on top of a closed oil field (Mission Village). 1

There has been a promise of zero greenhouse gas emissions yet no substantial evidence that this can be guaranteed. Nevertheless the increase of traffic congestion and increased green house gases caused by the population increase. 2

Furthermore, due to it's proximity to the Santa Clara River, LA County's last free flowing river, this project has the potential of harming local wildlife and polluting nearby resources. 3

I am substantially oppose to this development and demand thorough research be implemented and made public to LA county residents before ground is broken. 4

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F32

From: eileen mann <eileenmann6@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 12:27 PM
To: DRP Special Projects

Houses should not be built over a closed oil field (Mission Village). There is too great a chance that airborne VOCs will leak up into the homes. 1

The exclusion of a traffic chapter make the supplemental document inadequate because traffic has greatly increased since the 2007 review was released and new projects have been approved. A chapter updating the traffic analysis should be added. 2

· Controlling greenhouse gases and traffic congestion are intimately related. Traffic congestion in the Santa Clarita area is already over the top and will only get worse if Landmark Village and Mission Village are built as planned. It is necessary to consider these two factors together and absolutely ensure no net increase in GHG for these projects. 3

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Comment Letter No. F33

From: Skip Marketti <scuderiam@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 11:00 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Newhall Development

We are writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

That's why we urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 5 6 7

Cathy & Frank Marketti
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Sent from my iPad

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Comment Letter No. F34

From: William Miller <rightco@pabell.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2017 11:21 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I used to live in Santa Clarita and watched a lovely small town be glutted and destroyed by over-development. Even at that time, traffic and congestion on the one main route into the San Fernando valley made life difficult. With ever more development, the consequences are difficult to imagine. 1 2

Moreover, in view of many past years of drought, where is all the new water supposed to come from? 3

Sincerely,
William P. Miller

William Miller

Palo Alto, CA 94302

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Comment Letter No. F35

From: Noble, Debbie <DNoble@chla.usc.edu>
Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2017 8:32 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Cc: Sarah Avanessian
Subject: Mission Village and Landmark Projects !!! Urgent!!

I am completely opposed to this project! It will cause massive over crowding and will impact the last free flowing river in Los Angeles County - 21,000 units, 11 million sq ft commercial= DISASTER.. 1
There are three process approvals in play - a state permit, and two county permits (Mission Village and Landmark Village) - I oppose all 3.
Houses should not be built over a closed oil field (Mission Village). There is too great a chance that airborne VOCs will leak up into the homes. 2
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The exclusion of a traffic chapter make the supplemental document inadequate because traffic has greatly increased since the 2007 review was released and new projects have been approved. A chapter updating the traffic analysis should be added. If you live here you know the traffic is all ready at a breaking point most days both in town and the freeways 14 and 5 in both directions. 3

Controlling greenhouse gases and traffic congestion are intimately related. Traffic congestion in the Santa Clarita area is already over the top and will only get worse if Landmark Village and Mission Village are built as planned. It is necessary to consider these two factors together and absolutely ensure no net increase in GHG for these. 4
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Who will assure that the offsets are actually bought?
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All these assurances need to be codified as enforceable mitigation measures. 8
The project is still too big and impactful to the Valley and flies in the face of 21st century smart planning – it needs to be significantly scaled back and away from the Santa Clara River 9

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To protect the river water quality and the endangered fish, the project should be moved away from the Santa Clara River. 15

Filling the floodplain with 200 million cubic yards of dirt hurts water replenishment and will massively add to dust pollution in the Santa Clarita Valley. 16

There should be a .25 mile buffer around the spine flower preserves to protect this endangered flower. The proposed endowment is not sufficient to provide protection. We see what has happened in the valley oaks Savannah (SEA 64 – no trails as promised, inadequate management to preserve the oaks, oaks dying)! 17

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Sent from my iPhone

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Comment Letter No. F36

From: John Paladin <paladinesq@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 3:48 PM
To: DRP Special Projects; newhallranch@wildlife.ca.gov
Subject: Mission Village and Landmark projects; Newhall Ranch development.

February 13, 2017

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specialprojects@planning.lacounty.gov,
newhallranch@wildlife.ca.gov,

Re: Mission Village and Landmark projects;
Newhall Ranch development; Project no. 00-196-(5);
Environmental assessment no. 00-196-29442;
Project no. 04-181-(5);
Environmental assessment no. 04-181-29455

Ladies and Gentlemen: 1

I am opposed to the Newhall Ranch phases 2 and 3 in their current size. The Santa Clara River is one of the last free-flowing rivers in Southern California. It should be preserved and not altered. It should not be filled in or paved in any way. The river is a scenic area which should not be damaged. 2

Endangered species should receive better protections for their environment. 3

There should be at least a 250 yard undeveloped buffer zone on the sides of the river and around endangered plants which cannot be developed. No runoff should be allowed to enter the river. 4 5

It is improper to build homes over an oil field (Mission Village) because of health risks and environmental risks in that area. 6

The traffic analysis is not adequate because it is outdated and it does not account for current or future traffic levels. 7

There is a limit to the proper amount of density in a particular area. There has already been extensive development in the Santa Clarita Valley. The current proposal creates excessive development and excessive traffic in an area which should be left as agricultural land, parks and open space. 8

It is not OK to keep building as much density as possible in every open area. The free-flowing river and the open space should be preserved with a minimum of development. 9

The claim of “net zero” greenhouse gas emissions is not believable from a large development in an open area which is experiencing global warming. 10

The river area in its natural state is an important asset which should be preserved as much as possible in its natural state. 11

Sincerely,

Comment Letter No. F36

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Comment Letter No. F37

From: Suzie Rizzo <baroness1@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2017 11:14 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Mission Village and Landmark Projects

Dear Special Projects:

The following points must be considered concerning Mission Village and Landmark Projects. These projects violate protections that are established to enhance all our lives. 1

- The exclusion of a traffic chapter make the supplemental document inadequate because traffic has greatly increased since the 2007 review was released and new projects have been approved. A chapter updating the traffic analysis should be added. 2
- Controlling greenhouse gases and traffic congestion are intimately related. Traffic congestion in the Santa Clarita area is already over the top and will only get worse if Landmark Village and Mission Village are built as planned. It is necessary to consider these two factors together and absolutely ensure no net increase in GHG for these projects. 3
- The severe water cutbacks required in the SCV in the last six years are new information showing that we cannot accommodate this massive project with our current water resources. That water table dropped 70 feet and several wells went dry. 4
- There have been a lot of articles about how offsets are often a green washing scam. What guarantee do we have that the offsets being purchased as GHG mitigation will result in measurable, provable, reductions in GHG emissions beyond what would have otherwise 5
- Mitigation for GHG that is proposed to be bought as pollution credits in other countries is unenforceable and unverifiable. AND it will not help our local air pollution problems. 6
- No mention or itemization of the external creators of GHG for this project, like methane from waste disposal, energy production for water delivery and desalination of waste water, off site energy production for infrastructure, auto and truck deliveries and other uses is not in the Environmental document because those chapters are excluded from the document. These issues must be discussed in order for the document to be valid. 7
- Our Valley is already out of federal compliance for dust pollution (PM10 and PM mil) that causes asthma and permanent lung damage and affects our children's health. Filling the flood plain with 200 million cubic yards of dirt will substantially add to this pollution. 8
- To protect the river water quality and the endangered fish, the project should be moved away from the Santa Clara River. Filling the floodplain with 200 million cubic yards of dirt hurts water replenishment and will massively add to dust pollution in the Santa Clarita Valley. 9 10

Your consideration of these factors will lead you to the correct decision. Mission Village and Projects must not be approved. 11

Thank you.

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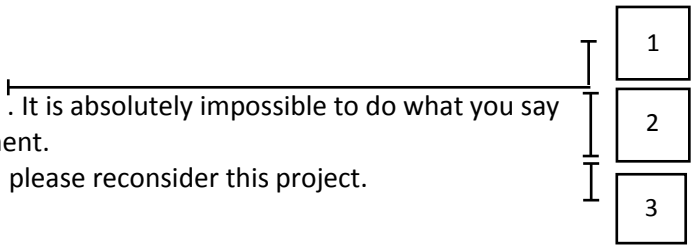
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Comment Letter No. F38

From: arlene sarestsky <saretskya@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 9:09 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Mission &Landmarks

Dear Sirs,
I am opposed to the building of your proposed project . It is absolutely impossible to do what you say you can accomplish with Zero impact on our environment.
For the sake of future generations, rather than profits, please reconsider this project.

Sent from my iPhone



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Comment Letter No. F39

From: Andrea Slominski M.A. <slominskiandrea@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2017 10:28 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: specialprojects@planning.lacounty.gov

Dear Planning commissioners,
I am a resident of the Santa Clarita valley, writing to **oppose** the Newhall Ranch development on the 126 in Santa Clarita, CA. 1

The traffic in Santa Clarita itself and the traffic from Santa Clarita and the Antelope Valley to L.A. in the mornings is already impacted. The additional 21,000 homes will mean at least 42,00 cars added to the freeway and local traffic. 2

Traffic congestion in the Santa Clarita Valley is already over the top and will only get worse if Landmark Village and Mission Village are built as planned. It is necessary to consider these two factors together and absolutely ensure no net increase in Green House Gasses for these projects. 3 The exclusion of a traffic chapter makes the supplemental document inadequate because traffic has greatly increased since the 2007 review was released and new projects have been approved. A chapter updating the traffic analysis should be added. 4

We already have smog inversions in the warmer months, and the dust levels in this valley are well above the acceptable Federal ppm levels. 5 All the new construction and filling in of the river basin will only make it worse. Mitigation for GHG that is proposed to be bought as pollution credits in other countries is unenforceable and unverifiable. AND it will not help our local air pollution problems. 6

The promise of zero GHGs sounds good on paper but the enforcement reality is lacking: 7 There are no safeguards to track the future offsets that will need to be bought;
Will the offsets actually exist to be bought? Will enough offsets be available?
Who will assure that the offsets are actually bought?
Who will assure that the offsets are actually effective to offset the amount of GHGs needed to be offset? 8
How will the use of electric cars be monitored and enforced in order to gauge if the touted GHG reductions actually occur? 9
All these assurances need to be codified with a plan to create enforceable mitigation measures. 10

We may be nearly out of the recent drought, but groundwater is depleted. Where is the water for these homes coming from in future drought years? 11

Why are we even considering building on the flood plain of the Santa Clara River? 12

The project is still too big and impactful to the Valley and flies in the face of 21st-century smart planning – it needs to be significantly scaled back and away from the Santa Clara 13

River. Or rejected completely. Not all growth is good growth. We need to learn to live sustainably. Un-impeded growth is no longer sustainable in Southern California. 13

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.
Andrea Slominski, SCV resident of 23 years.

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Comment Letter No. F40

From: Robert Smith <robert.smith@csun.edu>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 10:15 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I live in the Santa Clara River Valley and am concerned about the impacts on traffic and water the Newhall Ranch project will have on the City of Fillmore. Traffic on highway 126 is already heavily impacted, yet there is no plan for rectifying any increased congestion attributable to Newhall Ranch. Where is the water coming from to supply these new homes? The project will drain an already stresses acquifer. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project.

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 4

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Comment Letter No. F41

From: JDRS1606 <jdrs1606@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 7:13 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Cc: lynnepl1@juno.com
Subject: Mission Village and Landmark Projects

This letter is in opposition of the Mission Village and Landmark Projects. 1

Houses should not be built over a closed oil field (Mission Village). There is too great a chance that airborne VOCs will leak up into the homes. 2

The exclusion of a traffic chapter make the supplemental document inadequate because traffic has greatly increased since the 2007 review was released and new projects have been approved. A chapter updating the traffic analysis should be added. 3

Controlling greenhouse gases and traffic congestion are intimately related. Traffic congestion in the Santa Clarita area is already over the top and will only get worse if Landmark Village and Mission Village are built as planned. It is necessary to consider these two factors together and absolutely ensure no net increase in GHG for these projects. 4

The project is still too big and impactful to the Valley and flies in the face of 21st century smart planning – it needs to be significantly scaled back and away from the Santa Clara River 5

There is no analysis of the methane that will be generated from trash created by this massive project, what about emissions from trash truck – the GHG analysis in not sufficient 6

• The severe water cutbacks required in the SCV in the last six years are new information showing that we cannot accommodate this massive project with our current water resources. That water table dropped 70 feet and several wells went dry. 7

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• Our Valley is already out of federal compliance for dust pollution (PM10 and PM mil) that causes asthma and permanent lung damage and affects our children's health. Filling the flood plain with 200 million cubic yards of dirt will substantially add to this pollution. 9

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• There should be a .25 mile buffer around the spine flower preserves to protect this endangered flower. The proposed endowment is not sufficient to provide protection. We see what has happened in the Valley Oaks Savannah (SEA 64 – no trails as promised, inadequate management to preserve the oaks, and oaks are dying) 12

I live in Santa Clarita and these projects are not good for the environment. 13
Thank you for taking my comment.

Joyce Stein
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Comment Letter No. F42

From: Karen Tracy <oktracy@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 1:48 PM
To: Diane Aranda
Subject: Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

This ill-conceived development comes at the expense of too many lives, ecosystems and landmarks. 1

How is it even possible to consider destroying the LAST free-flowing river in the state? I cannot conceive of it. 2

Please, don't you, either.

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Comment Letter No. F43

From: Charity Vincent <charityjv@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 5:49 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Mission Village and Landmark Village

Hello,

My name is Charity and I live in Santa Clarita. I am very troubled to hear the proposed projects to build Mission Village and Landmark Village. Our beautiful city is already suffering from traffic congestion, air pollution, and water shortages. Adding massive housing projects would greatly worsen these issues. As someone who has asthma, I am especially concerned. Please preserve a better way of life for us here in Santa Clarita and disallow this project from progressing.

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Thank you,
Charity Vincent

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Comment Letter No. F44

From: Barbara Wampole <barbara@wampole.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2017 5:18 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Cc: newhallranch@wildlife.ca.gov
Subject: Mission Village and Landmark Village / Newhall Ranch projects

Importance: High

Dear LA County Planning Department,

RE: the Newhall Ranch projects' tracts; Mission Village and Landmark Village;

These are the comments I submitted at the hearing in the Santa Clarita Valley plus a few additional comments; 1

Good evening
My name is Barbara Wampole and I'm speaking in opposition to the two agenda items #2 & # 3. 2

Thank you for coming to the SCV tonight.

I'm a 45 yr resident of the SCV , a founding member and vice chair of Friends of the Santa Clara River (FSCR), and a local business woman. 3

On behalf of the FSCR and my local community, we continue to strenuously remind you of the importance - *for our very being, our survival and nothing less* - of wetlands, riparian habitat, water quality and the endangered and threatened species that depend on those resources.

We've known about Climate Change since our founding in 1993 and before. Where was Five Points Corp (Newhall Land and Farming) then? 4

This project should be moved away from the Santa Clara River, out of its floodplain and should not be filling the floodplain to redefine it according to the US Army Corps.

Filling the floodplain with 20 million cubic yards of dirt has enormous implications. It harms water replenishment and adds massively to air pollution. It's enough soil to fill 6 Great Pyramids. And that's just the fill in the Santa Clara River's floodplain and its tributaries. 5

The grading plan for the entire project would require 200 cubic yards of soil to be removed from one place and deposited elsewhere. Let's see, that's 60 Great Pyramids! 6

That doesn't begin to illustrate the dramatic change in the land and the impacts that would occur. But that does indicate the harm to the endangered fish in the area that is at issue here tonight . 7

I've never felt better about the young people of this country and the world, who are taking Climate Change and environmental protection very seriously. 8

Avoidance of impacts is critical. And promises that aren't kept wouldn't be an issue in that situation. 8

This project proposes "offsets" for their climate change impacts.
"Offsets" are not viable as mitigation for the impacts of their projects.
"Offsets" haven't worked in Europe. Cheating on "offsets" makes them unreliable in far too many ways.
And it's astounding that without thorough understanding, people simply believe the "NetZero" branding this project is applying to themselves. 9

This project needs to stay out of the wetlands and the floodplains of the river and it's tributaries. 10

A true American Dream protects these precious resources for us and future generations. 11

By the way, Newhall Land and Farming may have been local, with our community's interests in mind. Five Points is not Newhall Land and Farming.
And we in Val Verde know what those promises were worth and didn't deliver. 12
Valencia's tributaries are in concrete channels. 13

(my two minutes were up or I would have said "Thank you"). 14

http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/2015/8/25/european-climate-credits-fail.html
A United Nations-backed carbon-trading scheme in Europe, originally meant to combat global warming, has instead resulted in the release of more than half a billion additional tons of greenhouse gases, according to a new report (link below). https://secure-web.cisco.com/1FHFbOx9majzi1ki0yfrTSeohnO7egGPlSvoIMbLqH47hsyUTsVFYOweMrb5-76CjetphNfIyop5DdJOWenBsN7KN5mdMiBMxA1EFDVZwicaN3URGW1BOtG37fdCHkHm sYPr-Msasy7uO0arYqK1TUifKFfMsBk7gdwZdj4pW7TFoLP7RU20MglcDXMLn_L9-vQa3W7Rt02k11hnGm7ZfBZht9yLYpL3lM8_NfouoFCXKknMQjD8cjy3v3pNZJLn36leZaG2 ot9-Am88DXGxRk0T4bxrzi0JeeaY7BgX7J6HvSATLuvgcSmnMY40QwmFIZ0-lqNk4n_Ho-hK9fLBkFBUAi42Ac3oUA4zMs_tt-zQ8FJQzX5MgIBCtzbIN16XhTvfo7rLPIr2ta2vaSpPIDw/https%3A%2F%2Fwww.sei-international.org%2Fmediamanager%2Fdocuments%2FPublications/Climate/SEI-WP-2015-07-JI-lessons-for-carbon-mechs.pdf 15

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Union_Emission_Trading_Scheme
Carney, Sean (28 January 2011). "EU Carbon Market Suffers Further Setback". The Wall Street Journal.

According to UBS Investment Research, the EU ETS cost $287 billion through to 2011 and had an "almost zero impact" on the volume of overall emissions in the European Union and the money could have resulted in more than a 40% reduction in emissions if it had been used in a targeted way, e.g., to upgrade power plants.[74] 16

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When you drink the water, remember the spring / Chinese Proverb

Please call my home phone number and leave a message if you need my immediate attention - I

do not check email routinely. . . beware time sinks
Thank you

Comment Letter No. F45

From: Barbara Wampole <barbara@wampole.com>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 12:33 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Cc: newhallranch@wildlife.ca.gov
Subject: Mission Village and Landmark Village / Newhall Ranch projects / COMMENTS IN LIGHT OF OROVILLE DAM EMERGENCY SPILLWAY FAILURE

Importance: High

Dear Los Angeles County Planning Department,

In addition to the comments I submitted (included below also) yesterday on the Newhall Ranch projects Landmark and Mission Villages I am submitting these concerns not included in my previous comments; 1

It has been a concern since the earliest review of this project that the Newhall Ranch project has proposed building housing tracts in the floodplain and floodway of the Santa Clara River which is immediately adjacent to the confluence of Castaic Creek, and directly downstream of the Castaic Dam. 2

I will repeat here the concerns expressed over the twenty years that this project has been proposed and been opposed as proposed. 3

In light of the emergency evacuations implemented in the past 24 hours of communities downstream of the Oroville Dam,
I urge our Los Angeles County Planning Department to take it as a personal and professional issue to reconsider allowing the building of a community, including an elementary school, directly downstream of Castaic Dam, when it is neither a financial nor a housing necessity to build in this floodplain nor this floodway!!! 4

We do not need to build in floodplains.

As can be seen by yesterday's emergency, it isn't simply seismic dangers, nor engineering failure to detect geologic problems (in the case that led to the failure of the nearby Saint Francis Dam disaster in 1928) that accompany dams, but even a weather season of heavy rain, now threatens the safety of communities when built in floodplains. 5

We are facing dramatic changes in weather patterns with Climate Change.

Regardless of whether the spillways and actual dams in these two situations are identical, there is no doubt, with climate change, that the Castaic Dam is vulnerable to similar problems of unexpected high volumes of water and the safety of communities built downstream. 6

As can be seen from the news report links included here, Northern California communities under evacuation were trapped on the roads due to the high volume of traffic in this evacuation. If this dam/spillway had failed, people could have been caught in the ensuing floodwaters.
http://sfist.com/2017/02/12/compromised_oroville_dam_auxiliary.php 7

http://ktla.com/2017/02/13/pure-chaos-188000-residents-forced-to-evacuate-amid-oroville-dam-emergency/
http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-live-updates-oroville-dam-20170212-htmlstory.html

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The emergency evacuation area in Butte County included areas from Oroville Dam to Yuba City 38 miles downstream!!!
Landmark Village elementary school site and nearby proposed Homestead Village are only 7 to 9 miles downstream of the Castaic Dam.

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Again, I urge the Planning Department to clearly analyze the risk to downstream communities in the event of similar, formerly unprecedented, hazard that these high storm events now pose to the safety of what is proposed to be built in the floodplain of the Santa Clara River.
And I urge urge you to move all Newhall Ranch projects out of the floodplain and floodway of the Santa Clara River.

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I believe it is your personal and professional duty to consider this as a real danger to life and property.

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Thank you
Barbara Wampole.

http://www.buttecounty.net/
Oroville Evacuation Information
Public Information Line
Immediate Evacuation Order for the Following Areas: *Oroville Area: Downtown Oroville and Thermalito, the areas south of Lincoln Blvd on the west side of Lincoln to Ophir Road. All low lying areas around the Feather River, which includes Gridley, Biggs, Yuba City, Loma Rica, and anywhere south of Butte County along the River. We will provide more specific information later.)*

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http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-live-updates-oroville-dam-20170212-htmlstory.html

Major sinkhole on spillway at Lake Oroville
http://www.latimes.com/visuals/photography/la-me-lake-oroville-spillway-pictures-photogallery.html



Live updates: Mass evacuation below Oroville Dam as officials frantically try to make repairs before new storms
Feb. 13, 2017, 11:05 a.m.

"This is not a drill. Repeat this is not a drill," the National Weather Service said Sunday, urging people living below Oroville Dam to evacuate.

More than 100,000 people were told to evacuate because of a "hazardous situation" involving the Northern California dam's emergency spillway. At one point, the NWS warned that the auxiliary spillway was expected to fail and could send an "uncontrolled release of flood waters from Lake Oroville." However, by late Sunday night, officials said the immediate threat had passed because water had stopped washing over the emergency spillway.

The mass evacuations cap a week of frantic efforts to prevent flooding as the reservoir behind America's tallest dam reached capacity and its main spillway was severely damaged.

On Saturday, water levels rose so high that an emergency spillway was used for the first time. Officials initially believed the measure worked. But Sunday afternoon, as more water from record storms flowed into Lake Oroville, officials detected a hole in the emergency spillway and eventually ordered the evacuations.

By late Sunday, the crisis at the Oroville Dam eased somewhat, as the water level at the

reservoir dropped. That halted water flow from a damaged emergency spillway that officials feared could collapse. But officials stressed that the situation is still dangerous and that evacuations should continue.

A failure of the emergency spillway could cause huge amounts of water to flow into the Feather River, which runs through downtown Oroville, and other waterways.

Gov. Jerry Brown issued an emergency order aimed at bolstering the state's response to the crisis.

A list of evacuation centers can be found here .

Feb. 13, 2017, 11:02 a.m.
Lake Oroville water level declining

The chart below shows how the water level at the Oroville reservoir has been reduced over the last 24 hours.

According to a spokesman for the Department of Water Resources, water is pouring down the facility's damaged main spillway at a rate of about 100,000 cubic feet per second.

By 10 a.m., the lake's water level was 4 feet lower than the emergency spillway, which suffered damage during its first ever water release over the weekend.

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Union Pacific has stopped train service through cities affected by the Oroville Dam emergency.

The railroad said it is unable to run trains and provide service between Roseville, Chico and Oroville due to the risk of flooding. Trains approaching Roseville are being rerouted.

"We are watching the situation closely to determine if trains will need to be rerouted around the closures," the railroad said.

Customers in the affected area could experience shipment delays for 48 hours or more. The Oroville Dam emergency could also affect train traffic between Oregon, Washington state and Southern California, the railroad said.

Trains were out of service between Oroville and Winnemucca, Nev., after sections of the tracks were washed out due to recent rains and flooding.

"At Union Pacific, safety is our top priority," the railroad said. "While we will always do everything we can to recover operations, the safety of our employees and the communities we serve will always be our primary concern."

Dear LA County Planning Department,

RE: the Newhall Ranch projects' tracts; Mission Village and Landmark Village;

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These are the comments I submitted at the hearing in the Santa Clarita Valley plus a few additional comments;

Good evening
My name is Barbara Wampole and I'm speaking in opposition to the two agenda items #2 & # 3.

Thank you for coming to the SCV tonight.

I'm a 45 yr resident of the SCV , a founding member and vice chair of Friends of the Santa Clara River (FSCR), and a local business woman.

On behalf of the FSCR and my local community, we continue to strenuously remind you of the importance - *for our very being, our survival and nothing less* - of wetlands, riparian habitat, water quality and the endangered and threatened species that depend on those resources.

We've known about Climate Change since our founding in 1993 and before. Where was Five Points Corp (Newhall Land and Farming) then?

This project should be moved away from the Santa Clara River, out of its floodplain and should not be filling the floodplain to redefine it according to the US Army Corps.

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Filling the floodplain with 20 million cubic yards of dirt has enormous implications. It harms water replenishment and adds massively to air pollution. It's enough soil to fill 6 Great Pyramids. And that's just the fill in the Santa Clara River's floodplain and its tributaries.

The grading plan for the entire project would require 200 cubic yards of soil to be removed from one place and deposited elsewhere. Let's see, that's 60 Great Pyramids!

That doesn't begin to illustrate the dramatic change in the land and the impacts that would occur. But that does indicate the harm to the endangered fish in the area that is at issue here tonight .

I've never felt better about the young people of this country and the world, who are taking Climate Change and environmental protection very seriously.
Avoidance of impacts is critical. And promises that aren't kept wouldn't be an issue in that situation.

This project proposes "offsets" for their climate change impacts.
"Offsets" are not viable as mitigation for the impacts of their projects.
"Offsets" haven't worked in Europe. Cheating on "offsets" makes them unreliable in far too many ways.
And it's astounding that without thorough understanding, people simply believe the "NetZero" branding this project is applying to themselves.

This project needs to stay out of the wetlands and the floodplains of the river and it's tributaries.

A true American Dream protects these precious resources for us and future generations.

By the way, Newhall Land and Farming may have been local, with our community's interests in mind. Five Points is not Newhall Land and Farming.
And we in Val Verde know what those promises were worth and didn't deliver.
Valencia's tributaries are in concrete channels.

(my two minutes were up or I would have said "Thank you").

http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/2015/8/25/european-climate-credits-fail.html
A United Nations-backed carbon-trading scheme in Europe, originally meant to combat global warming, has instead resulted in the release of more than half a billion additional tons of greenhouse gases, according to a new report (link below). https://secure-web.cisco.com/1-IkdvUaDDNMhTzhg65CX5qbwghSuoRjiOQfeFHNYRtizdccu7SIKgZGk5M0YwT0-5THKbwbApRR-LKhwV_xsibaTMetmzuAvBsmD3wGDTXihsovk2CsGA-BJYjTrlpJvPHoLYPqmizBWwxiNI9YC9tjoRWpUqQBUK0G3W_-1oeJzUPBidgRiE_FYwoF7OB-m71c8dJsnQSD3mV9N5_NMX6VQG5VPhB__ABDSgX8vSoo6W_ZxnLrwfD-YbYnGwgu5DFyNk_vuHgC8nWxb70KTZ26ziwufK20yaoV0deJfveTLXTMBEZbnQOh1Jqu5 YDt11jEv4Yx8zNAGZmnr6X45pyHnfTXgForvsDurdu0vBprSHtPv-K_EROEp_f-R3vwxyoP-MUofmYsN0axRlpW2Xx1viO63dFHlxpyAaW4nzu4/https%3A%2F%2Fwww.sei-international.org%2Fmediamanager%2Fdocuments%2FPublications/Climate/SEI-WP-2015-07-JI-lessons-for-carbon-mechs.pdf

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Union_Emission_Trading_Scheme
Carney, Sean (28 January 2011). "EU Carbon Market Suffers Further Setback". The Wall Street Journal.

According to UBS Investment Research, the EU ETS cost $287 billion through to 2011 and had an "almost zero impact" on the volume of overall emissions in the European Union and the money could have resulted in more than a 40% reduction in emissions if it had been used in a targeted way, e.g., to upgrade power plants.[74]

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When you drink the water, remember the spring / Chinese Proverb

Please call my home phone number and leave a message if you need my immediate attention - I do not check email routinely. . . beware time sinks
Thank you

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Comment Letter No. F46

From: Tim Barrington <tim_barrington@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 10:04 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal. 1

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F47

From: Thomas Barron <Barron@ImageG.com>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 5:42 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: COMMENT OPPOSING: Mission Village and Landmark Village - Newhall Ranch projects

Dear Los Angeles County Planning Commission,

I have already testified at several hearings OPPOSING Newhall Ranch's projects, Mission Village and Landmark Village, that adversely impact the Santa Clara River watershed, floodplain and the many important unique species of flora and fauna therein. 1

The EIR does not address Global Warming:

> Recently I testified about the fallacy of depending on electric vehicle infrastructure to address the need to reduce green house gas emissions - an intrinsic product of the project. Hybrid vehicles will always trump all-electric battery vehicles (and thus continue to produce toxic gas emissions) because the need for long range driving, from the proposed very distant subdivisions. 2

> The company owns the former rail line easement but still persists in using private, individual vehicles as the prime mover of the millions of trips in and out of the project areas. 3

The floodplain is in danger:

> The Oroville Dam episode, requiring the downstream evacuation of tens of thousands, is a dramatic example of a problem I pointed out in my first comments, years ago at the Los Angeles County Planning Commission - before any approvals. My concern is the potential failure of Castaic Lake Reservoir and the Bouquet Canyon Reservoir, both upstream of the floodpath through the project area. God forbid that a large earthquake of the magnitude of the nineteenth century Fort Tejon trembler, which exceeds the design specification of Castaic Reservoir, causes a surge down to the ocean. 4
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> The previous flood caused by the failure of the San Francisquito Dam created tremendous devastation in what was then, the sparsely populated region. Castaic Lake is many times larger (320,000 acre·ft vs. 38,168 acre·ft) - Bouquet about the same size (36,500 acre·ft) - than San Francisquito Dam.
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> The absurdity of raising the Landmark floodplain by massive earth movement, would not avert the catastrophe in the event of a dam failure, but also creates other serious concerns: the destruction of the many rare life forms resident on the land and "cost" in a carbon dioxide bloom at a time when science tells us that the Earth is at a tipping point.

Regards,
--TMB

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Comment Letter No. F48

From: Angela Bates <a.bates@cox.net>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 7:59 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

Do the right thing just once OK??
Deny the Newhall Ranch attempt to completely trash the Santa Clara River.
It's just about wrecked now.....but this additional development will finish it off.
(Gotta say I am so glad I moved away from SoCal, the crappiest place I have ever seen.
Well, except for Chernobyl...)

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Comment Letter No. F49

From: chad brisky <cwbrisky@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:56 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

Humans don't you have enough land already? Can we not share this planet? 1

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F50

From: Jan Charvat <jch@cox.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 10:55 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Please reject Newhall Ranch!

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

As a resident of Southern California and strong supporter of protecting our remaining wild places, I urge you to reject the construction of a large new "green field" development that would destroy natural habitat near Los Angeles--an area that desperately needs to protect those and offer the residents quality recreation spaces. Every piece of habitat destroyed eats away at the stability of the overall environment--nothing is "an island". We all need clean air and clean water, something which Nature does for us for free if we allow it. 1 2 3

Thank you for your consideration. 4
Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F51

From: Fletcher Chouinard <Fletcher.Chouinard@patagonia.com>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 11:27 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: No Newhall Ranch!

To whom this may concern. The Newhall Ranch project must not continue for many reasons. There's no water available for that big a development. The traffic situation is already impossible without 20,000 new commuter families (zero local job market) on the road.

The Santa Clara River may seem like just a dry wash but it is the lifeblood to the Ventura County wildlife, both on land and in the Santa Barbara Channel, such as the endangered California Steelhead. The sand and gravel from the SC River is all that keeps the homes and businesses of Ventura and Oxnard safe from the encroaching sea. Development upstream would stop that flow.

The negatives list goes on and on but the bottom line is this project makes a few people a lot of money and makes life horrible for everyone and everything else. It's too big and unsustainable.

Thanks for your time. Sincerely Fletcher Chouinard

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Comment Letter No. F52

From: MALINDA CHOUINARD <Malinda.Chouinard@patagonia.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 3:22 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Newhall Ranch vote NO

There are so many reasons to be aghast over developments in the Santa Clara River, but we are particularly distressed for the river and wildlife. The river is the only remaining wildlife corridor. It is obvious it is a dangerous place for human to put their life savings into homes and businesses. But development for the animals spells extinction. Voting NO on this misguided plan is both humanitarian and fiscally responsible. Thank you, 1 2

Yvon Chouinard
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- To protect the river water quality and the endangered fish, the project should be moved away from the Santa Clara River. Filling the floodplain with 200 million cubic yards of dirt hurts water replenishment and will massively add to dust pollution in the Santa Clarita Valley. 3 4
- There should be a .25 mile buffer around the spine flower preserves to protect this endangered flower. The proposed endowment is not sufficient to provide protection. We see what has happened in the valley oaks Savannah (SEA 64 – no trails as promised, inadequate management to preserve the oaks, oaks dying) 5

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Comment Letter No. F53

From: Corinna Bechko <thefrogbag@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 11:35 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

Things are looking bad for open spaces across the US. Please don't make them worse. 1

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 2 3 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 6 7 8

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F54

From: Nina Danza <prettycheapjewelry@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 10:26 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Santa Clara River Destruction and Downstream Flooding from Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

Use some foresight. How many times does a study have to be done to show that urbanization is the root cause of escalating flood cost damages? the reason for poor ground and surface water quality? the reason for plant and animal habitat destruction? the reason for marine pollution? Ask me for some citations. 1 2 3 4

Plan for a different better way to generate revenue, to house residents, and to stimulate the economy. BACK OFF the Santa Clara River. Do not alter the floodplain one iota because of this project. 5 6

Newhall Ranch project will increase the peak flow downstream through Ventura County. Are the pre and post construction storm run off rates equal? Who is going to pay for increases in flood insurance rates in Fillmore, Santa Paula, Oxnard and Ventura? 7 8

Are the pre and post construction surface water run off quality characteristics equivalent? The state water quality control board rules are not robust enough to provide confidence to say they will be. Based on years of history in LA County, the answer is NO, the flows off this project will be polluted with metals, bacteria, trash, and the environment will suffer. 9

Reject these projects and do not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old
"Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 10 11 12

Sincerely,

Nina Danza

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Comment Letter No. F55

From: Pat Doherty <composerx@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 3:04 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. 1

With the current president totally destroying every bit of the environment and open space that he possibly can, it seriously needs to be up to all planning commissions to fight against the destruction everywhere and keep as much open space as possible .. We do NOT need more development . We need rapidly disappearing open space. 2

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Comment Letter No. F56

From: Deanna Hanashiro <17pancakes@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 1:00 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

February 13, 2017
Dear To Whom It Concerns:

Please reject Newhall Ranch's proposed Mission and Landmark Villages. Please focus on protecting the Santa Clara River. 1

Why? The current environmental impact report focuses solely on: 2

1.) Greenhouse gas emissions: In reality, many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site or even in California. 3

2.) Imperiled stickleback fish: No safeguards are in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

The County must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 5

Why are there plans to enlarge the nearby Chiquita Landfill and not closed as promised to the residents who are neighbors to the proposed Mission and Landmark Villages? 6

Why is there such an uproar about trucks on the Highway 14 should the Cemex Mine be built yet there is no comment about the already congested Interstate 5 and the impact the Mission and Landmark Villages will have should they be constructed. For those in Valencia needing to be in downtown LA by 8 a.m., they currently need to leave before 6:30 a.m. Those in Castaic and Saugus need to leave even earlier. All would need to leave earlier if the Mission and Landmark Villages are built. 7

Why are there plans to destroy the last remaining free flowing river? And concerted effort is being made to restore the Los Angeles River after it was destroyed by development? 8

All three instances above reflect a dysfunctional personality of the left side doing the total opposite of the right side. 9

Thank you for your consideration of rejecting the proposed Mission and Landmark Villages, Deanna Hanashiro Santa Clarita resident 10

Deanna Hanashiro

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Comment Letter No. F57

From: Lesley Hunt <ldhunt@astound.net>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 12:31 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 5 6 7

Although I don't live in LA County, I visit, and the reason I come is for the wild areas. Please turn down this ill-conceived development. 8

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F58

From: Gwynn Mackellen <greengwynn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 8:36 PM
To: DRP Special Projects; Diane Aranda
Subject: Please do not approve Newhall Ranch development

Dear Los Angeles Planning Department officials,

I'm writing to urge you to reject the Newhall Ranch proposal. 1 The village projects will destroy habitat for the endangered stickleback fish 2 and many other species. 3 We don't need more suburban sprawl; we need density around transit. 4 We don't need to repeat the California Mistake of repeatedly paving over much of our farmland and openspace; we need to keep what little of it we have left. 5 We don't need greenwashing and promises of dubious offsets from developers; we need urban infill development--which is *actually* green. 6 The proposed development will spur far more vehicle-miles-traveled than building a similar amount of housing and commercial space in a more urban area. 7 You cannot "offset" all those VMTs, nor the traffic collisions, health care costs, and dead wildlife all that driving will cause. 8 Please do not be enamored of big flashy projects. This is not the type of development we need.

Please do not approve this disaster of a project. 9 At a minimum, the county should undertake a full, updated environmental review that includes an analysis of VMTs. 10

Sincerely,

Gwynn Mackellen

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Comment Letter No. F59

From: Randy Martin <drrandymartin@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 11:24 PM
To: newhallranch@wildlife.ca.gov; DRP Special Projects
Subject: Newhall Ranch Concerns - Vote No

- Houses should not be built over a closed oil field (Mission Village). There is too great a chance that airborne VOCs will leak up into the homes. 1

- The exclusion of a traffic chapter make the supplemental document inadequate because traffic has greatly increased since the 2007 review was released and new projects have been approved. A chapter updating the traffic analysis should be added. 2

- Controlling greenhouse gases and traffic congestion are intimately related. Traffic congestion in the Santa Clarita area is already over the top and will only get worse if Landmark Village and Mission Village are built as planned. It is necessary to consider these two factors together and absolutely ensure no net increase in GHG for these projects. 3

- The promise of zero GHGs sounds good on paper but the enforcement reality is lacking: 4

  There are no safeguards to track the future offsets that will need to be bought;

  Will the offsets actually exist to be bought? Will enough offsets be available? 5

  Who will assure that the offsets are actually bought?

  Who will assure that the offsets are actually effective to offset the amount of GHGs needed to be offset?

  How will the use of electric cars be monitored and enforced in order to gauge if the touted GHG reductions actually occur? 6

  All these assurances need to be codified as enforceable mitigation measures. 7

  The project is still too big and impactful to the Valley and flies in the face of 21st century smart planning – it needs to be significantly scaled back and away from the Santa Clara River 8

  - Where's the analysis of the methane that will be generated from trash created by this massive project, what about emissions from trash truck – the GHG analysis in not sufficient 9

- The severe water cutbacks required in the SCV in the last six years are new information showing that we cannot accommodate this massive project with our current water resources. That water table dropped 70 feet and several wells went dry. 10

- There have been a lot of articles about how offsets are often a green washing scam. What guarantee do we have that the offsets being purchased as GHG mitigation will result in measurable, provable, reductions in GHG emissions beyond what would have otherwise occurred? 11

- Mitigation for GHG that is proposed to be bought as pollution credits in other countries is unenforceable and unverifiable. AND it will not help our local air pollution problems. 12

- No mention or itemization of the external creators of GHG for this project, like methane from waste disposal, energy production for water delivery and desalination of waste water, off site energy production for infrastructure, auto and truck deliveries and other uses is not in the Environmental document because those chapters are excluded from the document. These issues must be discussed in order for the document to be valid. 13

- Our Valley is already out of federal compliance for dust pollution (PM10 and PM mil) that causes asthma and permanent lung damage and affects our children's health. Filling the flood plain with 200 million cubic yards of dirt will substantially add to this pollution. 14

- To protect the river water quality and the endangered fish, the project should be moved away from the Santa Clara River. 15 Filling the floodplain with 200 million cubic yards of dirt hurts water replenishment and will massively add to dust pollution in the Santa Clarita Valley. 16

- There should be a .25 mile buffer around the spine flower preserves to protect this endangered flower. The proposed endowment is not sufficient to provide protection. We see what has happened in the valley oaks Savannah (SEA 64 – no trails as promised, inadequate management to preserve the oaks, oaks dying) 17

Comment Letter No. F60

From: Sue Iri <Sirigrafx@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 4:31 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

This type of project should never be considered for an ecologically sensitive area. We know better than to create high density projects in areas such as this, it just takes the will to protect them. Please do not go forward with this or any similar project! 5 6

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 7 8 9

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F61

From: Candace Hyde-Wang <candacehw@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 10:11 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. We need housing close to urban centers. 1 2 3 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 6 7 8

Sincerely, Candace Hyde-Wang

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Comment Letter No. F62

From: Marilyn <mmpoaks@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 4:07 PM
To: DRP Special Projects; newhallranch@wildlife.ca.gov
Subject: Opposition to Newhall Ranch development.

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February 13, 2017

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specialprojects@planning.lacounty.gov,
newhallranch@wildlife.ca.gov,

Re: Mission Village and Landmark projects;
Newhall Ranch development; Project no. 00-196-(5);
Environmental assessment no. 00-196-29442;
Project no. 04-181-(5);
Environmental assessment no. 04-181-29455

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am opposed to the Newhall Ranch phases 2 and 3 in their current size. 1

The Santa Clara River is one of the last free-flowing rivers in Southern California. It should be preserved and not altered. It should not be filled in or paved in any way. The river is a scenic area which should not be damaged. 2

Endangered species should receive better protections for their environment. 3

There should be at least a 250 yard undeveloped buffer zone on the sides of the river and around endangered plants which cannot be developed. 4

No runoff should be allowed to enter the river. 5

It is improper to build homes over an oil field (Mission Village) because of health risks and environmental risks in that area. 6

The traffic analysis is not adequate because it is outdated and it does not account for current or future traffic levels. 7

There is a limit to the proper amount of density in a particular area. There has already been extensive development in the Santa Clarita Valley. The current proposal creates excessive development and excessive traffic in an area which should be left as agricultural land, parks and open space. 8

It is not OK to keep building as much density as possible in every open area. The free-flowing river and the open space should be preserved with a minimum of development. 9

The claim of “net zero” greenhouse gas emissions is not believable from a large development in an open area which is experiencing global warming. 10

The river area in its natural state is an important asset which should be preserved as much as possible in its natural state. 11

Sincerely,

Marilyn Paladin

Comment Letter No. F63

From: Malinda Pennoyer Chouinard <mpc4218@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 3:27 PM
To: newhallranch@wildlife.ca.gov; DRP Special Projects
Subject: Newhall Ranch development continues to be a terrible plan - still No No No !!

Dear Sir,
I have been writing for decades against plans by Newhall Ranch to destroy agriculture in the Santa Clara River Basin. 1
It is a dangerous place for people to put their life savings. The Big Flood will wipe them out, the methane and dust will make the beleaguered home owners sick and worse. 2 3
It will destroy the wildlife corridors, endangered plants, and finish off the protected Steelhead. 4
Protect agriculture in the Santa Clara River. 5
Ellen Malinda Pennoyer
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Comment Letter No. F64

From: Katherine Rinne <kwrinne@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 1:33 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

As a former planner and urban designer working in Los Angeles I am well acquainted with the Newhall Ranch and the Santa Clara River Valley. The owners and developers of Newhall Ranch keep thinking that "this time we will get our ill-conceived plans through," "this time we will fool everyone," with cute nostalgic development names for our "villages." They tie their promise to "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. Really? Is that what carbon offsets are being called now? 1 2 3

My concerns go deeper than the "stickleback fish," endangered though it may be. Rather, my concern is with water quality, with imperiled water resources, and with diminishing water supplies -- supplies that diminish in spite of the fact that we have experienced a fair amount of rain recently. 10,000 additional residents on the Newhall Ranch won't help. 4 5

For these reasons I urge the county to reject the newly packaged Newhall projects and to not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. There must be a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 6 7

Sincerely,
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Comment Letter No. F65

From: Jeffrey Jacobson <jeffreyljacobson@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 11:47 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to please consider saving our precious environment! We all love progress, but we really need to consider the health and safety of our future generations. Not leaving a better world for our grandchildren and their offspring would be a horrible crime!! 1

So, I highly recommend that you please reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 2 3 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 6 7 8

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F66

From: Kathryn Wild <kathrynwildphd@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 6:12 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: No Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

Newhall Ranch's latest proposal of the Mission and Landmark "villages" are not reliably "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions for California and cannot honestly promise a "no water contact" bridge construction. 1 2

We are counting on you to see past the promises and to look deeply into the environmental impact.an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" with no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 3

The county must have a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 4

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F67

From: lynne winner <lynnewinner@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 12:31 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Opposed to Landmark Village

Because they are paving over the flood area of our last free flowing river. 1

Because our failing infrastructure already has more traffic than it can handle 2

Because we live in a desert and our water must be more carefully managed 3

Because the water they are saying they will use, has been agriculture water that is probably polluted 4

Because our local landfill is already subjecting residents to noxious fumes and is over capacity' 5

Because our earth needs a place to breathe 6

Sincerely
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Comment Letter No. F68

From: denisebrownart@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2017 3:50 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Mission Village and Landmark Projects in Newhall Ranch

Dear Planning Officials,

I am a resident of the Santa Clarita Valley, and do not support the proposed Mission Village and Landmark Projects in Newhall Ranch. They are poor planning on the last free flowing river in Los Angeles County, for the following reasons: 1

* Houses should not be built over a closed oil field (Mission Village). There is too great a chance that airborne VOCs will leak up into the homes. 2

· The exclusion of a traffic chapter make the supplemental document inadequate because traffic has greatly increased since the 2007 review was released and new projects have been approved. A chapter updating the traffic analysis should be added. 3

· Controlling greenhouse gases and traffic congestion are intimately related. Traffic congestion in the Santa Clarita area is already over the top and will only get worse if Landmark Village and Mission Village are built as planned. It is necessary to consider these two factors together and absolutely ensure no net increase in GHG for these projects. 4

· The promise of zero GHGs sounds good on paper but the enforcement reality is lacking: 5
There are no safeguards to track the future offsets that will need to be bought; Will the offsets actually exist to be bought? Will enough offsets be available?
Who will assure that the offsets are actually bought?
Who will assure that the offsets are actually effective to offset the amount of GHGs needed to be offset? 6
How will the use of electric cars be monitored and enforced in order to gauge if the touted GHG reductions actually occur? 7
All these assurances need to be codified as enforceable mitigation measures. 8
The project is still too big and impactful to the Valley and flies in the face of 21st century smart planning – it needs to be significantly scaled back and away from the Santa Clara River 9

· Where's the analysis of the methane that will be generated from trash created by this massive project, what about emissions from trash truck – the GHG analysis in not sufficient 10

· The severe water cutbacks required in the SCV in the last six years are new information showing that we cannot accommodate this massive project with our current water resources. That water table dropped 70 feet and several wells went dry. 11

· There have been a lot of articles about how offsets are often a green washing scam. What guarantee do we have that the offsets being purchased as GHG mitigation will result in measurable, provable, reductions in GHG emissions beyond what would have otherwise occurred? 12

· Mitigation for GHG that is proposed to be bought as pollution credits in other countries is unenforceable and unverifiable. AND it will not help our local air pollution problems. 13

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· Our Valley is already out of federal compliance for dust pollution (PM10 and PM mil) that causes asthma and permanent lung damage and affects our children's health. Filling the flood plain with 200 million cubic yards of dirt will substantially add to this pollution. 15

· To protect the river water quality and the endangered fish, the project should be moved away from the Santa Clara River. Filling the floodplain with 200 million cubic yards of dirt hurts water replenishment and will massively add to dust pollution in the Santa Clarita Valley. 16 17

· There should be a .25 mile buffer around the spine flower preserves to protect this endangered flower. The proposed endowment is not sufficient to provide protection. We see what has happened in the valley oaks Savannah (SEA 64 – no trails as promised, inadequate management to preserve the oaks, oaks dying) 18

Thank you for your action to defeat these flawed proposals. 19

Sincerely,
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Comment Letter No. F69

From: Barbara Cogswell <barbaracogswell1933@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 7:31 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Objection to the proposed Landmark, and Mission Villages Building plans

I am concerned that to proceed with building this many new housing units will have both short term and long term problems for the citizens already in or near these areas. We already have traffic, air pollution, waste disposal problems that need to be addressed. Building projects as named above can only exacerbate these problems. 1 2 3

Further, these projects is likely to create population migrations affecting our schools in surrounding areas. 4

Although this increased building will create jobs for a few years, it will draw on energy reserves best left in the ground. Bill McKibben or 350 in his 2012 Film, "Do the Math" postulated that we already have enough oil above ground to put us over the edge climate wise.. 5 6

The aim of the L A County Planning Department should focus on stablelizing the core, the inner city schools, homeless housing, and clean industry throughout the area. 7

Sincerely,
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Comment Letter No. F70

From: Kae Bender <kaebender@juno.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 1:04 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Reject the Newhall Ranch proposal

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

There are plenty of spaces to develop in LA County; a coastal wildlife habitat is NOT one of the areas that should be considered for dense new development. 1 Furthermore, development in a flood plain is asking for trouble. 2

I urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good but unachievable promises. 3 Real carbon neutral development does not pollute an already-overly-dirty environment, and pretending to be "net zero" on greenhouse emissions by using cap and trade credits is NOT environmentally conscientious or beneficial to the LA basin. 4

In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. 5 The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 6

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 7

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. 8 The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. 9 And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 10

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F71

From: Rosalind Bresnahan <rosalind568@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 11:31 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I strongly urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

Therefore I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 5 6 7

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Comment Letter No. F72

From: John Brooks <johnbrooks69@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:30 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Absolutly no to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest misguided proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages". The river should be protected , not destroyed. Once again the charade of creating smog and pollution in our neighborhoods in exchange for purchasing credits will kill us and possibly help someone else. 1 2 3

More homes in established cities is good , urban sprawl is bad. 4

The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that greenhouse gas offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 5

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 6

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 7 8 9

Sincerely,

John Brooks

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Comment Letter No. F73

From: Lynne Cadman <haggymama_wolfie@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 12:43 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No WAY to Newhall Ranch, please!

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

We are all in this together, and since San Diego Audubon is constantly working on restoring habitat for the least Bell's Viero in woodlands down here, and this development would even further diminish their habitat along the Santa Clarita River, I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal. 1 2

The Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from CARBON MARKETEERS selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 3 4 5

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 6

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Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F74

From: Helen Campbell <zlreco@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 10:57 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Reject proposed Newhall Ranch Development

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to strongly object to Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" - an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

In addition, the issue of the Chiquita Canyon expansion remains unresolved. It is my earnest hope that the County will not renege on the existing agreement that is in place and will instruct the landfill operator to comply and CLOSE this facility this year. Since "PROFIT BEFORE PEOPLE" seems to be the universal motivation at this time, the outcome remains to be seen. If the County goes ahead and permits the expansion, then there is a potentially polluted groundwater problem for any new development in this area - especially below the landfill site. "Garbage In, Garbage Out", means that over time the health hazard from this facility will increase rather than diminish. The future residents of any new development in this area are therefore being cynically exposed to long term risk. 5 6 7

I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 8 9 10

Yours sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F75

From: ron capri <capriyoga@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:14 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: NO WAY to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

Lame proposal, uncreative, lacks imagination, lacks vision, lacks foresight, lacks understanding. Housing and new cities are the last, last, things we need in southern cal. right now. L.A. County: Fix what you've got. Maintain what you've got. THEN grow. 1

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 2 3 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 6 7 8

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Comment Letter No. F76

From: Dudley and Candace Campbell <cdcampbl@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 10:10 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

We are writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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Comment Letter No. F77

From: Craig Dremann <craig@ecoseeds.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:25 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Please Say No to Newhall Ranch, piecemeal review is illegal under CEQA and NEPA

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages". 1

Although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 2

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. 3 4

The county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 5

Piecemeal environmental review is illegal under both CEQA and NEPA. 6

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F78

From: Dorothy Dent <Saveislavistaparks@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 6:17 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

Please save our last natural flood plains and preserve a beautiful scenic drive through our rural farming areas that reflect our California agricultural heritage and natural beauty and provide habitat to our wildlife. 1
I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. 2
In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. 3
The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. 6
The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. 7
And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 8

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F79

From: Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Ely <irifi@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:24 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

We're writing to sincerely have you lead, by urging you to absolutely reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

As often as we travel to southern California, this is why we urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 5 6 7

Most sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Ely
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Comment Letter No. F80

From: Jeremiah George <jerngeorge@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:18 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Request to Deny any development of the " Newhall Ranch" properties.

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

As an agricultural landowner nearby to this project, a fifth generation resident of Los Angeles County and an opponent of any future sprawl- I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal. 1

The Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. 2 In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even 3 in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. 6 The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. 7 And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 8

Sincerely,

Jeremiah George
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Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
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Comment Letter No. F81

From: Martin Hanzlik <Tranquilspirits@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 11:58 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Again, Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I urge you to protect the Santa Clara River because it is the last free flowing river in all of Southern California. It is home to rare plants and animals including the California condor. 1

While the Mission and Landmark "villages" promise "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions, many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California. More likely they will come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 2 3

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 4 5 6

Sincerely,

Martin Hanzlik
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Seal Beach, CA 90740
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Comment Letter No. F82

From: Nancy Hotaling <nmhotaling@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 10:35 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

You must reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. It is important the county embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards. Not relying on an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. That's why the county must reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. 4 5 6

Newhall is now promising a "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, but there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species. With the population proposed, thousands of children and adults will be tromping up and down this beautiful, but vulnerable watershed. 7 8

This is the smart way to proceed to avoid unnecessary challenges in court. 9
Thank you,

Sincerely,

Nancy Hotaling
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Comment Letter No. F83

From: Jacque Lefler <jlefler@sonic.net>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:46 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. These "villages" will destroy more than 290 acres of floodplain of the last free-flowing river in Southern California -- the Santa Clara River. 5 6 7

At a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 8

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F84

From: Ronald Lyons <ron@lyonscpas.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:20 AM
To: Diane Aranda
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

As a lifelong resident of California whose family has been here since 1869, I am sick and tired of the continuing over-development that has done so much damage and destroyed the natural beauty of my state. 1

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 2 3 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 6 7 8

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F85

From: Roger McClure <R-J_MCCLURE@MSN.COM>
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 3:43 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: NO, NO, NO TO MISSION AND LANDMARK (NEWHALL RANCH) PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

That's why I URGE the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. A DISASTER! 5 6

AND, AT A MINIMUM, THE COUNTY MUST, MUST, MUST UNDERTAKE A FULL (YES FULL) environmental review that reflects CURRENT standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. MUCH HAS CHANGED IN 14 YEARS! 7

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F86

From: Rodney Stansfield <rodso64@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 1:07 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch. Please.

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 5 6 7

Please, protect what little we have left, before it is too late. 8

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F87

From: Rose Ann Witt <rawitt@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:48 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Newhall Ranch Remains A Threat to the Santa Clara River; Say NO

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing as a concerned Californian to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are a massive, ill-conceived new city, combining 5,500 houses plus 2.5 million square feet of commercial buildings crammed onto coastal wildlife habitat, cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality these "villages" will destroy more than 290 acres of floodplain of the last free-flowing river in Southern California -- the Santa Clara River; and many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity and quality. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

For all of these reasons, I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 6 7 8

Sincerely,

Rose Ann Witt
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Comment Letter No. F88

From: Nina Wouk <nwouk@ix.netcom.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:49 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Newhall Ranch - AGAINST

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

We need to protect what water we have left in this state, not overload under-watered land with unsustainable housing. 1

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. 2 In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. 3 The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. 6 The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. 7 And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 8

Sincerely,

Nina Wouk
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Menlo Park, CA 94025
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Comment Letter No. F89

From: William Mitchel <Wmitchel@cebridge.net>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 10:42 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 5 6 7

Beyond the above concerns, I have a great concern about the impact on wildlife and ever decreasing open space due to uncontrolled housing expansion which this proposal continues. There are more people in the Santa Clarita community than there ever should have been. The place is gridlocked and human caused impacts are everywhere. Enough is enough. 8 9

Sincerely,

William Mitchel
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Bishop, CA 93514
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Comment Letter No. F90

From: Dianne Burke <dianneburke20@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2017 10:05 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. I am also deeply concerned to keep wildlife habitat land and water, which is quickly disappearing, free and clear! 4 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 6 7 8

Sincerely,

Dianne Burke
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Comment Letter No. F91

From: Gail Camhi <gailcamhi24@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 9:20 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I strongly urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, though Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 5 6 7

Sincerely,

Gail Camhi
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Comment Letter No. F92

From: Joan Fuhry <joanfuhry@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 2:44 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Deny Newhall Ranch Over-Development!

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

The Southern California region needs to preserve as much open space as possible to counter the negative effects of suburban sprawl. Wildlife including birds, mammals, fish, and reptiles need to have habitat for life and reproduction; there is precious little of this left in Southern California and the Santa Clara River is critical for the maintenance of that habitat! 1

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" 2
are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In 3
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come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports 4
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wouldn't have occurred anyway.

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact 6
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remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a
full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to 8
implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review.

Sincerely,

Joan Fuhry
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Comment Letter No. F93

From: Daniel Ferra <danielferra58@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 1:11 PM
To: Diane Aranda
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 5 6 7

Sincerely

Stop Destroying Our Life Sustaining ECoSystems.

Daniel Ferra
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Palm Springs, CA 92263
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Comment Letter No. F94

From: J Elllis <jammelia3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:53 AM
To: Diane Aranda
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 5 6 7

Sprawl isn't necessary; infill is a much better answer to the need for housing. The currently available plans don't address current understanding of environmental issues. Newhall Ranch is a bad plan, a disaster for flora and fauna. Please, don't allow it. The Santa Clara River is a precious resource and must be protected. It's not replaceable and can't be duplicated. 8 9 10 11 12

Thank you.

Sincerely,

J A Ellis

J Elllis
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Berkeley, CA 94703
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Comment Letter No. F95

From: Karen Good <kgoodhh@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:17 AM
To: Diane Aranda
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

Please!!! No building on a eco-valuble floodplain!!! Especially the floodplain of the last free flowing river in LA County! I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 6 7 8

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F96

From: Bruce Hartzell <brucehartzell2@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:18 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to ask you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal. The Mission and Landmark "villages" are an poorly planned new city trying to pretend their are zero-emission. 1

In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. 2 The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. 5 The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. 6 And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 7

We need to protect endangered species more than ever. 8

Sincerely,

Bruce Hartzell
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Los Angeles, CA 90066
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Comment Letter No. F97

From: Martin Iseri <iseri@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 8:12 PM
To: Diane Aranda
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. Los Angeles County needs rivers more than more environmentally destructive suburbs with picturesque names. 5 6 7

Sincerely,

Martin Iseri
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Fair Oaks, CA 95628
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Comment Letter No. F98

From: Nancy Macy <nbbm@cruzio.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2017 5:16 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch - protect the Santa Clara River, don't destroy it

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I grew up in the LA area and am distressed by the continued destruction of wild habitat. I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 6 7 8

Sincerely,

Nancy Macy
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Boulder Creek, CA 95006
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Comment Letter No. F99

From: arnold martelli <arnold_martelli@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 11:24 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Please Deny Destructive Newt Newhall Ranch Proposal ..

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

As a Californian I urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal termed Mission and Landmark "villages" . This town, in the middle of unique extant wilderness, promises "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. which in reality obtain emissions reductions not on the deveolpment , or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of undetermined quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred with out the 'villages'..

The Mission and Landmark projects would be the end wild e Santa Clara River and valley. At a minimum the county should require a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review.

Thank you for your time and consideration. AM

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Comment Letter No. F100

From: Elissa Pekrul <epekrul@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:08 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I grew up in Southern California. I lived with rivers contained by concrete. Even as a child I recognized this was wrong. We need to preserve the natural beauty and habitat provided by flood plains. Southern California does not need more sprawl to eat up resources and wildlife habitat. Please DO NOT support the Newhall Ranch project. 1 2

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 3 4 5

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 6

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 7 8 9

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F101

From: Gretchen Gehres <gehresga@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 8:34 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Please, Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 5 6 7

We need to keep open space as much as we can. I have vision of this area becoming like the LA river.....all cement. NOT at all peaceful and meandering like it should be..... 8

Sincerely,

Gretchen Gehres
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San Mateo, CA 94401
AG

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Comment Letter No. F102

From: Susan Mokelke <smokelke@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 11:06 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I grew up in Los Angeles. Please keep it as an incredible city and respect the environment. 1

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" 2
are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In 3
reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would
come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports 4
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wouldn't have occurred anyway.

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the 5
highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected
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That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact 6
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full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to 8
implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review.

Sincerely,

Susan Mokelke
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CA, CA 94028
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Comment Letter No. F103

From: Karen Ashikeh <wayscans@mybluelight.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 3:55 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I am an LA County property owner and taxpayer and know that SO. CAL needs open spaces more than more development- especially where water flows. 1

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. 2 In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. 3 The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. 6 The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. 7 And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 8

Sincerely,

Karen Ashikeh
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Fremont, CA 94538
US

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Comment Letter No. F104

From: Shan Albert <shanals@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 4:45 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I can't believe you are even considering this project! Unless of course you believe that every last vestige of vacant land should be bulldozed. 1

Reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. 2 In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. 3 The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. 6 The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. 7 And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 8

Sincerely,

Shan Albert
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Comment Letter No. F105

From: Annette Wilson <acadosi@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 10:10 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

Indeed, in an area already water-poor, should you be adding more people to California, especially Southern California which needs Northern California water to survive. We've barely survived the latest drought, what's to say the next one won't be even worse. 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 6 7 8

Sincerely,

Annette Wilson
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CA, CA 95448
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Comment Letter No. F106

From: Amy Wolfberg <amyd1968@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2017 7:56 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to please reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 5 6 7

These developments do not contribute to smart growth for Los Angeles. We have plenty of room to grow using infill development. Why destroy what little natural habitat we have for unneeded sprawl? How will this development contribute to quality of life? 8

Sincerely,

Amy Wolfberg
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Comment Letter No. F107

From: A.J. Averett <AJAverett@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 5:48 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

Having been born in Los Angeles and having lived in the North-west San Fernando Valley, please reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 5 6 7

Very truly yours,

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La Mesa, CA 91942
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Comment Letter No. F108

From: Andrew Weiner <axweiner@pacbell.net>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:11 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

Water is our most precious resource in California, and we must be ever mindful of poor development choices. I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 6 7 8

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F109

From: Bella Silverstein <bellasilverstein@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 12:30 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I walk in the wash most days. Yesterday I saw something I had never seen before: a Least Bell's Vireo. That tiny songbird is federally protected because its habitat, like the wild, Santa Clara wash, is disappearing. Development is destroying its habitat. Extinction is forever. Once it's gone, this gorgeous creature is never coming back. I want my children to be able to see this beautiful species. I urge you to reject all development along the Santa Clara river, the last wild river in Southern California. 1 2

Reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal. The Mission and Landmark "villages" are ill-conceived. They constitute a large, new city, cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California. Instead they'd come from carbon marketers selling offsets — with no guarantee they would — of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards. Nothing's in place to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 3 4 5

Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish. Promises, promises; there are no safeguards in place to ensure that this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. With 10,000 people comes runoff, runoff full of pesticides and fungicides and Roundup weed killer. Runoff is water that runs off directly into the fish's stream. 6 7

The county must reject these projects. Do not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects will choke the Santa Clara River and valley with people, traffic, noise and pollution. It will destroy everything that makes this place desirable and distinct. 8 9

Please insist on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth. Do not implement the outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 10

Sincerely yours,

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Santa Clarita, CA 91387
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Comment Letter No. F110

From: Christina Smith <smichrl@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 10:01 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 5 6 7

Ecosystems are so interrelated that it's vital to focus on overall health and balance, rather than one or two criteria. 8

Sincerely,

Christina Smith
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Mountain View, CA 94040
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Comment Letter No. F111

From: Kacie Shelton <kacie@ofb.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2017 7:20 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 5 6 7

Los Angeles would be better served by more apartment buildings and improving the quality of living where people already live. 8

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F112

From: Sadie SullivanGreiner <s.sullivangreiner@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 4:30 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

The multi-year drought we have endured is surely all the evidence needed to demonstrate that the waterways, and water infrastructure of California require a great deal more thoughtful and careful management than has been the case over the last hundred years. 1

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 2 3 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 6 7 8

Sincerely,

Sadie SullivanGreiner
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El Cajon, CA 92020
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Comment Letter No. F113

From: Nadine Scott <nadia550@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 12:31 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; this is a wholly in appropriate location for this size and scope of development. 1
the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. 2 In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even 3 in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. 6 The Mission and Landmark projects 7 remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 8

Sincerely,

Nadine Scott
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Oceanside, CA 92054
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Comment Letter No. F114

From: Lori Sutter <lsscarmel@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2017 5:40 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. California's rivers like the Santa Clara need to be protected at all costs (considering this is basically a desert state and water is the one thing we cannot afford to waste or damage). 5 6 7 8

Sincerely,

Lori Sutter
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Modesto, CA 95350
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Comment Letter No. F115

From: Bob Tintle <bobtbird4@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:32 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Please Stop Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal, the Mission and Landmark projects. 1

These "villages" are a poorly conceived new city, masked with feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. 2 In truth, many of the emissions reductions will not happen on site, or even in California, but rather would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 3

Furthermore, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

Thus, I urge the county to reject these projects and not to certify the current environmental impact reports. 5 The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. 6 At the very least, the county should begin a complete environmental review that utilizes current standards for smart growth and not try to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 7

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. 8

Sincerely,

Bob Tintle
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Pacific Grove, CA 93950
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Comment Letter No. F116

From: M Topping <msterion@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 2:53 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

In fact, all our native species are imperilled by runaway suburban sprawl. 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 6 7 8

Sincerely,

M Topping
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Los Angeles, CA 90004
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Comment Letter No. F117

From: Kathleen Tugwell <sonomakat47@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 12:34 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

Stop environmentally harmful and unsupportable development. I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

Southern California already exceeds its local water supply availability and relies on water brought in from distant, out of area sources like Northern California and Colorado. Resources available to support the current Southern California population have been stretching the breaking point for years. Do not continue foolish profit driven development. It is past time to step up and act responsibly. 6 7

I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 8 9 10

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F118

From: Catherine Webb, DDS (retired) <cassowary@baymoon.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 7:48 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

Born and raised in the Los Angeles area, and vacationing in the nearby desert areas, I know the beauty and now the destruction of the southern California environs. When will we say enough is enough? 1

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 2 3 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

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Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F119

From: Bruce Williamson <brucealanwilliamson@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 10:02 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I live in Northern California but these issues are important everywhere in our state. So I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway.

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Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F120

From: Leland Baldwin <lbaldwin@jensonusa.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 3:07 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 5 6 7

Let's also look at water use requirements for 10,000 new inhabitants. California does NOT have the extra water for this project. Please be responsible and vote this project down. 8 9

Sincerely,

Leland Baldwin
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Norwalk, CA 90650
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Comment Letter No. F121

From: Amir Baum <amir.baum@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2017 7:01 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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The last thing we need these days is development in pristine natural greenfield areas with endangered animal and plant species that only promote more urban sprawl and environmental destruction. New communities need to be built as infill where urban development already exists, not in green fields pristine habitat! 8

Please do not destroy the last remaining free flowing river and the ecosystem that depends on it to build homes. It is a terrible and very misguided idea for the environment and human health with more increases in greenhouse gas emissions which we need to prevent and not to add to any further to making climate change worse. 9 10

Please do the right thing and I strongly urge you to not move forward or support this ill advised project. Thank you. 11

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F122

From: Nancy Berg <nancyberg4@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 10:12 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No! to Newhall Ranch development

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages". 1
According to the Center for Biological Diversity, this project will destroy more than 290 acres of floodplain of the last free-flowing river in Southern California -- the Santa Clara River. 2

This is unconceivable to me, a tax-payer and supporter of natural spaces. While I understand the need for development to support people and the economy, developing on such precious land and outdoor space is a very, very, bad idea, and I plead with you to not allow this to take place. 3

This why I strongly urge the County to reject these projects and to not certify the current Environmental Impact Reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. 4 The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and it's Valley. 5 And at a minimum, the County must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through a process of piecemeal environmental review. 6

Sincerely,

Nancy Berg
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Comment Letter No. F123

From: Eileen Bill <billeileen@sonic.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 05, 2017 10:53 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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We need to PROTECT our rivers! 8

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F124

From: Kathleen Boergers <Stampeyb@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 12:07 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal. California needs smart growth and management, based on real facts and accurate assessments. Not empty promises and out-of-date studies.

My family loves near the project area, and proposed "emission reductions" won't occur on site and thus, won't mitigate the project's impacts to neighborhoods, families, and the surrounding environment.

The Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway.

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Sincerely,

Kathleen Boergers
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Oakland, CA 94610
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Comment Letter No. F125

From: Tina Borders <tjbord@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 4:22 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I know there is a lot going on right now with politics and all that it involves but we can not forget the little things that may slip by us. The things that make our world worth living in and protecting like a clean and natural environment. 1

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 2 3 4

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Sincerely,

Tina Borders
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Comment Letter No. F126

From: Lisi Brown <wordcatcher1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 3:18 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

Humans won't be happy until they have destroyed every beautiful and important natural resource on the planet -- if there is money to be made. Humans are the most destructive creature on the planet!!! 1

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 2 3 4

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Sincerely,

Lisi Brown
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BURBANK, CA 91504
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Comment Letter No. F127

From: Geoff Campbell <flathead@californiamail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 11:12 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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I am adding a comment to the form letter...to state that I am now a permanent resident and moved here five years ago from Colorado and also resided here during my military service for three years, decades ago, ending 1983. I have observed recent projects and political processes and businesses in the Valencia area run carelessly and in a manner most people consider dishonest. I am disappointed in the attitudes of our 'establishment' arrogance and bullying behavior. The 'will of the people' seems to have no value in discouraging owners and officeholders from corruption and 'good ole boy' business practices. ‘Doing what we can get away with’ seems to have replaced ‘doing the right thing’ and I am a member of a local group that is working hard to re-establish good behavior by our government. 8 9

Sincerely,
Geoff Campbell

Geoff Campbell
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Comment Letter No. F128

From: Win Carson <wincarson@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:57 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. Please don't ruin another peaceful river valley with another gigantic development! 5 6 7 8

Sincerely,

Win Carson
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Poway, CA 92064
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Comment Letter No. F129

From: Judy Cassada <Expresso76@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 7:09 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

We must protect the Santa Clara River! I'm writing to strongly urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Judy Cassada
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Comment Letter No. F130

From: Sandra Cattell <sumcatt@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 7:01 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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Sincerely,
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Sandra Cattell
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Newhall, CA 91321
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Comment Letter No. F131

From: scott chapman <scott@salledefers.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 10:37 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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Sincerely,

p.s. Remember? There's a drought...one good season does not end a prolonged, multi-year drought! The water tables are being depleted and must be allowed to recharge; A FIVE TO TEN YEAR, IF NOT MORE, PROCESS! 8

SOONER OR LATER, WE MUST WAKE UP!!!!!!!!! 9

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Comment Letter No. F132

From: Karen Christie <karengracechristie@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 11:54 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

Every toilet uses 5 gallons of water to flush. 1
There have been thousands of apartment complexes built in the last year. They're all ugly. Leave something beautiful for people to feel uplifted, and even inspired by. 2
I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. 3
In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. 4
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Sincerely,

Karen Christie
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Comment Letter No. F133

From: s b <birthpagan@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 11:18 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

These "villages" will destroy more than 290 acres of floodplain of the last free-flowing river in Southern California -- the Santa Clara River. 1

In creating a new city of at least 10,000 people, this development would also eat away at already-diminishing habitat for some of the region's most iconic rare plants and animals, including the unarmored threespine stickleback, a rare fish, and two rare birds, the least Bell's vireo and California condor. And while Newhall is promising "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions, don't bet on it. The company's plan relies heavily on purchasing carbon credits from potentially dubious sources.I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 2 3 4 5 6 7

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Sincerely,

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don't ask for this
San Rafael, CA 94901
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Comment Letter No. F134

From: u.Hugo Rupp <urrupe@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 10:56 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

Our region needs not more nature-gnawing 'development' aka ecocide but protection of free-running rivers and the riparian environments they provide to all Californian resident species, including humans enjoying the iconic bio-diverse richness that has been here and has drawn people here since before 1850 and that draws visitors here now. There are few such environments left as it is and if there's one thing we can't do, it is 'build rivers." Lets firm up our responsible and irreducible priorities: Conserve, protect and maintain legacy natural environments and habitats where they still are and develop only those areas that are already impacted or transformed by prior developments. And let's not fall for fake realtor-speak that turns irreplaceable landscapes into their cynical ghosts typically called by kitschy names that are the sad residues of what used to precede such aesthetically deadening, resource-sucking and short-focus profit-driven types of 'Meadow Haven' or 'Wildwood Estates, or in this case 'Landmark' or 'Mission' Village.

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Therefore I am urging you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway.

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Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F135

From: Leah Roschke <bestillwater@yahoo.con>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:53 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

The last free-flowing river in SoCal deserves to be a state park or national monument. Not sucked up by a development. 1

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 2 3 4

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Sincerely,

Leah Roschke
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Comment Letter No. F136

From: Judy Reinsma <judyrwrites@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:19 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

As a 35 year resident of the Santa Clarita Valley I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal. Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

After the recent meeting regarding the required formation of a Santa Clara River Valley East Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, I found out even more about our local water supply and how in danger of overdraft it is with the current population, I think that any increase in residences of this magnitude is absolute lunacy. We cannot make more water, period. Every single home will consume on average 1.3 acre feet of water annually. The accompanying business, public landscape, etc will use even more. One robin does not mean spring is here and one wet winter does not mean we will have enough water in the coming years. 4 5 6 7 8

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 9

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 10 11 12

FOR A MULTITUDE OF REASONS, THIS DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE THROWN IN THE TRASH CAN, PERIOD. 13

Sincerely,

Judy Reinsma
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Santa Clarita, CA 91390
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Comment Letter No. F137

From: Richard Ramirez <rj@richardjohnmusic.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 12:42 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. Being born and raised in Southern California I am well aware of the encroachment problems associated with developments endangering the natural habitat environment that supports the Indigenous wildlife that inhabits a given area. I suggest you abandon this expansion program and protect what is left of what was once a pristine part of California. 5 6 7 8 9

Sincerely,

Richard Ramirez
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Kings Beach, CA 96143
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Comment Letter No. F138

From: Dell Quick <dellquick@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 11:28 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

Los Angeles County's existing settled areas, including cities and towns, can much better accommodate new construction; that way, existing processes for careful building can be used and existing government oversight will be utilized. 4

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That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 6 7 8

Sincerely,

Dell Quick
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Temple City, CA 91780
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Comment Letter No. F139

From: Jim and Gloria Purcell <gloria@extragalactic.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 1:01 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. Nor can it be protected from children. 4 5

The entire county of Los Angeles, and most of Central and Southern CA, is an environmental disaster area that spreads its tentacles up through Northern CA and out even to Arizona and the Colorado River. Here you have a unique stream and a unique opportunity to save a tiny remnant of nature. Please make it a protected Park instead! It would be a very positive health measure! Last year when we visited LA, I had horrible asthma and we had to leave a day early. Endless asphalt, concrete and brown sky is stifling to the spirit, too. So are endless developments. 6 7 8

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth (which also will not work, by the way) instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. Environmental review must take into account effects and impacts that extend beyond the borders of the project. In the case of streams and rivers, that means all the way downstream and all of the riparian habitat the entire length. Please completely revise the Newhall Specific Plan in a far more profoundly environmentally sound direction. And you might need that floodplain for flooding, too! 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

Thank you for considering our views, 16
Sincerely,

Jim and Gloria Purcell
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Belmont, CA 94002
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Comment Letter No. F140

From: Julie Clark De Blasio <clarkdeblasio@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 11:31 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. The bridges are not the only threat to the fish. Construction, urbanization, discharges to the river, and vegetation 'management' that will remove native plants from the river and corridor will degrade the habitat and imperil the fish population. 4 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 6 7 8

CEQA legislation is very clear about the viability of environmental documents. Five to seven years is the lifetime of a document. The Newhall Specific Plan is clearly outdated, the project is being 'updated' incrementally through periodic rewrites, yet the master document, which is the Specific Plan, has not been revised. 9

Newhall Ranch is a morass of draconican planning principles and design that may have been contemporary 20 or more years ago. The project utilizes elements clearly disproved to be sustainable in the 21st century. 10

Sincerely,

Julie Clark De Blasio
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Comment Letter No. F141

From: Bruce Coston <jane_ikari@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 2:34 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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Stop the insanity . 8

Sincerely,

Bruce Coston
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CA, CA 94087
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Comment Letter No. F142

From: Tobey Crockett <tobeycrockett@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 11:55 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

Let's get real: biodiversity is the greatest treasure trove of the future. For that reason, I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway.

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project.

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review.

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Sincerely,

Tobey Crockett

Morro Bay, CA 93442
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Comment Letter No. F143

From: Bill Prince <sendbillsomenews@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 4:07 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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I just don't think we have to develop everything. In particular anything we can do to preserve water seems worth it. I think water will become scarce due to our mismanagement. 8 9

Sincerely,

Bill Prince
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San Francisco, CA 94114
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Comment Letter No. F144

From: Maria Cubillo <isacubillo@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 7:15 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Reject Newhall Ranch development projects

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I would not like to see our limited natural habitat spaces become nonexistant. I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway.

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That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review.

Sincerely,

Maria Cubillo
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Los Angeles, CA 90033
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Comment Letter No. F145

From: Debra Polansky <720polansky@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:41 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

ALONG WITH REASONS WHICH INCLUDE THE PROFESSIONAL INPUT BELOW, I PERSONALLY VALUE THE LAST OF THIS BEAUTIFUL ECO SYSTEM. MY HUSBAND AND I RECENTLY TOOK HWY 33 THROUGH THE CENTRAL VALLEY TO OJAI ON OUR WAY TO SANTA MONICA. HWY 33 TRAVERSES JUST THE EDGE OF THIS WONDERFUL AND BEAUTIFUL ENVIRONMENT WHICH SHOULD BE PRESERVED. 1

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. 2 In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. 3 The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. 6 The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. 7 And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 8

Sincerely,

Debra Polansky
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Auburn, CA 95603
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Comment Letter No. F146

From: eileen daniels <eileendaniels@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:35 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 5 6 7

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

eileen daniels
25956 Sand Canyon Rd
Santa Clarita, CA 91387
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Comment Letter No. F147

From: Lorna Paisley <lpaisley@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 10:26 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

Messing up mother nature always has a back lash. Leave the river alone. 1

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 2 3 4

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Sincerely,

Lorna Paisley
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Lake Balboa, CA 61025
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Comment Letter No. F148

From: Matt Pakucko <Pakuckomat@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 10:40 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

You can't be fu&&ing serious. 1
You are turning Southern California into a concrete jungle. This has to stop.
I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" 2
are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In 3
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full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to 8
implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review.

Sincerely,

Matt Pakucko
19410 Kilfinan St
Porter Ranch, CA 91326
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Comment Letter No. F149

From: GARRINE PETERSEN <RICKANDJERI@COPPER.NET>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 10:06 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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Sincerely,

GARRINE PETERSEN
12130 TRUESDALE ST.
SUN VALLEY, CA 91352
US

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Comment Letter No. F150

From: Lu Plauzoles <lacite2001@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 2:31 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. This is the latest excuse for unreasonable development in water-starved L.A. County. 1 2 3 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

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Sincerely,

Lu Plauzoles

Santa Monica, CA 90402

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Comment Letter No. F151

From: steven dayton <stevendayton@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 3:02 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

As a wildlife biologist currently working in California to enforce an at-best 'case-by-case' regulatory framework, I am writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal. The Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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Sincerely,

steven dayton
15039 brown lane
victorville, CA 92394
US

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Comment Letter No. F152

From: Deborah DeMaddalena <dademad@cox.net>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 10:49 AM
To: Diane Aranda
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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Continued Urban development will erode and destroy our natural environment. As citizens and guardians of this planet, it is our duty to act responsibly and not be so short sighted. 8 9

Sincerely,

Deborah DeMaddalena
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Tustin, CA 92782
US

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Comment Letter No. F153

From: Jill Denton <jillgdfrnd@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 5:55 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say NO to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners, 1

I want to see the Santa Clara River running free, so I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. 2 In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. 3 The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 4

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Sincerely,

Jill Denton
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Los Osos, CA 93402
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Comment Letter No. F154

From: CANDACE DEPONTE <givemelibertybell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 12:58 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. We just had MAJOR FLOODING in Newhall and Santa Clarita from torrential rainfall in January, 2017 from THIS RIVER!!!!! It is BAD for the environment and for people to live NEAR this free flowing river. PLEASE STOP PLANS TO BUILD HERE!!!!!! 5 6 7 8

Sincerely, Candace Deponte.

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Comment Letter No. F155

From: Jane Orbuch <jorbuch@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 11:42 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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I grew up in Los Angeles and a vital part of urban area is preserving watersheds and open space for urban residents. 8

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F156

From: Kit O'Doherty <kitodoherty@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:43 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch, Now and Forever

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

Isn't enough of LA already paved over? When is the race to make a buck going to end? When all remaining places of beauty and solitude are paved over? More pollution, more cars - things LA is already world renowned for. 1 2

Reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 3 4 5

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Sincerely,

Kit O'Doherty

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Comment Letter No. F157

From: Gregg Oelker <n2caves@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 10:10 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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Development is out of control right now. Can't we take a break? 8

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F158

From: Stacey Nozaki <staceynozaki@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 10:19 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

Please do not allow the destruction of the Santa Clara River Valley in the name of money. 1 Because that is what this all about. If you are interested in serving the greater good, then you'll consider the habitat 2 that provides a home for plants and animals that are rare and unique to the region. You'll think about 3 greenhouse gas emissions and what it means for everyone. Before you embark on this misadventure, you should consider whether it's truly necessary. Nestle just said that they are leaving. So have a lot of other companies. You might just be allowing the next Bodie to be built. 4

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" 5 are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In 6 reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports 7 contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway.

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That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact 9 reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects 10 remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to 11 implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review.

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F159

From: Dashiell Dunkell <dash_sc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 7:29 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

As an environmental scientist and concerned citizen who has worked in the Santa Clara River, I know what a unique ecological gem this waterway is. That is why I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3 4

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Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F160

From: Dayel Eiser <mde4peace@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 10:29 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch Destruction

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

Open space and nature are vital for all people, an actual need and right not just for corporations intent on profit to destroy. I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, To focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback is too narrow. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. At a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 1 2 3 4 5

Reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. 6 7

In order to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there must be "no water contact" at all, not even a bridge construction project. By rejecting the project entirely, there will be no need for safeguards and thus ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed at all. 8

Please have a wider, comprehensive, realistic view of this matter and preserve the irreplaceable natural treasure for the present and future generations to experience. 9

Sincerely,
Dayel Eiser

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Comment Letter No. F161

From: Richard Nielson <richs16196@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 10:44 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

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Seems to be a Repeat of the 1970's LA County Board of Supervisor's that "was" (secretly) wasn't going to allow Dirt Vehicular Access to the River. 4

What doe County Flood Control say? 5

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 6

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Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F162

From: Francesca Ellis <fellis4bosox@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:19 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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I also want to add I am sick of the over development in this state. Robbing nature's natural habitats to bring more people and traffic! This state is controlled by Democrats who say they are so conscious about protecting the environment but yet you let all these developers come in and destroy our open lands! We do NOT want this!! 8

Sincerely,
Francesca Ellis

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Comment Letter No. F163

From: Deborah Filipelli, PhD <dfilipelli@mcn.org>
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 1:13 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

The following represents my position in strong opposition to the Mission and Landmark projects. 1

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" 2
are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In 3
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implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review.

Sincerely,

Deborah Filipelli, PhD
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Comment Letter No. F164

From: Frances Marsh <franshan42@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 11:02 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F165

From: Betsy Mercer <mercer.betsy@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 12:55 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

Has anyone thought about increased traffic on the 5? It is already a nightmare. And the water table? One season of rain isn't sufficient to end the drought. 4 5

And horseback riding and hiking? Enjoying the outdoors is why many people move to the SCV, and paseos won't help riders and hikers. 6

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Bottom line: The EIR must address access for hiking and riding, the water supply and increased traffic, in addition to the issues of greenhouse gas and stickleback. Comprehensive planning must be undertaken before this project is approved! Thank you. 11 12

Sincerely,

Betsy Mercer

Betsy Mercer

Valencia, CA 91354
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Comment Letter No. F166

From: eric&kay Nelson <ericnkayn@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 7:04 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

Please leave the land surrounding the last free-flowing river in S. Calif., alone, for the fish and the wildlife and birds who NEED THAT HABITAT to SURVIVE. Thank you, Newhall, for acting RESPONSIBLY and REJECTING this large new housing development. 1 2

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 3 4 5

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Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F167

From: Connie Lim <eaglelim2013@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 8:06 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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Please consider once we destroy nature, we are affecting our children's natural resources.Let's save, restore and improve natural habitats. Thank you. 8
Sincerely,
Connie Lim

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Comment Letter No. F168

From: David Enevoldsen <david.enevoldsen@kla-tencor.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 11:06 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. The whole carbon credits/offsets concept is a joke, and the joke is on us and planet earth! 1 2 3 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

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Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F169

From: Barbara Lyon <barbelyon@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:46 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

Please reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal. 1 I am a many generation Californian of this area, love it and wish to protect it for future generations. 2 I love its lands, riverlets, boulders, ALL of it! We have already trashed and ruined so many once beautiful lands we must keep those we still do have.

The Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city disguised in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions, 3 but those emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, 4 but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. 5 The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway.

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, 6 there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project.

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, 7 which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. 8 The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. 9 A full environmental review that reflects current standards must be used instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review.

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F170

From: Jean Fraschina <jfraschina@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:24 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners, 1

DON'T DO IT! BIG MISTAKE! I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. 2 In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even 3 in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 4

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Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F171

From: Elen Gchesa <trueromanticlife@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 10:09 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

STOP destroying the environment, Los Angeles@! You cant keep cramming more and more people in. Northern California will soon stop sending its water to you. 1

It is your DUTY to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. 2 In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. 3 The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 4

Do NOT endanger the last flowing river, which is absolutely necessary. 5
What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 6

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. 7 The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. 8 And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 9

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Comment Letter No. F172

From: Cher Gilmore <gilmore.cher@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 11:59 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I agree with the Center for Biological Diversity, S.C.O.P.E. and other environmental organizations that the proposed Newhall Ranch project is a terrible idea. 1 It would not only increase carbon emissions (despite their dubious claims otherwise), exacerbating climate change, 2 but would also inhibit what little water we get from being efficiently absorbed into our aquifers, since 290 acres of floodplain would be effectively paved over. 3 Please reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal! The Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. 4 In reality many -- perhaps most -- of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, 5 but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. 6 The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway.

Furthermore, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, 7 there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project.

For these reasons and many others - including excessive added traffic and stress on our already inadequate infrastructure 8 -- I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, 9 which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. 10 The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. At a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 11

Sincerely,

Cher Gilmore
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Comment Letter No. F173

From: Techno Git <technogit@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 3:08 PM
To: DRP Special Projects; Diane Aranda; AskR5@wildlife.ca.gov
Subject: Newhall Ranch Project

Gentlepeople,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. **In reality, many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead, would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of an unknown quantity.** The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, **there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. Moreover, The Santa Clara River is the only wild river left in Los Angeles County.** 4 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gasses and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum, the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 6 7 8

Sincerely,

Jeri Ann Boyd

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Santa Clarita, CA 91321

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Comment Letter No. F174

From: Linda Goetz <linda_goetz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 11:06 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

The state is already overpopulated our environment is fragile. Please understand that more people means MORE traffic and trash and more usage of water. Enough! 1

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 2 3 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

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Sincerely,

Linda Goetz
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Comment Letter No. F175

From: Marie Goewert <mtgoewert@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 5:52 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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I have been an environmental professional (air and hazardous waste) for the past 30 years and this this project is a bad idea. 8
Sincerely,

Marie Goewert
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Clovis, CA 93619
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Comment Letter No. F176

From: Frances Goff <frananth@netzero.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 10:38 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 5 6 7

The Santa Clara is a RIVER; we're still in a DROUGHT. Do the grade-school math. 8

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F177

From: James Gonsman <jg44314@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 12:11 PM
To: Diane Aranda
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

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I grew up in Ventura County (1945 to 1962) and know the Santa Clara River and it's tributaries (Santa Paula, Sespe, and Fillmore) very well. Please preserve them. 8

Sincerely,

James Gonsman
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Comment Letter No. F178

From: Kim James <Kimmerjames@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 12:02 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners, 1

Since Wild space is so important I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 2 3 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

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Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F179

From: Melody Grigg <melody.muzette@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 8:34 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 5 6 7

Please, there is no greater threat to the entirety of humanity than climate change and it is imperative that our infrastructure, culture, and lifestyles keep up with the science. Fossil fuels served their purpose to initially advance civilization; however, they were never a sustainable resource in the first place and now that climate change is already upon us, it is time to continue to advance civilization by moving to clean energy sources that aren't going to devastate our future. All of the science and solutions already exist; now we just have to continue to implement them and lead the world in the right direction. Large companies like ExxonMobil do not like the clean direction that the world is now heading in, but ultimately it benefits them too since continuing to rely on their harmful product will only lead to total ruin. Thus, please, continue to fight for what is just and help make the world a better and safer place to live. 8 9

Sincerely,

Melody Grigg
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Santa Maria, CA 93455
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Comment Letter No. F180

From: Kurt Gross <tigercat3@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 3:24 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 5 6 7

In short, it's not needed, AND THE PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY CARE ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT DON'T WANT IT. 8

Sincerely,

Kurt Gross
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Comment Letter No. F181

From: Laura Leifer <lleifer@fielding.edu>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:08 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

We must protect our environment against the never-ending surge of humans into the area and the destruction of our previous rivers and environs. There is no need for more human construction just to make a buck for developers. STOP DESTROYING OUR COUNTRY! 1

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 2 3 4

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That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 6 7 8

Sincerely,

Laura Leifer
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Santa Ynez, CA 93460
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Comment Letter No. F182

From: Susan Harby <susanharby@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 12:42 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

To who it may concern, I grew up in Los Angeles County and got to see wild rivers and the beauty of the natural landscape. 1 Please save the Santa Clara River Valley for posterity so young people can appreciate the beauty of nature. 2 Many more people will be served than making a few developers wealthy by enjoying this land as a natural park. 3 Also the wild animals need places to go. They are also an inspiration for the young to see, study and enjoy. 4 Please save this piece of old California and heed the following message.

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. 5 In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. 6 The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 7

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 8

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. 9 The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. 10 And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 11

Sincerely,

Susan Harby
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Comment Letter No. F183

From: George Leddy <gleddy@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 1:12 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

This project has been hanging over the Santa Clarita basin for decades. It will not die. It has never been a good project. Suburban sprawl is the last thing we should be doing right now. Our efforts would be better spent on in-fill and density than yet another burg of MacMansions on the perimeter of the Angelino world. 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 6 7 8

Sincerely,

George Leddy
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Valley Glen, CA 91401
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Comment Letter No. F184

From: Dennis & Kathleen Lees <dennislees@cox.net>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 12:47 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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We need to work to save valuable, relatively undisturbed water sheds and waterways like the Santa Clara River and valley. Very few are left in near pristine conditions and we owe that to our children and their offspring. 8

Sincerely,

Dennis & Kathleen Lees
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Comment Letter No. F185

From: Nancy Hiestand <nancya0624@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 10:50 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I care about the LA area where I grew up. I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway.

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That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review.

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Sincerely,

Nancy Hiestand
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Davis, CA 95616
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Comment Letter No. F186

From: Alan Lambert <lechefgerard@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 2:22 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

Most importantly, we simply HAVE to recognize that encroaching on our natural Earth to house more humans, and create short term profits for some companies has to stop. It may temporarily be easier than creating higher density use of the portions of the Earth we have already co-opted, but it the long run is self defeating, and irreversibly destructive. Our focus HAS to change. 1

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 2 3 4

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Sincerely,

Alan Lambert
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Comment Letter No. F187

From: Barry Katz <katznbarry@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 1:57 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

Time and time again, the County gives priority to new development over improving the current system, especially in the older poverty areas. Let's stop this cycle of urban sprawl that only puts off the inevitability of the disrepair and obsolescense of the existing infrastructure. I am sure there will be other opportunities for the County to increase its tax base and opportunities for bribes (in the form of campaign contributions, perks and outright cash deposited in off-shore or Swiss accounts) from other sources. 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 6 7 8

Sincerely,

Barry Katz
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West Hollywood, CA 90046
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Comment Letter No. F188

From: Cheryl Keith <K2005Success@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 3:34 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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Don't dismiss my input because I have a northern California mailing address. I still own property in Los Angeles County and pay taxes that support Los Angeles County. 8

Sincerely,

Cheryl Keith
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Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
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Comment Letter No. F189

From: Dr, Mha Atma S Khalsa <earthactionnetwork@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 2:16 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: REJECT Newhall Ranch!

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

As a lifetime LA county resident, taxpayer and voter I very strongly urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F190

From: Cindy Kimmick <ckimmick@ucla.edu>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:38 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch, save the Santa Clara River

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

As a board member and volunteer for a habitat restoration nonprofit (which oversees and works on a project on the Santa Clara River), I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

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Sincerely,

Cindy Kimmick
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Sylmar, CA 91342
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Comment Letter No. F191

From: Saran Kirschbaum <sarank@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 5:30 PM
To: Diane Aranda
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. The future consequences won't be repairable because of the climate. 1 2 3 4

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Sincerely,

Saran Kirschbaum
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Los Angeles, CA 90035
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Comment Letter No. F192

From: Jeannine Koshear <jkoshear@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:38 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

As a California native who has witnessed tens of thousands acres of the Golden State lost to urban development, I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 5 6 7

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F193

From: Gary Kuehn <frump55@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 4:37 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

It is SHAMEFUL of you to even consider this project. Anything for a buck, eh? You won't be happy until the last oak, the last coyote and the last vestige of wild water are sacrificed in the name of 'progress'. You're all about quantity of life, nothing about quality. As a Newhall resident since 1978, you may color me thoroughly disgusted. 1

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. 2 In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. 3 The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. 6 The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. 7 And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 8

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F194

From: Louise Schwartz <alpschw@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 1:58 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

My mother grew up in Santa Paula and I spent time in the Santa Clara Valley all my life. The story of the failed dam and the deaths along the Ventura County River are vivid and not forgotten. How can such a development be planned for the flood plain?! 1

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 2 3 4

What about the air impacts, the traffic in the rural valley? 5

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That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 7 8 9

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F195

From: Phyllis Holliday <phyllis.holliday@att.net>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 11:12 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 1 2 3

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 4

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 5 6 7

On a personal note, I advocate keeping our environment safe. The Santa Clara River should not be ruined. 8
Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F196

From: Judith Kaluzny <jak@judithkaluzny.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 12:28 PM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I read about the Santa Clara river area in "The Ecology of Fear." What a sad history of Los Angeles County. "Of all sad words of tongue and pen, the saddest of these, It might have been." 1

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 2 3 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. And at a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. 6 7 8

Sincerely,

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Comment Letter No. F197

From: Janice Kaplan <Janla@me.com>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:16 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I used to own a home not far from this proposed housing project and can tell you that it will have a huge environmental impact, not only on nature but on traffic as well. 1

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages" are an ill-conceived new city cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. In reality many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in California, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions that wouldn't have occurred anyway. 2 3 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

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Comment Letter No. F198

From: Kathleen Kite-Powell <katzpaw.ink@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 6:07 AM
To: DRP Special Projects
Subject: Say No to Newhall Ranch

Dear L.A. County Regional Planners,

I'm writing to urge you to reject Newhall Ranch's latest proposal; the Mission and Landmark "villages," which apparently are an ill-conceived new city, cloaked in feel-good promises of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions. Yet there is no proof that it will be progressive or truly environmentally progressive! How odd! In reality, many of the emissions reductions won't occur on site, or even in CA, but instead would come from carbon marketers selling offsets of unknown quantity. That is just plain misleading. The environmental impact reports contain no clear standards to ensure that offsets represent real, enforceable, verifiable reductions.And how does that truly help this site, during development and after people live there? 1 2 3 4

What's more, although Newhall is now promising "no water contact" bridge construction to protect the highly imperiled stickleback fish, there are no safeguards in place to ensure this federally protected species won't be harmed through the life of the project. 5

That's why I urge the county to reject these projects and not certify the current environmental impact reports, which focus solely on greenhouse gases and stickleback. The Mission and Landmark projects remain a disaster for the Santa Clara River and valley. At a minimum the county must embark on a full environmental review that reflects current standards for smart growth, instead of trying to implement an outdated, 14-year-old "Newhall Specific Plan" through piecemeal environmental review. If you want to approve a project of this sort, it seems better to not involve river bank property. Perhaps the project should instead be put permanently to rest. 6 7 8 9 10

Sincerely,

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