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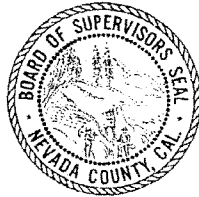
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November 14, 2006

Donald Schrader, Chairman
Yuba County Board of Supervisors
915 8th Street, Suite 109
Marysville, CA 95901

Dear Chairman Schrader:

Thanks for keeping Nevada County abreast as to the Yuba Highlands proposal.

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors wishes to forward additional comments with respect to potential impacts of the proposed Yuba Highlands development. Attached please find Nevada County's comments to the Draft EIR. The primary concern for Nevada County outlined in these comments is that the Draft EIR is identified as a program EIR as opposed to a project EIR. We believe the Draft EIR was insufficiently specific to provide full information on potential environmental impacts as outlined in Nevada County's comments dated April 28, 2005. If the EIR is approved, the developer may bypass further environmental review to implement the project. Issue of key concern to Nevada County are increased traffic on Highway 20 east of Hammonton-Smartville Road, encroachment on land and airspace at Beale Air Force Base, unexploded ordnance that has not yet been removed from the former Camp Beale (including 2,900 acres that would comprise Yuba Highlands), potential impacts to the Spenceville Wildlife and Recreation Area, and a detailed and complete examination of impacts to schools, roads, sewage systems, water supplies and other public services and facilities.

In light of these potential impacts to Nevada County and the overlapping communities, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors appreciates the close coordination between our two counties and our respective planning agencies. We look forward to future opportunities to continue to work with your Board and staff as the Yuba Highlands proposal moves through the EIR and project application phase.

Thanks again for including us in the process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nate Beason". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Nathan H. Beason
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attachment