



RE: Tentative Subdivision Map Time Extension TM07-1441-E-2/Shinn Ranch

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RE: Tentative Subdivision Map Time Extension
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We live on Slate Creek Road, adjacent to this proposed project.

Eleven years ago this project began. Eleven years ago we had not suffered years of drought. Eleven years ago we did not have the population we have now along the Mother Lode/Pleasant Valley corridors. Eleven years ago we were not so dry that merely starting an engine could claim the lives and the homes of thousands of families. Much has changed in eleven years. But the condition and capacity of Mother Lode Drive and Pleasant Valley Road has not.

Just a few days ago, we were forced to pack up in anticipation of evacuation orders due to the Bumper Fire. I am told that Mother Lode Drive was jammed with the traffic of those who were evacuating that day. Jammed and dangerous. This, over a fire that, at it's conclusion, scorched only 50 acres. Think of the disaster if this had been a fire involving a much larger area.

You cannot, in good conscience, dump another 143 families into the escaping crowd.

Not long ago, I encountered a distraught man in the lobby of the Planning Department. He had applied for and received permission to build his dream home. But due to personal setbacks he was unable to get started with the project. The planning department informed him that his time was up since the project had not moved forward. He was told he would have to begin the process all over again. If this is what you told a private citizen after a one year delay, how could you possibly indulge people, who don't even live here, with an extension after ELEVEN YEARS?????

Our tax dollars pay your salaries and the foremost priority of any planned project is the safety of the community. You were warned of these dangers eleven years ago and now, for many of us, our worst nightmares are becoming a reality.

You have no right to jeopardize our lives. Your responsibility is to protect us.

I was there when the Oakland Hills burned in 1991. People were INCINERATED in their cars,

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trying to escape on inadequate roads. Similar tragedies are taking place all over California right now.

Imagine your own loved ones on Mother Lode Drive, trapped in the flames due to a stupid and irresponsible decision on your part.

This is a no brainer. Do your job. **JUST SAY NO!**

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