

Public Comment
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Meeting of 9/11/2024

I am Karen Brown, 1150 Oro Loma Drive. We (my husband and I) are appealing to this body to please make the recommendation to the planner and developer to create an alternate route to the proposed "New Roadway" or "Drainage Grade". It must not connect to Oro Loma Drive. A Private Road.

Our property was purchased in 1987 and my family has been there for over 37 years. We have a small farm, certified by the El Dorado County Dept of Ag. I understand that this is an advisory body for the "agricultural element" of this project, but I would like to lay out some background if I may.

Our home was purchased on a Private Road, in which at the time the entire north side was dirt and gravel. It is a unique road which rises approximately 450 feet in under .5 of a mile, then descends for the final .3. Very steep.

This road known as Oro Loma Drive was built and has been maintained by its residents. It now has asphalt from North to South, culverts and ditches to manage storm water, and is *still* paid for and maintained by its residents.

The Carlton Lane Subdivision is something we are aware of but had no idea of the proposed 40' Right of Way that will connect Oro Loma Drive to Carlton Lane. This was a big surprise and would create many issues for property owners on Oro Loma. First, the area where it is proposed on the map, 1260 Oro Loma Drive (I will call this Gladys' house), is on one of, if not the steepest parts of the road. We would like to know how this will affect the storm water as our culverts may not be built for that much of a change in water flow. The map also doesn't show you the very well-established orchard that would be destroyed. Gladys cared for at least 9 fruit trees for the better part of 40 years. She also has the most amazing southwest style garden with century plants and cacti that when in full bloom are spectacular. This is one of the highlights of our beautiful road. You should come out and take a look.

As previously mentioned, Oro Loma Drive is maintained and paid for by its members. The Oro Loma Road Group Inc, of El Dorado County was established in 1999 and has been operational ever since. OLRG's purpose is to maintain the culverts and ditch lines, tree and limb overgrowth, weed abatement and asphalt health. With voluntary annual contributions by the 26 OLRG members (1 per property) ,and voluntary cleanup crews, we have carefully and successfully kept our roadway safe and passable. As a Board Member of the OLRG, I am stunned that we or the OLRG were not informed of this proposal before this agenda item being posted last Friday. I will soon be requesting an emergency meeting of the OLRG for discussion.

There is currently a petition circulating and I am certain it will include every member's signature, except for the one who has control of Gladys's house. That property has been empty since Gladys' passing and I am certain that the one who controls the property is only in it for the money. Is the intention to demolish a single-family home?

We are appealing to this body to please make the recommendation to the planning commission and developer to create an alternate route to the proposed "New Roadway". It must not connect to Oro Loma Drive. A Private Road.

Thank you!

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