

Public Comment #19
BOS Recd. 1-30-24

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Sent: Monday, January 29, 2024 4:56 PM
To: BOS-District I; BOS-District II; BOS-District III; BOS-District IV; BOS-District V
Cc: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Agenda item 19 January 30, 2024

Hello Supervisors,

I am writing in support of the letter being sent related to Native Directions/HomeCA Substance Use Disorder Treatment Center.

After reviewing the documents, I would like to recommend that information from the application (date 8-31-2022) be further assessed to confirm that they fulfilled their obligation.

In section 27 (Permits and Approvals) there are 3 items they committed to:

- Permit to start construction - their note "will notify the county of the urgency of the project (to be submitted)"
- Consultant setup a meeting with DHS (I assume this means state, but not sure)
- We will also notify the Fire Department to obtain fire clearance for the facility (large red flag here).

In another file (E-WIC 5960.3) section 5

- The project applicant submits to the lead agency a letter of support, or other durable documentary proof for the project, from a county, city or other local public entity for any new proposed construction, major alteration work, or rehabilitation.

Based on information published on this agenda item, it does not appear that some of these items were completed, unless other county documentation is not included. This could help with a stronger response if the applicant did not follow the requirements.

Regards,

Linda K Campbell

From: BOS-District IV
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 8:24 AM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Fw: Loss of County Zoning authority

Item 24-0205

From: gina posey <gposey777@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 28, 2024 6:53 PM
To: BOS-District IV <bosfour@edcgov.us>
Subject: Loss of County Zoning authority

Supervisor Parlin –

As a resident of District 4, I share the concern as stated below from the residents of Deer Valley Road.

As they stated their goal to get this development stopped, or at least moved to a more appropriate location. If the developer refuses to move to a different location, it is our opinion that while the County can't require a special use permit, there are a lot of areas where El Dorado County (EDC) could require further study from this developer prior to granting permits. Residents who recently built houses nearby know the strict requirements that El Dorado County enforced in their development to obtain residential build permits. The requirements should be much higher in facilities of this commercial nature, size, and medical functions. The county can and should rigorously enforce appropriate codes and requirements. These are a few areas of particular concern:

- **Traffic impact Deer Valley Road** – this is a dangerous road already, and these facilities bring significant increases in resident density and delivery/staff traffic. This endangers all the residents who have to utilize this road daily. We would like to see the county require any development of this scale to widen and improve Deer Valley Road for the 1.5 miles that are required to get to these facilities. The facilities are also planned to utilize community easement roads that are currently dirt, and less than two lanes wide. If these facilities were to be built, at a minimum they should be required to widen, and pave these roads.
- **Environmental Impact Study** – although this development is supposed to be immune to CEQA requirements, the county should definitely require the developer to prove this won't negatively impact the surrounding environment for these parcels. This location relies on a shared groundwater source and residential septic systems for sewage. As these facilities will be handling Substance Use Disorder patients, as well as providing perinatal pregnancy medical care, they must be held to the appropriate codes to protect both the patients, as well as the surrounding community from sewage and medical waste.
- **Water Use Study** – these facilities will utilize significant water, and all the neighboring residents utilize a shared water source that our wells tap into. Can our water source support facilities of this size, and medical nature? Maybe the county should require that these parcels utilize EID water/sewer?
- **Emergency Service Availability** – these facilities will have higher incidences of medical and police calls than a typical residential home. The county should work with the Sheriff

and Ambulance service providers to ensure increased availability of police and ambulance service for these facilities. Who will fund these increases?

- **Fire Safety and Egress** – Beyond the typical fire safety that would be required of any development, there are additional concerns regarding the roads and safety to the residents that live off of the two private roads that surround these parcels. The proposed development exacerbates Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) concerns. These residents have a single egress out of their rural residences (Sands Rd, north and south of these parcels) and that road faces the real possibility of becoming inaccessible should a wildfire ensue from the parcels proposed for these facilities. This scenario presents the real possibility of catastrophe and as far as we know, there has been no collaboration with Fire agencies to harden the environment and reduce the very real possibility of risk of loss and life.

I am also concerned that this is another example of an Indian Tribe buying property without concern and input from the neighbors. How can the County regain control over our zoning? Or are we doomed to continue to see external organizations taking over land in our county without having to follow the same rules as the local residents?

Thanks
Gina

From: Kim Dawson
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 8:31 AM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: FW: Proposed Native Directions/HomeCA Substance Use Disorder Treatment Centers 1-30-2024 BOS Agenda

Can you please reach out to Joe and ask if he would like this attach to public comment. Thanks, Kim

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Subject: Proposed Native Directions/HomeCA Substance Use Disorder Treatment Centers 1-30-2024 BOS Agenda

Dear Board Members,

I support Supervisor Parlin's recommended action on this morning's agenda.

This project, as I understand it, is an extremely bad fit for the proposed location.

Joe Harn
Auditor-Controller
El Dorado County

From: BOS-District IV
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 8:46 AM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Fw: I am a resident of Deer Valley Road and am concerned about the treatment facilities proposal

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From: Denise Burke <deniseburke@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2024 6:16 PM
To: BOS-District IV <bosfour@edcgov.us>
Subject: I am a resident of Deer Valley Road and am concerned about the treatment facilities proposal

Dear Supervisor Parlin,

I am a homeowner on Deer Valley Road and I am writing to you on behalf of my family of five to express my objection to the proposal to the building of substance abuse treatment facilities being considered for my road. Deer Valley Road is not a good location for these facilities for a multitude of reasons.

We are a rural two lane road, that can barely handle the cars and cyclists we currently have. The increase in traffic to this road would greatly impact the residents and the wildlife here. Cars hitting deer and other wildlife here is a daily occurrence and this will greatly impact their environment even more. The word "Deer" in Deer Valley is really aptly named based on the large amount of deer that do live here and daily cross our paths.

We also don't have the county services (especially medical and transportation), that patients need and these facilities would do better if they were located near bus stops, stores, and close to medical care. I am a caretaker of a senior dialysis patient, and have researched transportation from this road for his care. There are no county transportation services available from the road and even Uber and Lyft will not guarantee a pick up here. As a senior patient of the county under my care, I was told these were not available to him and he is a long time resident of this county. If he can't get services, what will be the impact on the patients at this facility.that are from out of county?

The residents of this area are constantly under fire watch and we pay an extremely high premium in fire insurance to live here. More congestion at an evacuation point area can put the lives of the citizens at risk. We do not have the resources in place to support this.

Those of us that moved to this road sought a rural way of life zoned mostly large acre residential. A commercial medical facility does not fit the makeup of this area, nor do the resources support it. For the good of the residents, the wildlife and the rural environment, I ask your support to stop this development from being built here.

Sincerely,
Denise Burke
3200 Deer Valley Road
Rescue

From: BOS-District IV
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 8:46 AM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Fw: Deer Valley Rd Projects

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From: Darel Walker <dawalk83@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2024 5:21 PM
To: BOS-District IV <bosfour@edcgov.us>
Subject: Deer Valley Rd Projects

Supervisor Parlin,

As a resident of lower Deer Valley Rd., I strongly oppose this project.

It is a poor location for a development of this nature, as it is miles from a medical facility.

The people that would be housed here would require quick medical assistance & a hospital nearby.

Deer Valley Rd is a narrow, winding, country road with a one lane bridge between the proposed facility and Green Valley Rd.

The infrastructure for a facility of this nature is lacking.

This is also a high fire risk area with the nearest fire station being over five miles away. Response times to this area could be up to fifteen minutes.

To me, it would be a better option to locate the facility nearer to a highway, fire station & hospital.

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From: BOS-District IV
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 8:47 AM
To: BOS-Clerk of the Board
Subject: Fw: 40+bed recovery development

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From: Robert Lawrence <lawrencefamily@sonic.net>
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2024 3:02 PM
To: BOS-District IV <bosfour@edcgov.us>
Subject: 40+bed recovery development

This new development for a recovery center on two parcels is inappropriate for our community. The parcels are for residential! The roads are country roads, most properties are on wells. I can't imagine how the people feel about this who live in between the development! How disrespectful! If they let this pass what stops other large developments from coming in! This is rural residential area! My family is not ok with this. Please take a stand for our community!!!

Penny and Robert Lawrence
1400 Digger Pine Rd, Rescue, Ca

K. Payne BOS 1/30/2024

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January 29, 2024

Subject: Native Directions/HomeCA Treatment Centers – January 30, 2024 BOS Agenda, Item #19.

EDC Board of Supervisors,

Respectfully, the Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County shares residents' opposition to these projects going forward without local discretionary review. We are concerned that the facilities could create significant fiscal and operational impacts to emergency service providers and infrastructure in a rural area, which are already strained. If these projects are to proceed, they should only do so after a careful review and mitigation of the impacts to taxpayers, rural communities, and the environment.

We would further request that the Board engage its state and regional advocacy partners, including Rural County Representatives of California, California State Association of Counties, and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, to support the County's position and oppose further state efforts to erode local input on the placement of treatment facilities. Ultimately, this is something that could happen in any city or county in California and is quite troubling to realize that the most vulnerable rural areas might be at risk.

Action was taken by the Board of Directors at the January 29, 2024 TPAED Meeting to approve sending this letter of concern to your Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kris Payne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kris Payne, TPAED President

cc: COB, CAO, and County Counsel

G. Garrett

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Gregory Garrett
Devota Drive
Rescue, CA 95672

January 30, 2024

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

Dear Supervisors,

I am requesting that you engage appropriate departments in El Dorado County government to assess the impact of the proposed substance abuse treatment facilities for Rescue.

- Deer Valley Road Safety
- Fire Evacuation
- Emergency Response
- Health Care / Behavioral Health
- Substance Abuse Continuum of Care
- Housing / Homeless
- Chilicare

Please notify or communicate these impacts to our state representatives, the governor and the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). This notice must include a request that DHCS suspend the grant to HomeCA partnered with Native Directions Inc. until such time as they find safe and suitable locations in or near the communities they intend to serve. Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program grant B4-43-New Tribal Project.

The Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 5960.2 (b) allows DHCS to implement, interpret and make specific the law without taking any regulatory action. Instead, they may govern through simple instructions or notices. With proper instruction from DHCS, there is no reason that HomeCA / Native Directions Inc. cannot find safe and suitable locations for these facilities.

I also request you look into whether it is legally acceptable for an out of the area tribal official to provide the letter of support to satisfy the provisions of WIC Section 5960.3 (b) (5).

Sincerely,



Gregory Garrett

M. LADEAUX BUS 1/30/2024.

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January 26, 2024

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors/Planning Commission

RE: Substance Abuse Facilities 24-0205

Supervisors and Commissioners

As a resident of Green Springs Ranch and HOA President I am writing you on behalf of our Board.

First let me thank you for responding to this overreach by State of California and reaching out to Senator Alvarado-Gil, Assemblyman Patterson and various interested parties.

Given its scope and location it would have numerous negative impacts on our rural community.

With the number of residents it implies it would have an effect on our ground water, (EID not available) over burden septic systems and cause a significant increase in traffic.

Increased traffic will also occur because of the new residential development (Summerbrook/Oakhaven). The developer of Summerbrook/Oakhaven was initially required to install a traffic signal, at the intersection of Green Valley Road and Deer Valley Road. We now understand that the initially agreed upon requirement to install a traffic signal, at that intersection, has been waived.

In previous communication* (attached) we addressed the need for the traffic signal. In 2010, one our residents was involved in a life threatening accident, when they were rear ended while trying to turn left into Green Springs Ranch. Subsequently a left turn lane was installed a year later.

We, nor does the County, want to be a year late and see another tragedy like this again. Given the proposed substance abuse facility, and new residential developments we urge you to require the installation of a traffic signal.

Respectfully


Michael La Deaux, President, Green Springs Ranch HOA


Brian Neil, Treasurer, Green Springs Ranch HOA

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*Attachments, previous correspondence and Village Life

August 1, 2023

El Dorado Planning Commission

ATTN: Karen Garner

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Placerville, CA 95667

RE: Summer Brook Subdivision TM-R21-001/TM07-1440/PD07-0007

Commissioners

As residents of Green Springs Ranch and HOA Board members we are writing on behalf of the GSRLA Board.

It has come to our attention that the previously required installation of a signal at the intersection of Green Valley and Deer Valley Roads (conditions of approval #s 25, 27 and 28) were modified/removed, and removed from the Planning Commission calendar.

I reached out to the planner recently to obtain clarification of these actions but have not received a response, hence this communication.

We believe removing this condition would be a safety and potentially litigious situation.

You may recall that in December of 2010, one of our residents, Shirley Kopczyk, was involved in a serious life threatening accident.* at this intersection,. The accident occurred because there was no left turn lane to either Deer Valley Road intersection. Needless to say a year later modifications to these intersections were made (left turn lanes). Of course we do not want to see a situation of this magnitude repeated. Not requiring the developer to adhere to the previous agreement to install a signal could cause further safety issues and possible litigation.

The Summer Brook development was approved given the conditions of installing a signal at the aforementioned intersection. It would seem the developer would act in good faith and live up to the original agreement. This is analogous to the athlete who agrees to a contract and then requests to modify the contract in order to enhance their wellbeing while not considering the "team."

The Green Valley Road intersection has seen significant increase in traffic and it is increasingly difficult for our residents and vendors (trash collection, propane companies, landscaping companies) to exit onto Green Valley Road. With the existing impact of "commute" traffic related to Pleasant Grove Middle

School and increasing residential development on this corridor traffic on Green Valley Road will continue to increase. A signal at the Green Valley and Deer Valley Roads intersection will improve traffic flow and road safety. As such we urge you consider not granting an exemption/modification to the previously agreed to conditions

Respectfully

Susan Parker, President, Green Springs Ranch HOA

cc. GSRLA Board

cc. John Hidaahl Supervisor District 1

*Attachment Village Life

El Dorado Planning Commission

2850 Fairlane Ct: Building C

Placerville, CA 95667

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Respectfully

GSRLA Board

cc. John Hidahl Supervisor District 1

*Attachment Village Life

Feature Photos, News

Dangerous Green Valley Road intersection may get 'quick fix'

By Mike Roberts

The intersection where Deer Valley Road meets Green Valley Road has gained a dangerous reputation. Green Springs Ranch residents want El Dorado County officials to do something about it.

Last week District 1 Supervisor John Knight and county Department of Transportation Deputy Director Matt Smeltzer began dialogue with concerned residents of the semi-rural development, a community of 107 estate ranchettes that predates its southerly neighbor, Serrano, by a couple decades.

Access to the historic "ranch," as the residents call it, is through a gate on Deer Valley Road along a long straight stretch of Green Valley Road east of El Dorado Hills. A dangerous mix of high speeds and a hill to the east that blocks visibility and hinders acceleration to those exiting east has left residents feeling like they take their lives in their hands every time they leave the ranch.

"You can't see cars coming over the hill," said resident Tony Kopczyk, who has made it his mission to get a safe solution after his wife suffered major injuries in the intersection three days after Christmas last year. "When you turn left onto Green Valley Road to go to El Dorado Hills or Folsom, they're on your butt."

While waiting to turn left onto Deer Valley Road, Shirley Kopczyk's car was struck at an estimated 50 MPH from behind, forcing it into oncoming traffic, where it was again struck, this time broadside. Four people were injured, the worst being Shirley Kopczyk, who was taken by helicopter to Roseville Trauma Center with several broken bones, a concussion, a damaged liver and multiple contusions. Medical bills are approaching a quarter million dollars thus far. The driver who struck her has \$100,000 coverage, according to Tony.

A rare passing zone on Green Valley Road complicates matters; it's located directly west of the intersection, encouraging aggressive driving on rural-feeling road, he added. "Some of the people bearing down on us are in the wrong lane, going way over the speed limit."

The posted speed limit is 55 MPH.

After the accident Green Springs Ranch Landowners Association Secretary Ron Keil met with DOT Director Jim Ware and California Highway Patrol officials. He reported to the landowners association in February 2010 that Ware promised a long-planned widening of Green Valley Road in July would include turn lanes in both directions at the intersection but the project was subsequently pushed to 2011 as part of developer funded roadwork required for the



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Silver Springs subdivision, which will also include a new, fully signalized intersection at the planned Silver Springs Parkway, east of Pleasant Grove Middle School.

Preliminary DOT statistics gathered by Keil showed 25 accidents and 27 injuries occurring at the intersection from 2001 through 2008.

Kopcyh dug into CHP accident records and found that from 2000 to 2010 there were 78 accidents, with 52 injuries within a couple thousand feet of the intersection.

Many accidents were attributed to unsafe speed, improper passing or animals in the road – both deer and turkey are plentiful in the area. Green Springs Ranch residents provided Kopcyh anecdotal family evidence of many accidents predating those statistics, including a fatal collision in the mid 1990s.

All of which led to Knight and Smeltzer attending the regular Green Springs Ranch Landowners Association meeting on Nov. 10 to explain the delay in long-promised intersection improvements and discuss a possible interim solution.

Residents, hoping to slow traffic on Green Valley Road, asked if the passing lane could be removed, or the speed limit lowered. Neither is practical, according to Smeltzer and Knight. Knight said he'd ask CHP for heightened enforcement in the area.

Knight assured the polite but concerned audience of about 30 landowners in the Pleasant Grove Middle School library that DOT now has the funding for the intersection improvements, so "it's not if, it's when."

All necessary right of way for the required road widening has been secured, Smeltzer said, adding that the project plans are "nearly final." He described a wider Green Valley Road with 400 feet of turn and deceleration lanes, 8-foot shoulders and bike lanes. The project weighs in at \$700,000, he said.

Part of the delay was that the Silver Springs Parkway and Deer Valley Road intersection projects, both funded by the same developer, were combined for economic reasons, Smeltzer explained. The bid package is nearly complete. Construction is targeted for spring.

Smeltzer stopped short of promising that Deer Valley Road intersection improvements would be complete next year, given that two intersections are now included in the project. Because of the unconfirmed timing, he said, interim improvements can be considered.

Smeltzer described a short term fix proposed by retiring DOT Traffic Operations Superintendent Jim Innes that would use the existing shoulders to squeeze in a temporary turn lane. Smeltzer later said enhanced signage might be part of either short or long term safety solutions for the intersection.

Sensing the urgency in the room, Knight promised, "If we can do the quick fix, we'll do it." He committed to report back to the association within two weeks.

Green Springs Ranch has fun history

Green Springs Ranch is one of the oldest documented pioneer settlements in El Dorado County, according to the Rescue Historical Society, which traces the community's roots to Rufus Hitchcock's Green Springs House — an inn and supply stop established in 1848 along the Old Coloma Road, a portion of which is still visible from the entrance.

William Dormody, a successful merchant and native of County Kilkenny, Ireland, purchased the approximately 1,000-acre Green Springs Ranch at auction in 1854 for \$6,400. The ranch became a popular respite for travelers and a destination for weddings and other festivities.

In an early example of El Dorado Hills fortitude, the 60-year old Dormody took an 18-year-old bride in 1856 and proceeded to father eight children. Howard Greehalgh purchased the ranch from the Dormody estate in 1956 and subdivided it in 1976, leaving the Green Springs Ranch rural development on one of the largest parcels.

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Board of Supervisor Meeting Comments 1/20/2024

1 message

Gay Clayson <gayclayson@gmail.com>
To: Gay Clayson <gayclayson@gmail.com>

Tue, Jan 30, 2024 at 7:22 AM

My name is Gay Clayson. My husband and I have lived in Rescue for over 9 years and are situated 2 properties away from the proposed Rescue Substance Use Disorder sites. We drive on Deer Valley Road multiple times daily. The 2 lane road has many blind hills and corners including multiple one lane bridges where cars need to stop and allow one car to pass. Bicycle riders frequent Deer Valley which creates additional safety risks for drivers and bicyclists. We share the road! I have witnessed multiple accidents and have experienced many close calls as cars drive too fast and cross over the centerline.

In addition to the dangers of Deer Valley Road the roads leading into these properties allow access through property owner easements and are not maintained by the county. These roads are not paved and are maintained by neighbors who volunteer their time and resources to fill potholes, scrap away flooding debris and rock the roads to allow access. Our grandkids call it the bumpy road to grandma's house.

These roads cannot support the increased traffic and pose additional safety threats to our community. We are located in a high risk Fire area with limited exit roads both of which pass these proposed locations. If a fire broke out and an evacuation was necessary the increased population would cause gridlock.

If you have not driven Deer Valley Road, Deer Valley Court or Rough Ridge Road I encourage you to take a drive and see for yourself. These commercial facilities are not a good fit for these locations and it would be a disservice to the potential patients. Safety first for our community!

B. Tackett, BOS 11/30/2024 #19

BettyBOS

Hello, my name is Betty Tackett. My husband and I live in the newly built home that sits between the two lots for these proposed commercial developments. It took us two years to build our home, and in the process, we carefully selected a rural residential property with space and natural beauty in which to enjoy our retirement years in our dream home.

Part of our decision-making process for selecting our lot was knowing that it was zoned as rural residential. We purposefully selected land that was distanced from commercial developments. We felt confident that any future development on the neighboring properties would be held to the same standards that we were held to when they submitted their plans to the county. However, contrary to the residential zoning designations, we now find that Native Directions, Inc. and Home CA are intending to build commercial structures to the left and to the right of us, which are in direct opposition to the residential zoning designations for these lots.

During our building process we had to conform to every established standard from the type of structure, the proximity to oak trees, water requirements, fire suppression systems, and even firetruck access to our property complete with the engineering calibrated ability for the driveway to withstand the weight of the firetrucks – which is thousands of pounds. We received no forgiveness for meeting any of the rigorous requirements, and rightfully so. We do see the need to abide by codes and standards and requirements to protect our lives, our property and the well-being of our neighbors and our natural environment.

Howbeit then, that despite building codes and laws that were put in place for the good of all and the environment, that Native Directions, Inc. and Home CA are blatantly disregarding the thoughtful planning of local government agencies and have decided to suddenly plop their nonconformance without conscience and without consideration of the impact to their proposed neighbors, many of whom have lived on their properties for generations. Throwing caution to the wind, they propose at least two structures that will have 15 or more beds plus additional structures including a perinatal center, and a sweat lodge in the middle of fire country. To say the least, the suitability of the land and the environment for such grand plans is highly questionable. As far as we know, there are no plans to undertake any studies to address the suitability of their plans to the location, such as the zoning, the environmental impact, water resources, fire safety, and other infrastructure issues. And yet, they intend to build, leaving the rest of us behind, to deal with the unfortunate experiences that may result because they failed to consider others against their will.