



Fwd: Rescue Union School District's Response to Public Comment on Sienna **Ridge Property Purchase**

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From: David Swart <dswart@my.rescueusd.org>

Date: Wed, Oct 21, 2015 at 4:15 PM

Subject: Fwd: Rescue Union School District's Response to Public Comment on Sienna Ridge Property Purchase

To: rommel.pabalinas@edcgov.us

Hi Mel,

Please find attached, Rescue Union School District's response to the public comment on the purchase of Sienna

I will see you in the morning.

Sincerely,

David

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El Dorado Planning Commission

RE: Rescue USD response to comments regarding Sienna Ridge Site Acquisition APN 115-040-06 APN 115-040-08

Comment:

This is to voice my opposition to allowing the rezoning of the area of assessor's parcel numbers 115-040-06 and 115-040-08. RUSD has enough capacity to support over 5400 students and a current enrollment of about 3600 students. Allowing this to go through would be a waste of tax payer money, not to mention the county improvements needed to support this site.

Eric Koontz 607 Ramsey Pl El Dorado Hills

Rescue USD Response:

Rescue Union School District has sought to secure a school site in the Upper Serrano/Bass Lake area for nearly two decades. The Sienna Ridge Properties (APN 115-040-06 and 115-040-08) would make an ideal school site and have received initial approvals from the California Department of Education and the California Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division. In addition, the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment revealed little or no environmental concerns with regard to placing a school on the site.

Rescue Union School District believes a strong, vibrant neighborhood school is an asset to the community. The Sienna Ridge School Site will serve students and families from the Upper Serrano/Bass Lake area who are now being bused or transported over seven miles one way to Lakeview Elementary School and Marina Village Middle School, both of which are currently at or near capacity. Moreover, with additional developments already approved in the area, these numbers will only grow as evidenced by the enrollment projections from the District's Facility Housing and Financing Plan - April 2015.

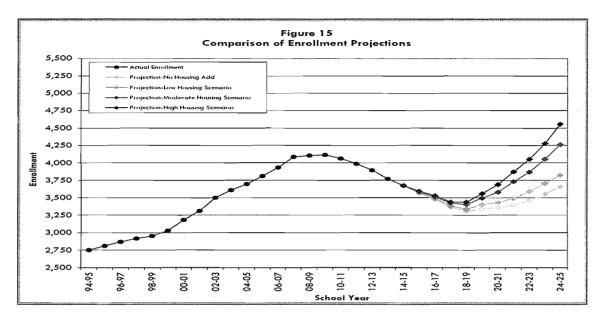
"Educating for the Future Together"

David Swart, Superintendent

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Enrollment Projections Low Housing through High Housing (April 2015)



Housing Developments - Rescue USD

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Likewise, although the District does have capacity at other sites, residents in the Upper Serrano/Bass Lake area have expressed their preference to attend schools in El Dorado Hills in order to maintain educational continuity within the favored high school boundary.

With regard to county improvements needed to support this site, much of the necessary infrastructure is already in place. For example, there is a lighted intersection at Bass Lake Road and Serrano Parkway that will create a safe path of travel for both vehicles and pedestrians. Utilities are stubbed out near the property. There is adequate space on the property to support vehicle traffic at drop off and pick up times. There is also a proposed park planned for an adjacent parcel that would provide more opportunities for youth and community activities in the area.

In conclusion, the District believes it is not only wise to plan for the future, but a prudent use of tax payer dollars to secure a neighborhood school site in the Upper Serrano/Bass Lake area while it is available and affordable. In addition, the District has over \$6 million of Community Facility District No. 1 funds available to make the purchase. These funds are specifically designated for the purpose of acquiring and constructing a school in the Upper Serrano/Bass Lake area as evidenced by Exhibit B of the El Dorado School Financing Authority Community Facilities District No. 1 Agreement.