



Fw: Nov6 BOS mtg--Nipomo Regional Park EIR
Board of Supervisors to: BOS_Legislative Assistants
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RE: Nipomo Regional Park EIR

Dear Supervisors,

I have actively attended numerous town meetings and spoken out about the potential development of Nipomo Regional Park for a good number of years now. Some of my comments are even a part of the EIR under the public comments section. Although the concept is good and the full Master Plan looks very nice when I think of the permanent loss of even more natural area in Nipomo I feel strongly that it is NOT right to go forth with a full build out. A plan with more build out along Tefft and less to none in the middle of the park is what I favor.

Our national government, a long time ago, realized the importance of saving natural areas in their pristine state for the generations to come with its establishment of national and state parks. As Nipomo continues to grow and develop the importance to its residents to preserve its dwindling natural areas becomes important, too. As a former teacher at Dana School (I'm now retired) I loved that a field trip to nature was just a short walk away.

But you say that there will still be enough natural area left with the master plan. Yes and no. Yes there will be a fairly good size area left natural but with a full build out as indicated in the master plan the large number of people concentrated in the center of the park will definitely end up spilling into, over using, and thus destroying even more of the natural area, decreasing the size of it even more than is planned.

Please consider building the community center somewhere else in Nipomo and the ball fields as well. I have many times suggested using the strip of land alongside the Nipomo High School parking lot for the ball fields. When NHS was designed that strip was specifically planned for community ball fields! Check that out with Lucia Mar. It is easily doable and much more cost effective to the County than building them in the park. The new Willow Road interchange has opened up a part of Nipomo to easy access and there is a lot of land out there that could prove a better choice for ball fields as well. I also think that a community center would be better placed near higher density housing so that those children who need it most can have easy access.

Some of you may remember a slide show I sent to you about 9 years ago that my students had created about how Nipomo is losing its rural feel to development. (See attachemnt.) You sent a representative to my classroom at Nipomo School who presented each of my students with a beautiful certificate for their work that showed their concern about preserving the natural beauty of their town.

ITEM NO. 17 MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 6, 2012
PRESENTED BY: JANE PETERSON
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We need to preserve nature for children in the future and you are in a position to do just that.

Please consider my comments thoughtfully. The master plan looks beautiful in concept but it is just too much. We are Nipomo, not Orange County. Please keep Nipomo's rural feel by not approving the full Master Plan build out.

Sincerely,
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