



Fw: Preserving the trails in the Nipomo Park
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My husband and I are senior citizens who moved to Nipomo two years ago. We love the rural atmosphere of Nipomo and have horses and trail ride. Nipomo is one of very few communities that are horse friendly and we love that about it. We think the natural habitat should be preserved and the trails in the park left as they are. Recreation areas can be made on smaller parcels that do not have trail access. Please keep Nipomo a unique, rural and horse friendly community where all ages can enjoy nature on the trails, from horseback, bikes or walking.

Thank you,

Karen and David Yates

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Please distribute our comments to the Supervisors. Thank you. Susan Harvey, North County Watch

Susan A. Harvey
805-239-0542

"Tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your one wild and precious life?"
from *"The Summer Day"*
by Mary Oliver



NCW BoS PR Basin Item 35 12-18-12.pdf Shandon area.pdf Creston area.pdf Estrella area.pdf



Paso Robles Groundwater Basin.pdf



North County Watch

Looking Out Today For Tomorrow

December 13, 2012

Board of Supervisors
County of San Luis Obispo
San Luis Obispo, CA 93406
Via Email boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us

RE: Item 35 Paso Robles Groundwater Basin

Dear Chairman Patterson and Honorable Supervisors,

North County Watch is a 501 3c non-profit Public Benefit corporation. We are an all-volunteer organization committed to sustainable development in and around north San Luis Obispo County.

We would like to offer the following comments on the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin and attachments for inclusion into the record. We are very concerned that suggested potential solutions and Requests for Proposals for feasibility studies for long term capital solutions (10-20 years) to the overdraft problems are skirting the immediate desperate problem of the declining basin. The basin doesn't have 10-20 years to wait for a solution.

Well Monitoring Data

The agendas for the December 5 WRAC meeting and the December 6 PR Groundwater Basin Committee included the much anticipated hydrographs generated by the long-term well monitoring program that the county has been engaged in. We are attaching those hydrographs because they are pertinent to our comments and your consideration of feasibility studies and the ultimate resolution to the declining basin.

These hydrographs of representative wells in each "subarea" of the basin were presented to the WRAC and to the Steering Committee. The Atascadero sub-basin and the San Juan area look okay. The South Gabilan area is in decline, however, the data is based on only one well. The Estrella, Creston and Shandon subareas are in serious decline. See the attached hydrographs.

The hydrographs are an average of several representative wells in the area. Precipitation values are provided, which show that the groundwater declines continue in spite of the amount of rain that is received in the basin. Basically, the majority of the groundwater basin is in decline. The fact is, it is in overdraft. DWR Bulletin 118-80 defines "overdraft" as the condition of a ground water basin where the amount of water extracted exceeds the amount of ground

water recharging the basin "over a period of time." Such a period of time must be long enough to produce a record that, when averaged, approximates the long-term average hydrologic conditions for the basin. We realize there is some sensitivity at County levels and others to the word "overdraft", however, it is a fact which the data supports. The data from the Hydrographs supports and authenticates the use of the word "overdraft".

We are very disappointed to see that the Hydrographs were not included in the staff report for this issue. Not only does your Board need this information before you make any funding decisions, this information should be provided to the public for review.

How Much Water is Needed to Fill the Loss?

The question of how much water is needed to fill the loss in the basin has been asked. A simple way to calculate a rough estimate is to look at the Estrella area. The area encompasses about 100 square miles. The average porosity (or specific yield) is 8 percent for the Paso formation in the Estrella area. This value comes from page 4-13 of the Fugro Paso Robles Groundwater Sub-basin Water Banking Feasibility Report¹.

Well levels in the Estrella area have fallen about 5 ft per year since the year 2000. The calculation is:

$$5 \text{ ft/yr} * 0.08 * 100 \text{ sq mi} * 640 \text{ acres/sq mi} = \text{over } 20,000 \text{ AF/yr.}$$

An additional 20,000 AF/y in the Estrella area is needed to stop the decline. That is a lot of water to make up - per year. That is a lot of water to import through capital projects and we are only looking at the Estrella sub area. Where will imported water come from? Who will pay for it? There are thousands of acres planned for vineyard expansion. The answer we need is how will agriculture re-allocate its water use in order to put the basin in balance.

Mr. Paul Sorensen (the lead hydrogeologist with Fugro) has publicly stated that the safe yield may well be overestimated and/or the pumping numbers may be underestimated. Since well levels continue to fall, the basin is certainly exceeding its safe yield.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



Susan Harvey
President, North County Watch

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<http://www.prcity.com/government/departments/publicworks/water/pdf/GBMP/reports/WaterBankingFeasibilityStudyApr08.pdf>

Sub-Area WSE Trend Analysis

Mon. Entity The County of San Luis Obispo, CA

Date 11/15/2012

Sub-Area Information	
Sub-Area	Shandon
Basin Name	Paso Robles

Sub-Area Well Records	
Period of Record	1976-2012
Num. BMO Wells	4

Report Information	
Report Start Year	1981
Period of Record	1981-2012

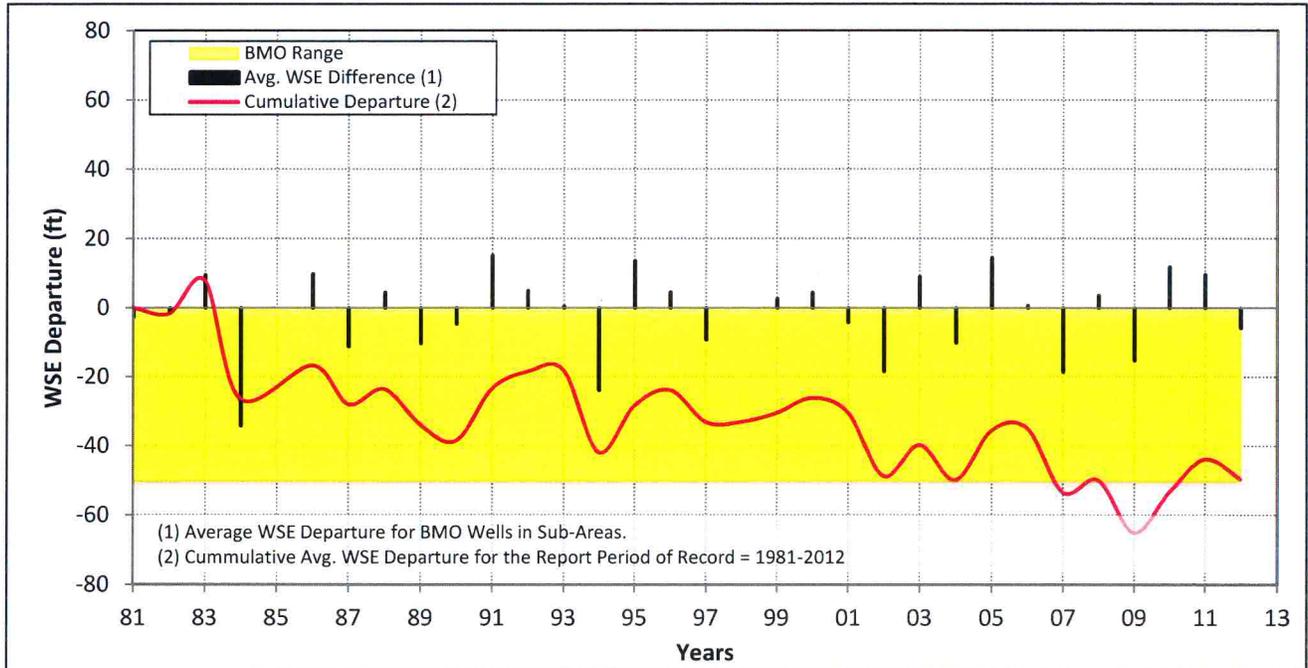
Raingage Information	
Raingage Name	Atas. Mutual Water # 34
Raingage Elev.	835.00 ft

Raingage Records	
Period of Record	1928-2012
Average Precip.	17.77 in

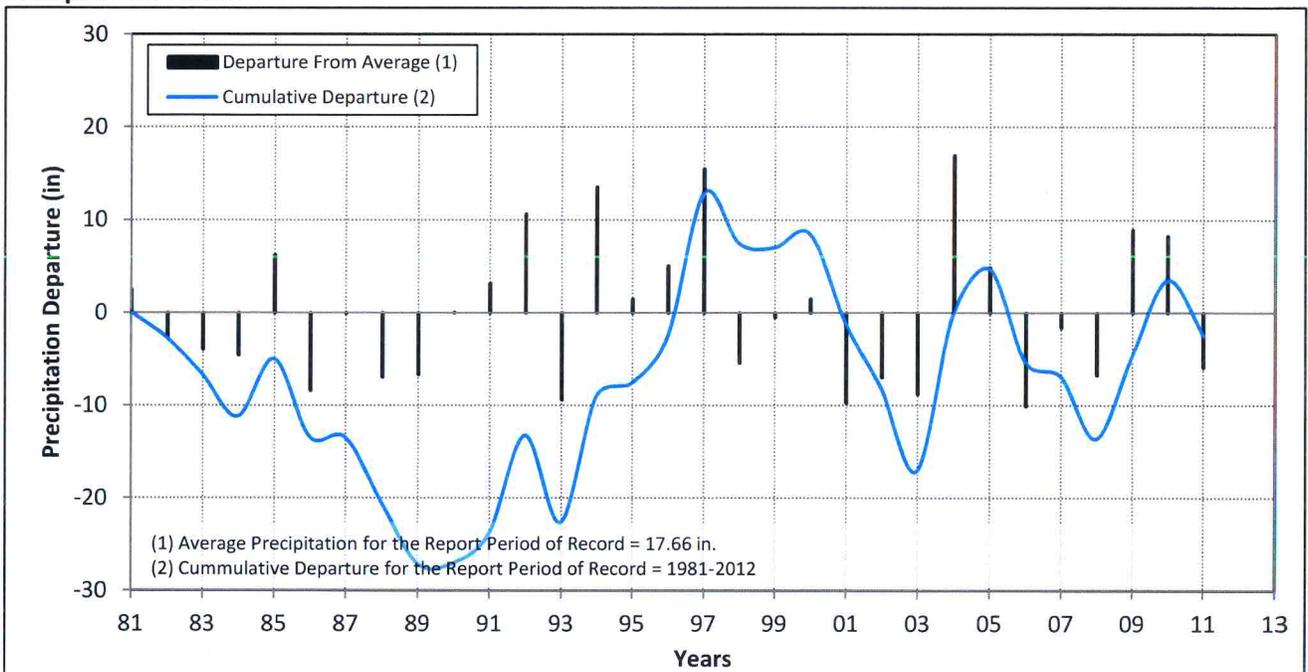
Trend Analysis Results	
BMO Target ¹⁾	(50.00 ft)
2012 CD	(49.50 ft)

NOTES: 1) The Basin Management Objective (BMO) is to maintain the Cummulative Departure (CD) above the BMO Target

Water Surface Elevation (WSE) Trends



Precipitation Trends



Sub-Area WSE Trend Analysis

Mon. Entity The County of San Luis Obispo, CA

Date 11/15/2012

Sub-Area Information	
Sub-Area	Creston
Basin Name	Paso Robles

Sub-Area Well Records	
Period of Record	1975-2012
Num. BMO Wells	4

Report Information	
Report Start Year	1981
Period of Record	1981-2012

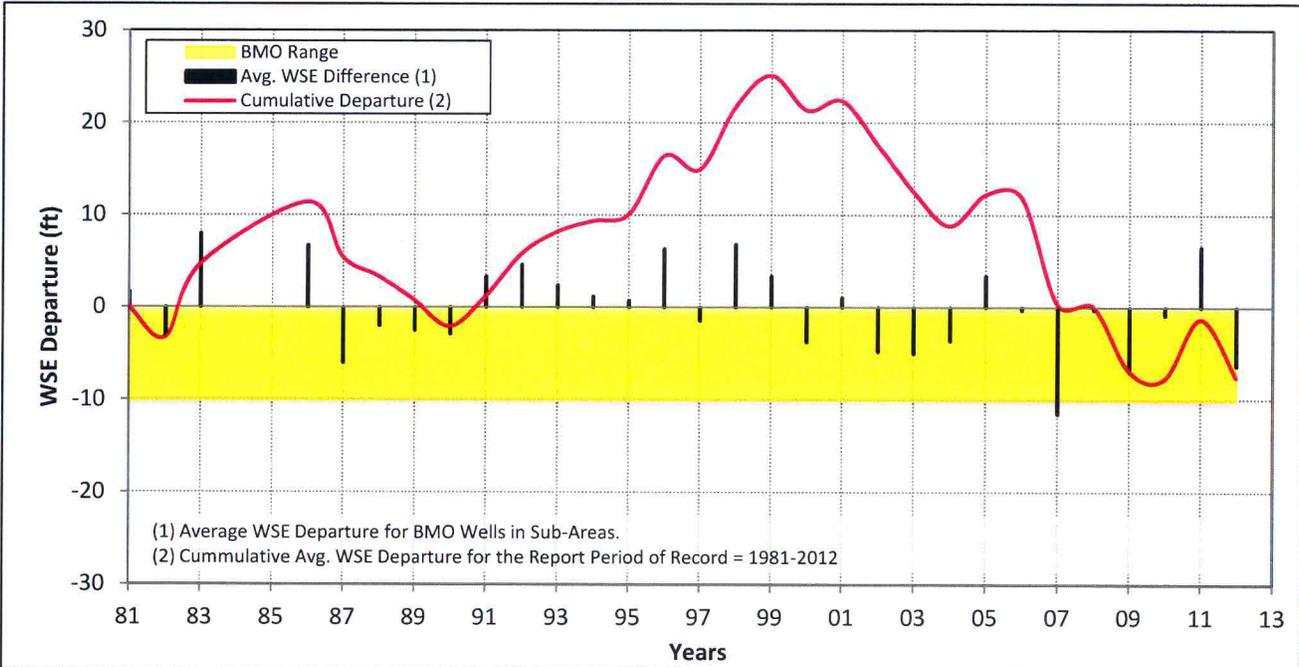
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Raingage Elev.	835.00 ft

Raingage Records	
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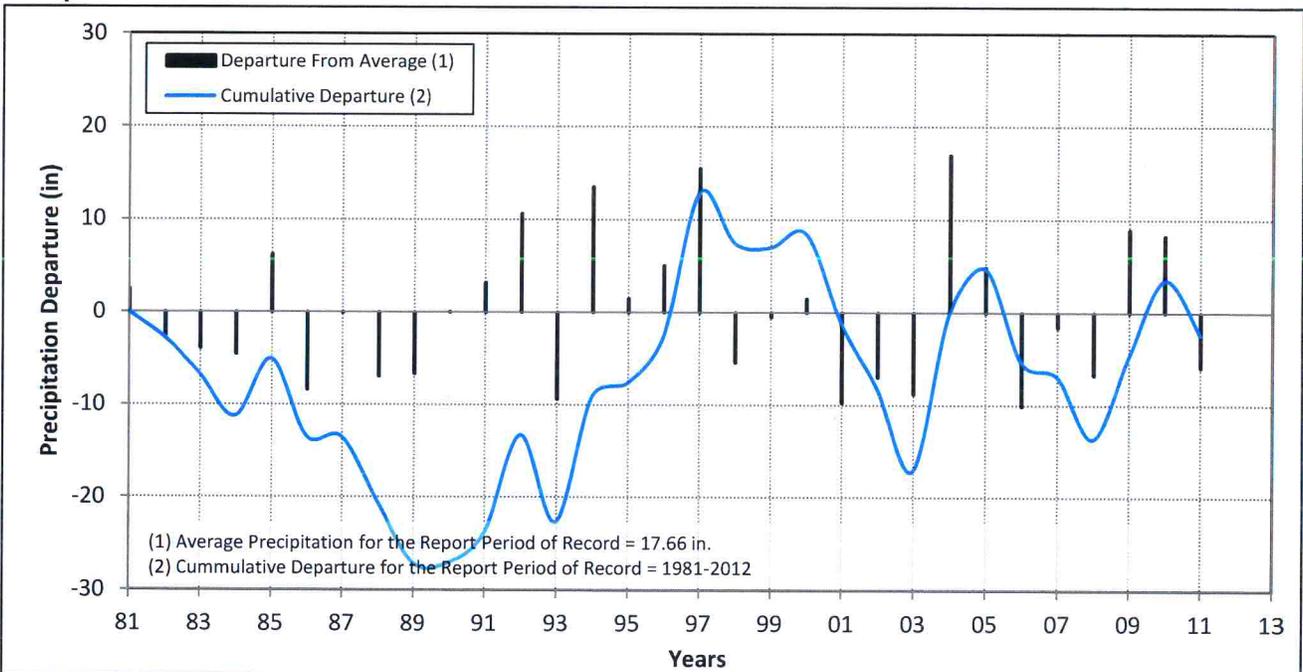
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BMO Target ¹⁾	(10.00 ft)
2012 CD	(7.62 ft)

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Water Surface Elevation (WSE) Trends



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Sub-Area WSE Trend Analysis

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Date 11/15/2012

Sub-Area Information	
Sub-Area	Estrella
Basin Name	Paso Robles

Sub-Area Well Records	
Period of Record	1977-2012
Num. BMO Wells	6

Report Information	
Report Start Year	1981
Period of Record	1981-2012

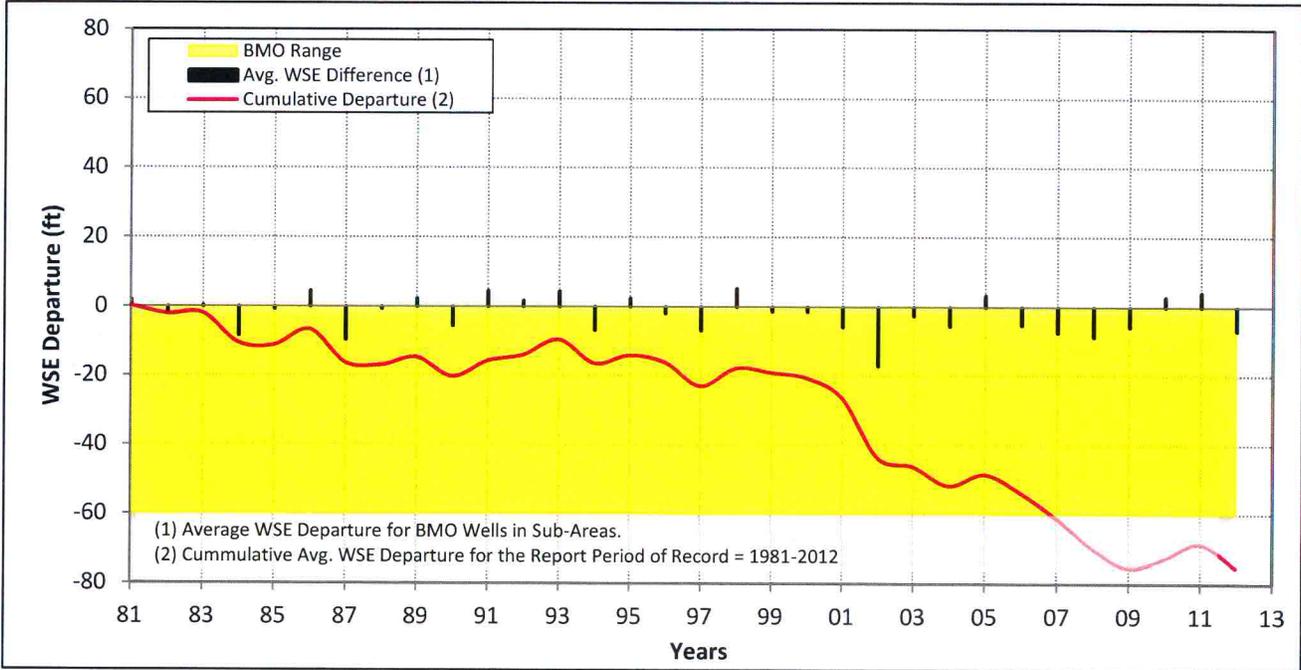
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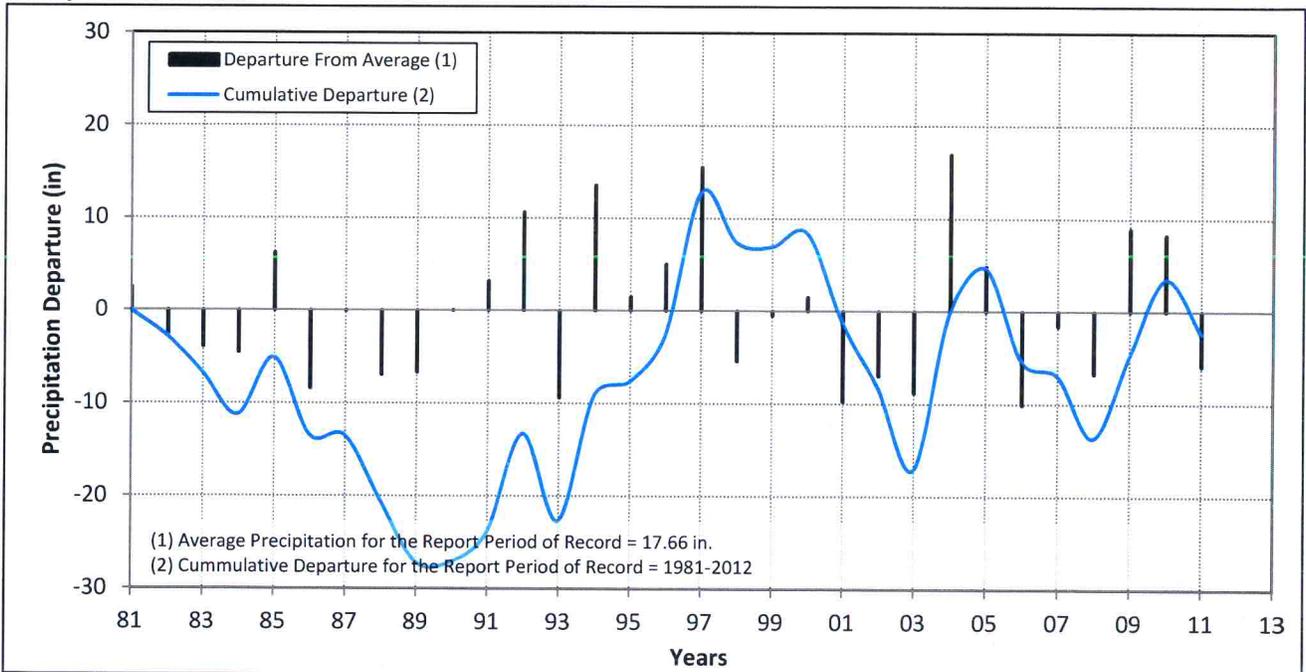
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BMO Target ⁽¹⁾	(60.00 ft)
2012 CD	(75.35 ft)

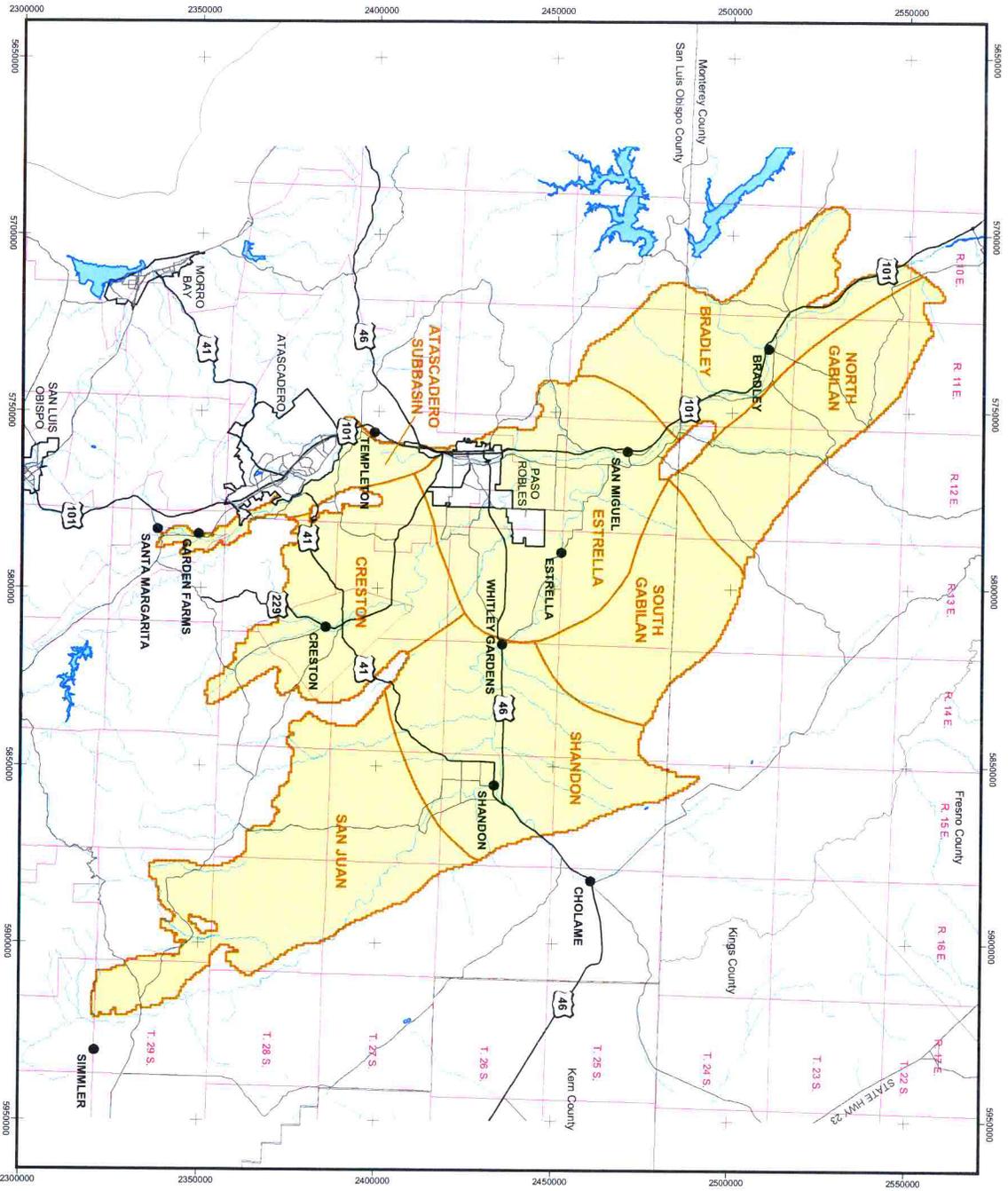
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- LEGEND:**
- Paso Robles Groundwater Model Active Area
 - City Outlines
 - Township and Range Grid



Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Location Map

<p>Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Study, Phase II Fugro West, Inc. and ETIC Engineering</p>	 Figure 1
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Fw: Nipomo Park Master Plan

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Date: 12/14/2012 08:38 AM
Subject: Nipomo Park Master Plan

Honorable Board of Supervisors,

12/14/12

My name is Julie Steiner. I am a 21 year resident of Nipomo. I moved to Nipomo because I could keep my horses in my backyard. When I first moved here, I was able to saddle up at my house and take a 3-hour ride around rural Nipomo. Now the dirt roads are paved and traffic is dangerous. Because my house is several blocks from the Nipomo Community Park, I can still ride safely to get there.

*When riding or walking the central, “ undeveloped area ” of the park, one experiences the isolation and beauty of being in a wilderness area that feels miles from civilization. There are no paved paths, benches, or man-made things of any kind, unlike the developed areas of Mesa Meadows and the Native Garden. Many types of plant, trees, and animals flourish in this environment including some very old oak trees. People who love and use this rural area regularly are: hikers, bicyclers, dog walkers, joggers, equestrians, nature lovers, and parents with their children. If passed, the NCP Master Plan build out would **reduce this area by 27.5 acres (about one third) and eliminate almost 2 acres (84,276 square feet) of natural trails.** What a tragic loss this would be for our park and our community forever!*

In my neighborhood people live on large lots. It feels like country yet civilized. Some people raise exotic birds, others own goats, sheep, herding dogs, and many families have 2 or more horses on their property. It’s exactly where

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I've always wanted to live. Nipomo's special blend of town conveniences, and rural atmosphere continues to attract people. The untouched area of NC Park demonstrates our love and respect for things natural.

As a teacher for many years in Nipomo, I know how valuable the Recreation Center is to parents, children, and teachers. It is very painful to see our community arguing over the issue of a Rec. Center in the park. I'm hoping we can work together to find another location that everyone will be satisfied with.

As Supervisors making this decision, please keep open minds and help find a solution in which we can leave our rural park as it is and find the perfect new location for a beautiful Rec/Community Center. I'm sure future generations will thank you for your efforts. It's time to save and protect the rural area we have left in Nipomo. Thanks you for you consideration.

*Large Oak next to Osage Street
area*

*Mature Oaks in sport field
area*







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Date: 12/13/2012 08:45 PM
Subject: Board Agenda 12-18-12 Item 44 Nipomo Community Park EIR and Master Plan

Dear Board of Supervisors:

Attached is a letter for your consideration for the agenda of 12-18-12.
Please give me a call at 929-4692 for additional information.
Thank you very much,

Kathie Matsuyama



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Subject: RE: Board Agenda 12-18-12 Item 44 Nipomo Community Park EIR and Master Plan

Hi Fran:
Thanks for letting me know!
Attached is my letter!

Kathie Matsuyama

-----Original Message-----

From: fzohns@co.slo.ca.us [mailto:fzohns@co.slo.ca.us] On Behalf Of Boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us
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To: Kathie L. Matsuyama
Subject: Re: Board Agenda 12-18-12 Item 44 Nipomo Community Park EIR and Master Plan

Dear Kathie-

There was no attachment with this email. Can you resend it please??
Thank you,

Fran Zohns
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San Luis Obispo County
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December 13, 2012

Mr. James Patterson, Chairperson
County Board of Supervisors
County of San Luis Obispo
County Government Center
1005 Monterey Street, D-430
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Re: Nipomo Community Park Environmental Impact Report and Master Plan

Dear Chairperson Patterson and Supervisors:

Part of the rural character of Nipomo is the lack of artificial night lights enabling full view of the star-filled dark sky. Neighborhoods treasure their lack of streetlamps; instead thrilled to view the Milky Way nightly. For those of us transplanted to Nipomo from the huge urban centers of Los Angeles or the Bay Area, stargazing is something that only happens inside a planetarium. When the 1994 earthquake knocked out the power in LA, some of my anxious neighbors called 911 to report seeing a strange “giant, silvery cloud” in the dark sky. What they were really seeing—for the first time—was the Milky Way, long obliterated by the urban sky glow. The sky glow of Los Angeles is visible from an airplane 200 miles away.

Two-thirds of people in the U.S. and more than one-half of the European population have already lost the ability to see the Milky Way with the naked eye. If the 27.5 acres of facilities and infrastructure proposed to be constructed in Nipomo Community Park are built with their associated lighting, Nipomo will be well on its way to losing its dark sky heart that is currently Nipomo Community Park (NCP).

The introduction of additional artificial night lighting in Nipomo Community Park will cause:

- 1. Significant impacts that are not going to be mitigated (Class I Impacts), requiring findings of overriding considerations and;**
- 2. Unaddressed impacts, making the EIR incomplete.**

Multi-Use Field Lighting

Light pollution currently emitted from the Nipomo Community Park consists primarily of one lighted sports field and the tennis courts. Oddly, the tennis court light switch currently also automatically turns on the baseball field lights wasting considerable energy.

The NCP Master Plan proposes 10 additional acres of lighted multi-use fields on the opposite side of the park which would produce additional glare and ambient spillover on an even larger scale; now encompassing both sides of the park. These new multi-use fields will include 8 to 10 light standards 60 feet or more in height. The EIR does not sufficiently considering the impact of the light glare and light pollution of these 60 foot tall light standards.

The EIR indicates the project would result in a significant impact if it subjected viewers from public roads or other public areas to a substantial amount of point-source lighting visibility at night; therefore the project will result in a Significant Impact.

Cumulative Lighting Impacts

The NCP Master Plan proposes total parking of 747 spaces. This would be the equivalent of the entire parking lot capacities of the Vons complex and Nipomo High School combined. Just the proposed additional 425 parking spaces are the equivalent of one and a half of the Vons complex parking lots, or 90% of the Nipomo High School lot. The amount of lighting required for this much parking is not specifically identified, but will be considerable. While there have been great strides in lighting methods reducing overall spillover and glare, it is inconceivable that lighting an infrastructure of that size even with the best mitigation measures would result in a Less Than Significant Impact.

The EIR identifies that safety regulations and guidelines will require lighting for parking areas, pedestrian uses, and buildings. And that security lighting may be necessary at the community pool, skate park, tennis and basketball courts, and other areas. Also, the associated access and entrance roads would require lighting also and produce intense vehicle headlight glare. Yet, the EIR does not quantify the cumulative impact of all the light pollution created by the impact of the collective illumination of the entire project.

The EIR indicates the project would result in a significant impact if the collective lamination of the project resulted in a noticeable spill-over effect into the nighttime sky, increasing the ambient light over the region. The collective illumination of this project will result in a noticeable spill-over effect into the nighttime sky, resulting in a Significant Impact.

Lighting Impacts on Health

The 24-hour day/night cycle, the circadian clock, affects physiologic processes in almost all organisms. These processes include brain wave patterns, hormone production, cell regulation, and other biologic activities. Our internal clocks are set based on light cues and light pollution can have weighty consequences. Exposure to light at night suppresses the production of the hormone melatonin. In humans, decreased concentration of melatonin is associated with increased risk of breast and prostate cancer. Disruption of the circadian clock is linked to several other medical disorders in humans, including depression, insomnia and cardiovascular disease.

Subjecting adjacent NCP neighbors to long or potentially permanent periods of artificial night light pollution may have long term permanent health impacts. The EIR has not addressed these impacts. This is a potentially Significant Impact to the project.

Lighting Impacts on Wildlife

Effects of artificial night lighting on NCP wildlife was not addressed in the body of the EIR. In the mitigation section, wildlife was barely mentioned under AES Impact 5: “f. The lighting plan shall consider effects on wildlife in the surrounding area.” It is not clear if the “surrounding area” is even that area within NCP or is the area immediately adjacent to NCP.

It is a clear omission by the EIR in not addressing the impacts of the considerable increase in light pollution, glare and infrastructure on wildlife in NCP. It is scientific fact that artificial outdoor lighting can create significant and adverse impacts to ecosystems by:

- causing disorientation or act as an unnatural stimulus to wildlife
- disrupting reproduction for many species
- increasing or decrease competition between species
- benefiting some predators to the detriment of their prey species
- having lasting adverse effects on both human and wildlife health

Birds

Artificial night lighting can significantly disrupt the behavior of birds. About 200 species of birds fly their migration patterns at night over North America, and especially during inclement weather with low cloud cover, they routinely are confused during passage by brightly lit buildings and other light structures such as tall light standards for ball fields. Light attracts birds and disorients them. The estimates as to the number of birds dying from collisions across North America annually range from 98 million to close to a billion. NCP lies squarely on the route of the great Pacific Flyway.

Orientation

Light is necessary for some species to become familiar with their environments. It can also serve to extend the activity period of species that are mainly active in the daytime. This “night light niche,” with increased activity time may benefit these species, but it comes at the expense of other species with which they compete, or on which they prey. Unfortunately, light can also cause disorientation or act as an unnatural stimulus. The attraction of insects to lights is another example of this phenomenon, which results in the deaths of billions of insects each year. The feeding behavior of bats also is altered by artificial light.

Reproduction

Many wildlife reproductive activities are synchronized by light, or they require specific lighting conditions. Fireflies use lights to attract mates—a communication that artificial lights make less visible. Frogs inhibit their mating calls when they are exposed to excessive light at night, reducing their reproductive capacity. And some insects only mate in the darkest part of the night, presumably to minimize the risk of predation. These species will be impacted by increased artificial lights.

Competition

Interactions between species are affected by lighting conditions. For example, some lizards are successful in establishing themselves in non-native environments because they have the ability to exploit artificial night lighting successfully. Species can show strong preferences for activity during different light conditions. Changing the lighting could increase or decrease competition between species. Artificial lighting can dramatically change the ecosystem of an environment.

Predation

Additional artificial light alters the relationship between predators and prey species. Some prey species have evolved to be active only during the dark of night to avoid predators for example some snakes reduce activity during the full moon when they would be vulnerable to predation from owls. Almost all small rodents and carnivores, 80% of marsupials, and 20% of primates are nocturnal.

For species that are normally active at night, encountering light can cause them to delay their nightly activities such as foraging. Light at night can also influence the timing of physiological changes associated with migration. **Not protecting the dark sky in Nipomo Community Park may permanently alter or destroy the ecosystem of wildlife in NCP. The EIR has not addressed these impacts. This is a potentially Significant Impact to the project.**

Again, in conclusion, the introduction of additional artificial night lighting in Nipomo Community Park will cause:

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- 2. Unaddressed impacts, making the EIR incomplete.**

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please call Kathie Matsuyama at 929-4692 or Robert Dodds at 929-6660.

Sincerely,

**Kathie L. Matsuyama
Nipomo**

**Robert Dodds
Nipomo**



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This was not listed in the correspondence section of the Dec18 BOS Agenda items Please add Thank you

Harry and Jackie
 Walls

--- On Thu, 11/15/12, Polly Craig <horseconnectioncenter@gmail.com> wrote:

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Regarding: Developing Nipomo Park

Dear Board of Supervisors and Elizabeth Kavanaugh

I would like to address the project that is under review in developing the Nipomo's Community Park.

I am the owner of the website www.horseconnectioncenter.com ; my site covers the central coast and central valley of California. I have many horse businesses and horse owners that follow my site that live in Nipomo and the surrounding areas. My website connects horse businesses and horse owners together throughout the central coast and central valley of California. I have thousands of horse enthusiasts enjoying my site on a monthly basis.

With the development of Nipomo's Community Park you will be destroying such an important piece of land in which the equine communities of Nipomo and the surroundings area have been enjoying for years. These trails were set up for the riders to be able to enjoy and have a safe environmental trail to ride.

I am sure you are aware; being on the board of supervisors, these precious pieces of land are slowly being eliminated on the central coast. Horse trails, horse camping areas and daily horse use is such a big part of the Central Coast. The homes in rural areas that had acreage and sufficient space to provide for their horses are now being congested with track homes, schools, parks and many other distractions; thus destroying the ability to enjoy your trail riding in the rural areas.

I believe by developing this 27 ½ acres in the Nipomo Community Park would not only hurt the equestrian enthusiast, but would also hinder the beauty in which Nipomo offers.

I am sure there is land available in other parts of Nipomo that could be developed for your needs. I just hate to see more horse trails being eliminated when other options are available.

Thank you for consideration from a horse enthusiast who enjoys riding the trails.

Polly Craig
Owner, www.horseconnectioncenter.com
805-237-2127

cc: Elizabeth Kavanaugh

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Fw: Nipomo Park Master Plan

Paul Teixeira to: cr_board_clerk Clerk Recorder
Sent by: Debbie Geaslen

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Date: 12/14/2012 11:42 AM
Subject: Nipomo Park Master Plan

Dear Honorable Board Members,

I am having a long-scheduled oral surgery on Tuesday and may not be in any shape to attend your hearing on the Nipomo Park Master Plan. Please accept the following as my comments.

Nipomo, like many other areas in our county is underserved. The Nipomo Community Master Plan is a blueprint for the future. It is an excellent and comprehensive document, long-range in its view, which is intended to guide development in Nipomo for the next 10 to 20 years.

As you know the Plan has been a focus for the Nipomo area for many years. A great deal of effort and much public input has gone into it and it provides for a diverse number of both passive and active areas, provides needed amenities, upgrades existing facilities and will provide for new recreational opportunities.

The process to get to this point has been very long. Years ago County Park staff and management began to ask the Nipomo Advisory Council and NCSO what they wanted to see in the Park. Every time a consensus was reached, staff would adjust the master plan to reflect the latest input and return to Nipomo to present the information, only to learn the majority on the advisory board had changed. This would result in a new set of recommendations and the process would begin again.

Because staff couldn't get a consistent point of view, and the feedback they did receive was often conflicting, efforts were stepped up to get direct feedback from Nipomo residents and park users.

As a result the County held a series of public meetings. At least 3 surveys have been done, including the county's statistically valid survey, and all indicated the need for more active

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recreation.

The Plan before you Tuesday is based on community meetings and surveys and is not just the response of nearby property owners. When staff reached into the community, the community stated they wanted things for kids to do. You know the statistics for juvenile crime when there is nothing for children to do, not to mention the issue of community wellness and getting kids outdoors to recreate and off electronic devices that keep them trapped indoors.

A good Plan needs to represent the needs of the entire community. Just look at the survey and the results of the community meetings over the past decade and you will see what the needs actually are.

The Plan looks at the maximum amount of development for the park in order to give the maximum amount of options in the future for both active and passive recreation. It is a footprint for what's possible and future development will only be possible after thorough public review and when funding is available.

The Park Commission fully supports this plan and respectfully recommends your Board approve the plan and certify the EIR.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Pandora Nash-Karner



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 Sent by: Fran Zohns/BOS/COSLO

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From: HARRY Walls <harryfwalls@sbcglobal.net>
 To: ELIZABETH KAVANAUGH <ekavanaugh@co.slo.ca.us>, bos <boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us>
 Date: 12/14/2012 12:28 PM
 Subject: Fw: Concerns about Nipomo Park

please post this on the Dec18 BOS agenda Thanks

Harry and Jackie
 Walls

--- On **Wed, 12/12/12, Sheila Mangione <sheilam@mangionepayne.com>** wrote:

From: Sheila Mangione <sheilam@mangionepayne.com>
 Subject: Concerns about Nipomo Park
 To: ekavanaugh@co.slo.ca.us, boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us
 Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2012, 8:43 AM

To the Board of Supervisors:

When my husband, daughter and I moved to Nipomo in 1999, we were attracted by the natural beauty of the area, the semirural lifestyle, and the friendly, helpful attitude of the citizens.

The area has grown a lot since then. It's more built up; there's more traffic. Nipomo Park is like an oasis. I particularly love the natural habitat area, with its native plants and trails for hikers and equestrians. When my daughter was in third grade, her class made two field trips to that area. One to plant acorns and learn about the native plants. She's now 15 and still loves the park. She has ridden the trails on horseback with friends on many occasions.

I urge the Board to maintain that natural beauty and the wonderful trails that wind through the area.

That's not to say I don't want to make sure we have places for families to participate in sports and for school children to have a safe place to spend time outside of school hours. A recreation center would be a wonderful addition to the community. However, I believe we can leverage existing facilities to provide activities for our kids while maintaining the rural feeling and natural habitat of Nipomo Park. We have numerous athletic facilities at our local schools. Many of these facilities sit idle outside of school hours. Instead of spending money to build new facilities, how about spending money to upgrade the ones at our schools and provide jobs maintaining those facilities for local people.

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I also think that from an access and traffic perspective, if we're going to erect a new building as a recreation center, we should consider placing it on the east side of the freeway. There are numerous vacant lots over there. It would also distribute recreational facilities across the community, making them more readily accessible. Why centralize everything on the west side of the freeway, forcing people on the east side to have to drive through an already congested intersection at the freeway to get to recreational facilities?

Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards,
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Date: 12/14/2012 12:36 PM
Subject: Fw: Letter

here is an attachment letter for the BOs dec 18 meeting on the park. Please attached it to the agenda.
Thanks

From: Robin Shroyer DVM <robinshroyer@earthlink.net>
Subject: Letter
To: "Walls harry" <harrywalls@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Thursday, December 6, 2012, 4:29R



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Dear Honorable Supervisors,

I am president of the Board of Directors of Keep Nipomo Rural, a non-profit organization which serves to maintain the rural feel in Nipomo. Our organization does not support the destruction of our existing Nipomo Park.

The existing park is an irreplaceable gem that should not be altered. The park is a welcoming outdoor space and invites all of our community to share in it. People from all backgrounds, cultures, ages, and interests can find a place in the park to enjoy themselves. To alter the park will further segregate our community

There are plenty of playing fields in Nipomo and it is irresponsible to generate more fields, traffic congestion, and parking lots when we already have enough. There is also enough open space in Nipomo that could house a recreation center and *not* destroy the lovely natural environment around the park.

Selection of the Master Plan options is a crucial milestone in the future of Nipomo's populace. You can choose a workable solution that provides enjoyable recreation and entertainment *for all of* Nipomo's residents and without destruction of an irreplaceable natural preserve.

Please help Keep Nipomo Rural.

Sincerely,

Robin Shroyer, DVM
President, Keep Nipomo Rural



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Subject: Fw: Nipomo Park

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Harry and Jackie
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--- On **Wed, 12/5/12, Bill Chaides <bchaides@tcsn.net>** wrote:

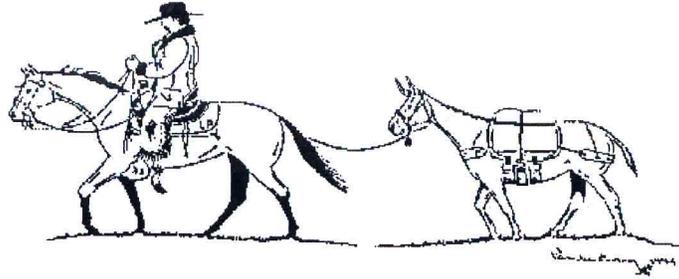
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Subject: Nipomo Park
To: fmecham@co.slo.ca.us, bgibson@co.slo.ca.us, ahill@co.slo.ca.us, pteixeira@co.slo.ca.us,
jpatterson@co.slo.ca.us
Cc: harryfwalls@sbcglobal.net
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See attached correspondence. Bill Chaides



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Backcountry Horsemen of California
Los Padres Unit
Post Office Box 6773
Santa Maria CA 93456

December 5, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the President of the Los Padres Unit of the Backcountry Horsemen of California. Our local unit has approximately 360 members. Most of those members live in Southern San Luis Obispo County and Santa Barbara County. Our members are proponents of keeping trails open for our local horsemen and women. We volunteer many hours of trail work assisting U.S. Forest Service and County Parks in maintaining and keeping trails open so hikers, bikers, and horsemen can use these trails. We are losing many trails in California and, in fact, in Federal Lands.

Our members realize that our commitment to our hobby is an expensive one; however, we also know that it adds to the economy in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties. We, as horse owners, contribute a lot of revenue into the system, which helps keep our counties afloat.

Please look into Plan B for Nipomo Park. It would be tragic to lose this natural wilderness that so many horse people have used over 50 years.

Very truly yours,

Not signed in order to send via email

Bill Chaides – President – Los Padres Unit BCHC

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Harry and Jackie
 Walls

--- On **Mon, 12/3/12**, Barbara Verlengiere <*blondmare@hughes.net*> wrote:

From: Barbara Verlengiere <blondmare@hughes.net>
 Subject: Cal Poly student
 To: harryfwalls@sbcglobal.net
 Date: Monday, December 3, 2012, 8:07 AM

December 2, 2012

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Amanda Shere and I have lived in Nipomo since 2009. I am 25 years old and a recent graduate of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. I majored in Anthropology and Geography with a concentration in Environmental Studies and Sustainability. I am writing this letter in response to the proposal to develop the natural preserve section of the Nipomo Regional Park for expanded recreation services and carnival rides. I would like to oppose this proposal as it will the destroy the established ecosystem and prevent it's use as a nature experience.

From January to October of this year I worked as an Ecological Restoration Intern at Sweet Springs Nature Preserve in Los Osos. At the preserve there have been many young coastal live oaks planted. They grow very slowly and require regular watering, fertilization, and monitoring to ensure their survival. The Nipomo Regional Park has a mature population of coastal live oaks, which are an integral part of the ecosystem. If cut down and replaced

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with young trees it will take decades for those trees to mature even if they are properly tended to. The current oak population acts as a carbon sink, sequestering atmospheric carbon that contributed to Global Warming and Climate Change. The oaks provide food and shelter for birds as well as a beautiful landscape for people's enjoyment. For my Ethnicity and the Land class at Cal Poly we were required to visit a spot of our choosing weekly and keep detailed journal entries. I chose a large coastal live oak in the Nipomo Regional Park. From my observations it was clear that people of all ages were enjoying the park in its current state. Many were just out for a walk to enjoy the environment, others used the park to walk their dogs, I saw teenagers riding their bikes, and on more than one occasion I was able to speak with people (both young and old) out riding their horses. As an avid horseback rider and owner I appreciate the availability of the park as a safe area to ride off of the roads.

It would be a mistake to accept the proposal to develop the natural area of the Nipomo Regional Park, it is a little piece of nature in an area that is quickly developing if it is changed there will be nowhere else like it. Do not let our community fall victim to the loss of natural open space.

Sincerely,
Amanda Shere



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Harry and Jackie
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--- On Tue, 11/20/12, Hans & El-Jay <hansson@verizon.net> wrote:

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 Subject: Nipomo Park
 To: pteixeira@co.slo.ca.us, bgibson@co.slo.ca.us, ahill@co.slo.ca.us, fmecham@co.slo.ca.us, jpatterson@co.slo.us
 Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2012, 3:58 PM

HANS & EL-JAY HANSSON
 2315 IDLLWILD PLACE
 ARROYO GRANDE, CA. 93420
 805/343-1949

November 20, 2012

San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors

Reference: Nipomo Park

We are again faced with the controversial master plan for the Nipomo Park.

We definitely agree that a Rec Center is needed, but what we do not understand is why so many would even consider ruining the wilderness and natural beauty of the park, when there are several optional sites that are more practical. There are several sites that have next to no character and are located in more logical places. Same is true for the swimming pool and skate board rink.

There are plenty of areas, including the schools, that have room for more playing fields.

As for the preschool -- again we agree there is a need, but not at the park as the laws forbids "for profit" businesses to operate

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there.

The sheriff has made it clear that they do not have the man power to patrol the park.

We hope commom sense will prevail before the bulldozers start removing the 100 year old oak trees. Once the damage is done, there is no going back.

Please vote to preserve the park and make use of the other sites that are sitting dormant just waiting for development.

Respectfully

Hans and El-Jay



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--- On **Mon, 11/26/12**, Susan <scswag@verizon.net> wrote:

From: Susan <scswag@verizon.net>
 Subject: Nipomo Community Park
 To: boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us
 Cc: ekavanaugh@co.slo.ca.us
 Date: Monday, November 26, 2012, 9:00 AM

San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors:

Thisnote is in response to the current decision making process for Nipomo Community Park. As a resident andequestrian the park has special meaning. I moved to the area in 1997 to be closer to family but fell in love with the rural atmosphere. Sadly over thepast 15 years little by little the atmosphere has changed.

Wherethere used to be miles of trails for hikers and horseback riders there is now anarrow

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sections of intermittent trails. Where there used to be hundreds of beautiful trees there is now golf courses with hundreds of homes. I understand the necessity of the homes. I do not understand the destruction of so many trees that are not only beautiful but used to protect our area from the ocean winds and dust. I have no issue with golf courses as my father was a Golf Professional. He moved to the Blacklake because of the golf course but mostly because of the rural atmosphere. However, prior to his death he saw the beginning of Monarch Dunes. He couldn't understand the destruction of so many trees which to him made a golf course beautiful and challenging. Monarch Dunes is doing a wonderful job of blending golf with horses. Knollwood did a wonderful job of incorporating trails with a housing tract. But there is nothing like an area completely away from roads, semi-truck and automobiles to hike or ride.

This situation in Nipomo Community Park, from my point of view, is how to please the growing diverse population of children plus the long term residents who have been using and supporting the park for many years. Since there are other areas where the Community Center can be built and other places children can already play or swim. I do not understand the reason to cut down the beautiful Oak Grove that makes the park special. It is not only the equestrians who enjoy the park's rural atmosphere. Where else in Nipomo is there an area with so many trees open to the public for walking, hiking and horseback riding?

My equestrian perspective of the Nipomo area is we bring so much to the community. I hear all the time "well their rich they don't need a park". I say the majority of horse owners are not rich. We scrimp, we save and live without in order to feed, board and ride our horses. Groups from

other areas gather to ride the beautiful Bluffs and when they do they bring money to the area.

We will soon lose most of the beautiful trails near the Bluffs for more homes. But as these groups are driving home they will stop at the gas station, the market, places like Lemos and restaurants.

Along with FFA and High School Rodeo there are plenty of young adults in this area who support the park by exercising their horses on the trails. I'm sure more would use the park if there was easier access especially if Osage is widened with a multi-use trail alongside.

If we continue to replace good riding trails with cement or areas that are not cohesive to horseback riding local businesses will be lost. Along with the everyday equestrians the local FFA & High School Rodeo employ riding trainers, boarding & training facilities, hay suppliers and Veterinarians throughout the area. I do not feel the equestrians ask for much in comparison to all the other sporting events in the area. There are ball parks, skate parks, tennis courts, basketball courts and golf courses covering thousands of areas of land. They support the community financially through their sport plus through their taxes.

I'm one of the luckier equestrians in Nipomo. I do not have to trailer my horse to get to a trail. I ride Knollwood & Camino Caballo almost everyday. It's a blend of rural meets city life which I have learned to deal with in order to ride. My horses are trained to not respond to a semi-truck blasting down a road too narrow for their trucks, a dog running after us, or trying to cross Mesa at the waterfall; areas which affect everyone hikers, bikers and horseback riders.

It sure is nice to have a small piece of land at Nipomo Community Park where we can just hike or ride in the peacefulness.

I hope the Board will take in consideration all of the people who use the park. I have reviewed the

plans and do agree there will be multi-use trails and look for to them. But I donot feel it is necessary to destroy the Oaks to build a Community Center whenthere are several other options where it can be built.

Please do not destroy thelast public access Oak Grove in Nipomo Community Park.

SusanSwagerty

Nipomo, CA



To: Frank Mecham/BOS/COSLO@Wings, James Patterson/BOS/COSLO@Wings, Adam Hill/BOS/COSLO@Wings, Bruce Gibson/BOS/COSLO@Wings, Amy Gilman/BOS/COSLO@Wings, Debbie Geaslen/BOS/COSLO@Wings, Paul
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Harry and Jackie
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--- On **Thu, 11/29/12**, **Cindy Jelinek <cjelinek@calpoly.edu>** wrote:

From: Cindy Jelinek <cjelinek@calpoly.edu>
 Subject: Nipomo Regional Park Master Plan
 To: boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us
 Cc: ekavanaugh@co.slo.ca.us
 Date: Thursday, November 29, 2012, 8:51 AM

To: The Members of the Board of Supervisors

Re: Final Nipomo Community Park Master Plan PEIR

Dear Sirs:

As president of the board of directors of the Nipomo Native Garden, I recently reviewed the final park master plan. I was surprised to discover that the Nipomo Native Garden is shown on all maps as having extensive horse trails parallel to the existing decomposed granite pathways. These horse trails do not exist. We have installed one unpaved trail from the Inga Road pedestrian entrance that follows the perimeter of the garden along Pomeroy and Camino Caballo. This allows riders to access the main part of the park without having to ride next to cars along the edge of Pomeroy. But horses are not permitted in any other part of the garden. Please see the attached map.

My general impression of the plan is that it is trying to meet all community goals in one place—our park. Additional sports fields, a rec center, a private pre-school, another dog park,

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more tennis courts, etc. You name it, and there is a place for it at the Nipomo Regional Park. In looking at our whole community, it would seem to make sense to spread some of these things around to various areas to make it easier for people to access closer to their own neighborhoods and to eliminate the noise and traffic congestion that will occur in one neighborhood.

As Nipomo grows, there will be fewer wild areas that citizens will have access to. The hikers, bikers, dog walkers, nature lovers and horse riders will have fewer alternatives. The native areas of the park are also important habitat for many animals whose territories are being eliminated by development. It seems more sensible to save what native habitat we have than spend years trying to recreate it as we are doing with the Nipomo Native Garden.

There is also the issue of water. The Nipomo Regional Park is currently one of the largest water users in the Nipomo Community Services District. As everyone knows, our aquifer is in overdraft and in danger of salt water intrusion. Native plants can thrive with very little water. Sport fields and landscaping around buildings will add to the water burden on our aquifer.

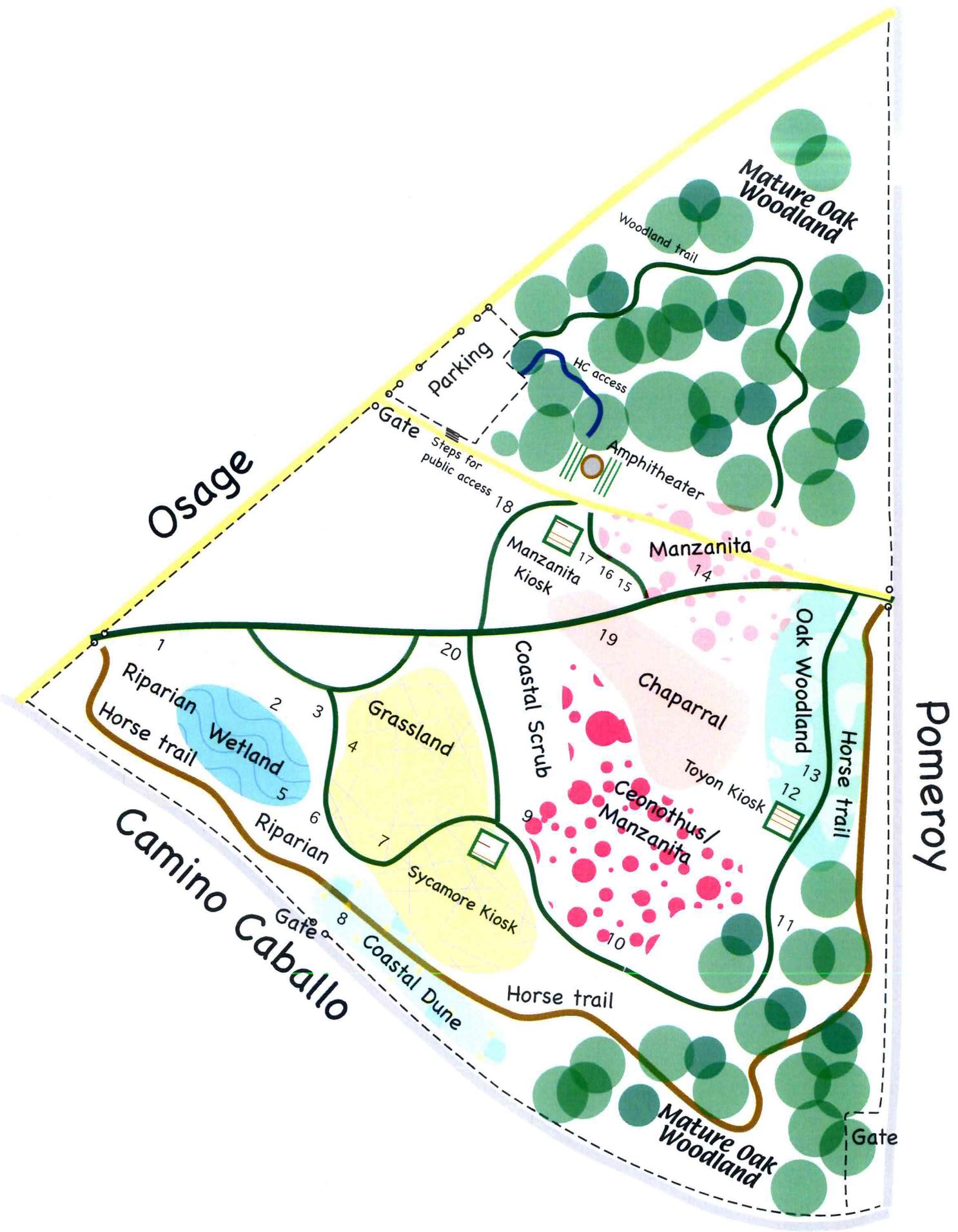
Please consider these issues as you discuss the plan.

Sincerely,

Cindy Jelinek



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Osage

Pomeroy

Camino Caballo

Mature Oak Woodland

Woodland trail

Parking

HC access

Amphitheater

Steps for public access 18

Manzanita Kiosk

Manzanita

Oak Woodland

Riparian

Wetland

Grassland

Coastal Scrub

Chaparral

Toyon Kiosk

Ceanothus/Manzanita

Sycamore Kiosk

Coastal Dune

Mature Oak Woodland

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Fw: The Nipomo Park's future

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Subject: Fwd: The Nipomo Park's future

--- On Fri, 11/30/12, daisydad1@charter.net <daisydad1@charter.net> wrote:
Please post this on the Dec 18 BOS agenda for the Nipomo Park. Thank you

From: daisydad1@charter.net
Date: November 30, 2012 4:06:28 PM PST
To: fmecham@co.slo.ca.us
Subject: **The Nipomo Park's future**

Honorable supervisor , My name is Tim Dilley and I want you to save the Nipomo Park and to let it evolve and grow by way of timely and careful expansion. I support the Master Plan B with it's thoughtful and sensitive planning . We need to preserve the park not create a "new" one. The open space is not just a void , a vacuum, waiting for someone to build a structure on. We need to slow down and listen to All of the voting constituents, the surveys were flawed, the recreation center should be built on other property that the county has access to. Why would we delete open recreational space to build parking lots and a 36,000 square foot , 2 story man-made ,out of place building ? I believe that there will be environmental issues such as loss of habitat, and the over consumption of water.

The potential placement of the new recreation center in the center of the park would be foolish, are we going to provide private security after the first serious crime is committed? Why would we build it in an area that the SLO county sheriff has said numerous times that his officers cannot patrol in a regular and timely manner. You may have read or scanned the EIR report, you have heard and authorized other reports regarding the Nipomo Park, but I would guess that you have not been to the park and walked it's many trails, seeing the kids playing sports, the many horse people enjoying the peace and quietness of the park's open and wild areas. Why don't you pay us a visit, exist in and experience the totality of being in a oasis of harmony. Seriously , all of you gentlemen should pay us a visit on personal or county time with family or friends.

In closing, please do not give in or acquiesce to the temporary pressures of your duties. The acceptance of the entire Master (full build out) Plan would be a serious, environmental and political mistake. When you review all the facts, input and the importance of your decision in a timely manner, I am confident that you will listen to your heart and hear the big picture.

thank you ,, Tim Dilley
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