August 22, 2023

Supervisor Jimmy Paulding, 4th District Supervisor County Government Center San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Dear Supervisor Paulding:

The South County Advisory Council held an in-person meeting on Monday, August 21, at 6:30 p.m. at 148 S. Wilson Street in Nipomo. This was a special meeting to address the final Dana Reserve Environmental Impact Report.

Dana Reserve - Final Environmental Impact Report – This meeting was scheduled to provide South County residents the opportunity to comment on the final Dana Reserve EIR. This report became available to the public on August 4, 2023.

Project Developer Nick Tompkins attended the meeting and responded to questions about the EIR from the Council. Thirty-eight members of the overflow crowd submitted requests to speak and subsequently voiced their concerns regarding the proposed project. There were no individuals that spoke in support of the project.

The speakers spoke on a range of concerns with the proposed project that included: air quality, population density, traffic, infrastructure, public safety, environment, pollution, emergency exits, removal of the oak trees and conformity with surrounding developments. Generally, the speakers were critical of the lack of input by residents to the project and the perceived rush through the planning process.

Following the public comments and Council discussion, a motion was made and seconded. The Council voted 5 to 3 to approve the motion recommending denial of the Dana Reserve Project.

On behalf of the South County Advisory Council,

Richard Wright,

Correspondence Secretary

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