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To: [Rotharmel, Linda M. x5240;](#)
Subject: FW: HARDCOPY LETTER WILL FOLLOW DEIR COMMENTS/GPU#5
Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2008 9:45:09 AM

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From: Holm, Carl P. x5103
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2008 9:45 AM
To: 'janmitchell77@hughes.net'
Cc: Knaster, Alana x5322; Novo, Mike x5192; McKee, Charles J; Girard, Leslie J.; Strimling, Wendy; 100-District 2 (831) 755-5022
Subject: RE: HARDCOPY LETTER WILL FOLLOW DEIR COMMENTS/GPU#5

[Ms Mitchell;](#)

[I have received your comment on the EIR process for the 2007 General Plan Update.](#)

[Reference documents are available in various formats. Many are made available via the web, others are available at our front counter in hard copy. Please specify the reference materials that you are having difficulty with and we will be more than willing to assist you to help find them.](#)

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From: Knaster, Alana x5322
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2008 9:40 AM
To: Holm, Carl P. x5103
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From: Gowin, Henry M. **On Behalf Of** 100-District 2 (831) 755-5022
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2008 5:43 PM
To: Knaster, Alana x5322
Subject: FW: HARDCOPY LETTER WILL FOLLOW DEIR COMMENTS/GPU#5

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

From: Jan Mitchell [mailto:janmitchell77@hughes.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2008 5:31 PM
To: 100-District 1 (831) 647-7991; 100-District 2 (831) 755-5022; 100-District 3 (831) 385-8333; 100-District 5 (831) 647-7755; 100-District 4 (831) 883-7570
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jan Mitchell <janmitchell77@hughes.net>
Date: October 21, 2008 5:23:39 PM PDT
To: CLERK OF THE BOARD <cttb@co.monterey.ca.us>
Cc: "Novo - PB&I, Mike" <Novom@co.monterey.ca.us>, Mckee Charles MC Council <mckeec@co.monterey.ca.us>
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October 21, 2008

Fernando Armenta, Chair
standard mail

Submitted via e-mail and

MONTEREY COUNTY

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

168 W. Alisal Street

Salinas, Calif. 93901

REF: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR
GPPU#5

Reference Documents NOT AVAILABLE

Chair Armenta, and Honorable Supervisors:

As the official representative for both our Prunedale Neighbors Group (PNG) as well as our Prunedale Preservation Alliance (PPA), we are proud that we have monitored and participated in all four previous drafts of the Monterey County General Plan Update effort. For lay participants, this has been a long and arduous adventure.

We are also working diligently to digest the extensive material provided in the current GPU#5 DEIR recently released. Nonetheless, we are experiencing much difficulty due to pertinent reference documents which appear to be missing (?). Please pardon our naiveté, but doesn't CEQA require that all documents referenced in the EIR must be available for public review during the agency's normal working hours? No doubt you have received complaints from others concerning missing documentation as well.

Indeed, I hope you can appreciate that this is a monumental task for we as lay citizenry, as we are certainly not as educated as staff with regard to terms, etc. Indeed, we are handicapped to review this monumental data at best.

Admittedly, we often read a paragraph several times before we might

finally understand its actual meaning. Since lay citizens do NOT have the advantage of working in the land-use arena daily, you can appreciate that this for us is a true civic challenge.

Further difficulty, since this task is NOT our livelihood, we must schedule FREE time for review around work hours (9 to 5), and our chores which wait at home and our family/children obligations, so again, our time for review is limited.

When all of the necessary documentation is not available, this becomes a MORE frustrating effort. Our goal is to respond in a timely fashion. We are eager to provide meaningful input, yet without the necessary reference materials, we feel it is unfair to have a limited deadline. Initially, the public was led to believe there would be a 60-day review period. Then, that time to respond was reduced to a difficult 45-day minimum.

Please hear our request today: 1) provide us with the required documentation which is currently missing and 2) extend the deadline time for the public review accordingly. Clearly, anything less would not be in compliance with CEQA mandates.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Jan Mitchell, Representative

PRUNEDALE NEIGHBORS GROUP

PRUNEDALE PRESERVATION ALLIANCE

CC: Mike Novo

Charles McKee

Clerk of the Board

The following details some of the problems we are experiencing:

The total number of reference documents listed in the DEIR, Section 11, is approximately 328. Attempts to reference documents on line have not been successful. Some documents are not usable, and not clear since pages are missing, or do not provide necessary information.

Other problems with reference documents appear with lesser frequency, but are nonetheless equally incomprehensible or inaccessible. Many of the links provided by the County are not to the reference documents on the website. There are links to pages which no longer exist, links to homepages of public agencies and private entities, but no link to the document itself; links to search pages that do not allow for a search, etc. Some documents are missing every other page. We also understand, in discussions with others who are experiencing similar difficulty, that some paper documents at the County Planning Department are incomplete. Hopefully, we will not have to waste our precious time going down to the department to no avail.

Individuals and groups who paid a “pretty penny” I might add (during difficult economic times) to purchase a copy of the DEIR now find they did NOT receive any notification from the county about an updated list of Section 11 documents. (?) This is inexcusable.

The County website STILL LISTS OCTOBER 28 as the deadline for comments. This is inaccurate, as we understand that the deadline has been extended to November 18th. Now we are questioning---which is the correct date???? This incorrect information is misleading to anyone who reads the website and merely generates further confusion

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