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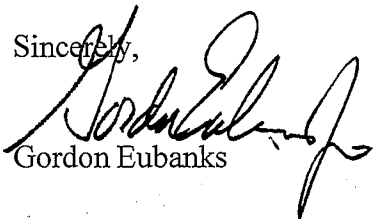
Jacqueline R Onciano
Monterey County Resource Management Agency
Planning Department
168 W. Alisal St., 2nd Floor
Salinas, CA 93901
Dear Ms. Onciano,

I am writing as a concerned citizen of Monterey County to voice my strong objections to the proposed Rancho Canada Village development in the unincorporated area of Carmel Valley. My son is a student at the Carmel Middle School where the Habitat is a key component of the teaching environment. The Habitat positively affects the lives of over 2,000 Monterey County schoolchildren annually and is home to over 175 species of birds, many small mammals, countless reptiles and insects, and amphibians, including the red-legged frog. The current proposal encroaches on the neighboring school site, and, in particular, unnecessarily compromises the parcel of land currently in use as an award-winning environmental education center, the Hilton Bialek Habitat.

I would ask you to ensure that the Environmental Goals listed in the executive summary of the draft EIR be followed in spirit and in fact. Any goals in conflict with the proposal for development should require a change to the development plan. Specifically consider visual aesthetics, hydrology, traffic flow and it's risk to school children, water supply and biological resources.

I look forward to seeing this development plan modified to ensure the preservation and integrity of the Hilton Bialek Habitat and to ensure the safety of the students of Carmel Middle School.

Sincerely,



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