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**Re: DEIR, Rancho Canada Village Specific Plan, January, 2008**

Dear Ms. Onciano:

We represent Ms. DeeAnne Howe, owner of property located at the southwest corner of the Rancho Canada Village Specific Plan site.

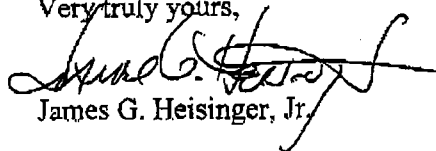
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Environmental Impact Report for the Rancho Canada Village Specific Plan, bearing a reference date of January, 2008.

1. The DEIR states at page ES-2, lines 9-14 that the formerly planned extension of Rio Road easterly over the Howe property is no longer proposed. When will the "Official County Plan Line" shown at Figure 2-5 be formally abandoned?
2. What is the approximate date of the photo at Figure ES-3?
3. Please describe the location on the Howe property of the Rio Road extension referred to on page ES-4 at line 14.
4. Is the Rio Road extension referred to on page ES-4 at line 14 a public or private road?
5. What is the Class of the bicycle trail proposed for the Rio Road extension over the Howe property?

6. Can equestrian, pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular uses all be safely accommodated in the 33 foot width of the Rio Road extension shown on Figure 2-4?
7. Please describe how the location of a levee at Section E-E shown on Figure 2-7 is consistent with the "CSA-50 Flood Control Project".
8. Please include the extension of Rio Road westerly of the project site in the list of "Areas of Known Controversy and Concern" beginning at page ES-5.
9. Please depict on a Figure the location, height above existing grade and width at both base and peak of the levee referred to on page ES-3 at line 29.
10. Please depict on a Figure the location, height above existing grade and width at both base and peak of the levee referred to as part of project Alternative 5 on page ES-12.
11. Please depict on a Figure the path followed by surface water described on page 3.2-6 at lines 17-20.
12. Please depict on a Figure the projected path of surface water over and adjacent to the Howe property on completion of the project.
13. Please include an analysis of left turn movements from the intersection of Val Verde Drive and the proposed Rio Road extension in Chapter 3.7.
14. Does the applicant propose to plant trees along its westerly boundary to block views of the project from the Howe property? What will be the distance between those trees? At what stage of the project development will those trees be planted? How long after those trees are planted will they effectively block views of the new project from the Howe property?
15. Please describe the visual impact of the proposed Rio Road extension improvement on the Howe residence, as well as the impact of the use of that extension.
16. Please describe and analyze project impacts on existing equestrian uses along Val Verde Drive and the areas west of the project.
17. Please describe the route to be followed to and from the project site for the importing of soil described on page 3.7-28 at lines 19-36.
18. Please describe and analyze short term construction impacts on livestock west of the project.

We look forward to the release and opportunity to comment on the final Environmental Impact Report for this project.

Very truly yours,



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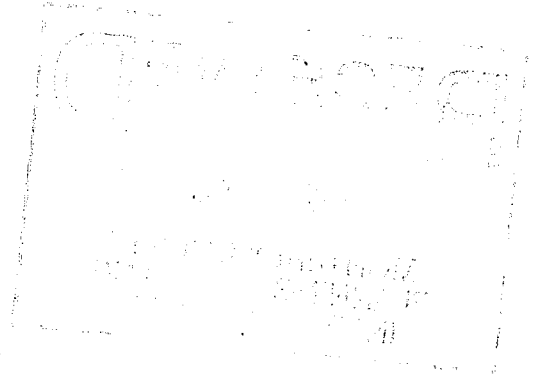
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