

2.7.201 LETTER I201

Letter I201

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 8:32 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Sharon Hurley
Email Address (Optional)	sharonhurlo@yahoo.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trails expansion project
I201-1 Comments	I support the trail expansion, I live in Placer county and enjoy riding, hiking, and walking trails close to home. Please expand the trails, more parking and trails would benefit everyone! Sharon Hurley Rocklin, CA
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I201: SHARON HURLEY

Response to Comment I201-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.202 LETTER I202

Letter I202

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 8:26 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Kevin Hurley
Email Address (Optional)	khurleyss@yahoo.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls trail expansion project
I202-1 Comments	I'm a 30 year Placer county resident. I support the expansion of the Hidden Falls trails. Great for healthy outdoor exercise to enjoy. Great family fun. Please expand the trails.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I202: KEVIN HURLEY

Response to Comment I202-2

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.203 LETTER I203

Letter I203

From: Judy Isaman <jgisaman@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 1:11 PM
To: Sue Colbert <SColbert@placer.ca.gov>; Ken Grehm <KGrehm@placer.ca.gov>; Placer County Board of Supervisors <BOS@placer.ca.gov>
Cc: jawurst@yahoo.com
Subject: Placer County BOS & Planning Commission Meeting Transparency

(Susan, please forward to all members of the Planning Commission. Thank you, Judy Isaman)

Are you familiar with the California Legislative Information Chapter 54950 that states-

"In enacting this chapter, the Legislature finds and declares that the public commissions, boards and councils and the other public agencies in this State exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business. It is the intent of the law that their actions be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly.

The people of this State do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created."

In addition to this legislative chapter, there is the Brown Act that outlines specifics about how California government bodies will operate. Its main point is that "all meetings shall be open and public except when the Brown Act authorizes otherwise."

I203-1

Due to the coronavirus the Governor enacted emergency measures that waive portions of the Brown Act so our County governments can pass measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus and ensure that essential business is conducted. This waiver has allowed the public meeting spaces to be closed and have meetings conducted via teleconferences or other electronic methods so members of the public seeking to attend a meeting can view and join without a physical presence of members, staff, or the public.

This past November as reported by USA Today; the city of Newcastle was rated number one in the nation with the slowest internet. It was also reported that nearly 30 percent of households in the town do not even have broadband subscriptions. These same results are closely mirrored by many of the rural towns in Placer County. Attending public meetings electronically only works when there is a technology infrastructure in place to support it.

So why at this time does Placer County deem it necessary to hold Planning Commission meetings for the Winery and Brewery Zoning Text Amendment, Hidden Falls Expansion Public Hearing, and other like items when members of our communities cannot attend in person? These agenda items have been years in the making with each having large groups of supporters and opponents and are not essential to the safety or well-being of Placer County residents.

Take a look at the Placer County calendar (www.placer.ca.gov/calendar.asp). Every Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) meeting from March through May has been canceled. At MAC meetings specific and pertinent information is presented including reports from our first responders – what could be more essential than information from CalFire, the Sheriff, and the Highway Patrol?

COVID-19 or not, County officials should always be acting in a way that is transparent, ethical, responsive, and welcomes public involvement. When we enter our recovery phase after this pandemic will the County proceed with business as usual or take time to re-evaluate its priorities and budget? Will our wineries and breweries still be in business? Will a park expansion into rural agricultural

I203-1 ↑ neighborhoods continue to be of importance or fiscally viable? A more important question is why do
Cont'd | Placer County officials feel the need to push these non-essential agenda items at this time, and who is it
serving?

Judy Isaman
Protect Rural Placer, Steering Committee
North Auburn Resident

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I203: JUDY ISAMAN

Response to Comment I203-1

The commenter expresses concern about the public review process.

Please see Master Response 1 – Public Comment Process.

Shirlee Herrington

From: Judy Isaman <jgisaman@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 6:53 PM
To: Placer County Environmental Coordination Services
Cc: Placer County Board of Supervisors; jawurst@yahoo.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hidden Falls Regional Park Expansion Project, May 14 Public Meeting SDEIR Comments

Good Evening Planning Commission Members and Guests, and thank you Lisa Carnahan for the Parks Department's presentation about the proposed expansion.

I204-1

Of the 72, Summary of Project Impacts and Mitigation Measures identified, 69 of these were labeled LTS or Less than significant after mitigation. Three were labeled SU. I can only guess that SU most likely represents Significantly Unavoidable since this abbreviation is missing from the table key.

For quick reference Table 2-1 Summary of Project Impacts and Mitigation Measures, Pages 2-9 and 2-20, Impact Items 7-3, 8-3, and Transportation and Circulation Impacts are labeled SU. The table key lists only LTS = Less than significant and PS = Potentially significant.

If I was the Parks Department, I would give my consultants a pat on the back for this outstanding report that scores their plan a 94 percent. A plan almost 20 years in the making without stakeholder input. That stakeholder being the 6,000 families that will be impacted by this proposed expansion.

From day one of hearing about this expansion, I as a stakeholder of this project have made suggestions at MAC meetings, Planning meetings, Parks meetings, and BOS meetings about how to mitigate the environmental, financial, safety, and human impacts. Not once was I or any of the members of Protect Rural Placer contacted by AECOM to provide evidence and specific information through personal observation and local personal knowledge about the proposed expansion area and asked to contribute to this report.

I204-2

The 2020 California Environmental Quality Act, Statute and Guidelines states in:

CHAPTER 3: GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Article 7. EIR Process

Section 15087. Public Review of Draft EIR (page 174)

(g) To make copies of EIRs available to the public, Lead Agencies should furnish copies of draft EIRs to public library systems serving the area involved. Copies should also be available in offices of the Lead Agency.

Due to the physical closure of our libraries and Placer County offices on March 17 from the County's Sheltering in Placer Order, I am requesting that this SDEIR does not go immediately for certification when it is updated with new information that address the issues raised this evening and during the comment period that runs through May 20.

My request also includes that all 6,000 families receive a mailed notification that a revised version is available for 60 days so a thorough review of the new information may be made by the stakeholders and addressed at MAC, Planning, Park and BOS meetings.

Please accept my comments this evening as part of this meeting's permanent record.

Respectfully submitted,
 Judy Isaman
 Protect Rural Placer, Steering Committee

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I204: JUDY ISAMAN

Response to Comment I204-1

The commenter notes that Table 2-1 is missing the table key for the abbreviation “SU”.

The “SU” stands for Significant and Unavoidable and has been added to Table 2-1. Please see Chapter 3 – Revisions to the Subsequent DEIR Text.

Response to Comment I204-2

In 2000, the voters of Placer County were presented with a ballot measure to express their desire for the Placer Legacy Open Space and Agricultural Conservation Program (Placer Legacy) and responded in the affirmative. Placer Legacy established the framework and funding mechanisms for the open space acquisition and outdoor recreational amenities that were brought to fruition through the HFRP and Trails Expansion Project properties. For each of the 11 property acquisitions that make up HFRP and the Trails Expansion Project properties to which the County was a party, beginning in 2003 the actions by the Board of Supervisors were noticed and discussed in public meetings, and the recreational components of each purchase and sale agreement were disclosed (See Appendix B of the Draft SEIR for the public trail descriptions associated with each property). As a development plan proceeded for each property, the County met or exceeded the public outreach guidelines for environmental review for each project including a previous Mitigated Negative Declaration and EIR. In the case of the current Project, the County provided multiple mailed notices to over 6,000 property owners in the vicinity of the Project in 2017 and 2018. There were two scoping meetings (in 2017 and 2018) which were both heavily attended by local residents, as evidenced by the scoping meeting attendance sheets and speaker sheets. The Project has been discussed in over 40 public meetings since late 2016 (including scoping meetings, Municipal Advisory Council meetings throughout western Placer County, Parks Commission, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, and other community groups upon request such as the Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council). Notices have been posted on the County web site, and multiple press releases and stories by local media outlets have been broadcast about the Project.

Additionally, the County Parks Division offered to meet with any local residents who wished to discuss the proposed project. Parks staff met on three separate occasions with local residents who were interested in meeting with staff from the Parks Division. In February of 2019, the County invited members of the Protect Rural Placer group to participate in a site visit to the Santa Clara Open Space Authority’s Sierra Vista Open Space Preserve to learn how the East Bay area has successfully integrated public use of trails with on-going cattle operations. Additionally, the County met specifically with the Protect Rural Placer group and Supervisor Gore on May 28, 2019 to address the groups’ questions and concerns. Lastly, the Notice of Availability for the Draft SEIR was again sent out to over 6,000 homeowners. Over 500 comments were received during the public comment period which included numerous comments from local residents and members of the Protect Rural Placer group.

The commenter expresses concerns about the adequacy of the Draft SEIR.

The Draft SEIR has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, the potential impacts have been thoroughly analyzed, and appropriate mitigation measures have been proposed. No further response is required.

Please also see Master Response 1 – Public Comment Process.

2.7.205 LETTER I205

Letter I205

I205-1

The proposed Hidden Falls Expansion Project has been highly touted under the guise of protecting County AG zoned property from development. In reality this project removes 2,500 acres currently zoned agriculture preserving and reserving it for family farming and ranching and turns it over to the Parks Department management to create a park for recreation.

If in truth, this project is to preserve agricultural resources in Placer County then why on the listing of Lead Agency and SEIR Preparers (Table 19.0, pages 19-1 and 19-2) are there not any mention of local stakeholders or agricultural agencies as contributors? Specifically:

- Joshua P. Huntsinger, Placer County Agricultural Commissioner
- The Placer County Agricultural Commissioners
- Cindy Fake, County Director, Placer and Nevada Counties, Horticulture and Small Farms Advisor, University of California Cooperative Extension, Placer/Nevada (or other faculty and staff)
- The Tahoe Cattlemen's Association
- The Placer County Farm Bureau
- Current owners of grazing leases on the proposed project area
- Family farmers near the current park and proposed project area

Please refer to the 2020 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guide, Page 197, 15129. ORGANIZATIONS AND PERSONS CONSULTED, which states:

The EIR shall identify all federal, state, or local agencies, other organizations, and private individuals consulted in preparing the draft EIR, and the persons, firm, or agency preparing the draft EIR, by contract or other authorization.

Although the Parks Department is not required to include the suggested agriculture stakeholders and organizations, it is apparent that only those agencies who would provide an opinion of Less Than Significant (LTS) for mitigation measures were included in the DSEIR. For a true report of the impacts, significance, and measures for mitigation input from the suggested stakeholders and agriculture organizations with local personal knowledge should have been included as Preparers.

I also want to address Ms. Carnahan's statement at the Planning Commission's May 14 meeting stating that cattle grazing has been going on at the current park, and there are no plans to stop grazing in the expansion area. To the best of my knowledge there has not been any cattle grazing in the current park for quite a long time which then creates an overlap into deferred maintenance and then overlaps into control measures for wildfire prevention. As for her statement about continuing grazing in the expansion area – the current leaseholders have not been contacted and asked to have their cattle introduced to park visitors in the form of hikers, cyclists, equestrians, and others.

Please refer to the Placer County Agriculture Crops Report, 2018 industry Overview (included), for a review of the contributions that farming and ranching play in our economy. When you factor in providers of equipment, supplies, feed, etc. there is exponential revenue potentials for our County.

Since many other Protect Rural Placer members are addressing specific topics in the SDEIR, it is my intention to bring to your attention that the preparation of this report was not inclusive, prepared without local personal knowledge, and based on assumptions.

I205-1
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Please refer to the 2020 CEQA Guide, Page 189, 15125. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING, Item (c):

(c) Knowledge of the regional setting is critical to the assessment of environmental impacts. Special emphasis should be placed on environmental resources that are rare or unique to that region and would be affected by the project. The EIR must demonstrate that the significant environmental impacts of the proposed project were adequately investigated and discussed, and it must permit the significant effects of the project to be considered in the full environmental context.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Isaman

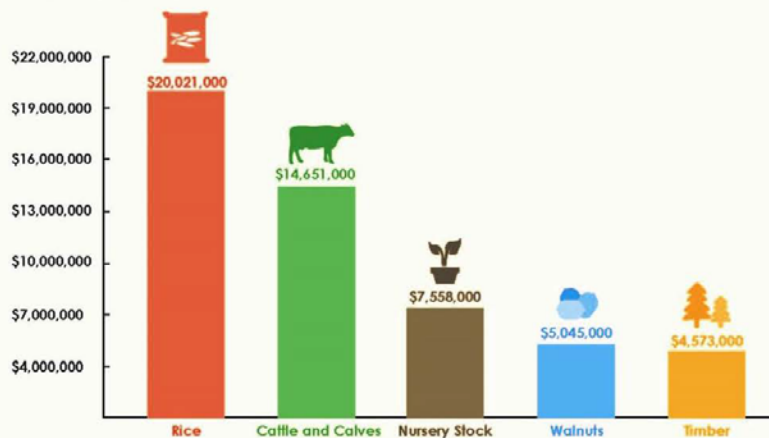
Protect Rural Placer, Steering Committee

2018 Industry Overview

5-YEAR COMPARISON SUMMARY

Industry	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Fruit & Nut Crops	\$11,348,890	\$9,818,000	\$9,779,000	\$9,047,000	\$10,250,000
Field Crops	\$27,140,000	\$16,565,000	\$19,122,000	\$22,385,000	\$30,883,000
Vegetable Crops	\$2,000,000	\$1,850,000	\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000
Livestock/Poultry	\$17,839,000	\$13,298,000	\$20,580,000	\$15,177,000	\$22,182,000
Livestock/Poultry Products	\$1,904,000	\$1,929,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,716,000	\$1,783,000
Nursery Products	\$7,558,000	\$8,442,000	\$8,154,000	\$8,208,000	\$7,311,000
Apiary Products	\$75,000	\$73,000	\$62,000	\$113,000	\$50,000
Subtotals	\$67,864,890	\$51,975,000	\$60,947,000	\$58,396,000	\$74,209,000
Gross Timber Harvest/Christmas Trees	\$4,838,000	\$4,084,000	\$4,259,000	\$5,918,000	\$12,255,000
Grand Totals	\$72,702,890	\$58,059,000	\$65,206,000	\$64,314,000	\$86,464,000

TOP 5 CROPS FOR 2018



RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I205: JUDY ISAMAN

Response to Comment I205-1

The commenter states that the proposed project removes 2,500 acres currently zoned agriculture preserving and reserving it for family farming and ranching and turns it over to the Parks Department management to create a park for recreation.

The proposed project is not requesting a change in zoning. Farm zoning allows for a multitude of uses in addition to agricultural, resource and open space uses, including such things as manufacturing and processing uses, residential uses, retail trade and service uses, as well as recreation, education and public assembly uses. Parks and rural recreation are uses allowed within the Farm zone district with approval of a Minor Use Permit. Cattle grazing and concurrent public use of multi-use trails have been successfully managed by the Parks Districts in the Bay Area for many years.

The commenter expresses a concern that stakeholders or agricultural agencies such as the Placer County Agricultural Commissioner were not involved in the process or added to the List of Preparers for the Draft SEIR. The Agricultural Commissioner, as well as the commenter and other members of the Protect Rural Placer group, representatives from the Placer Land Trust (PLT) and staff from the Placer County Parks Division participated in the February 2019 site visit to the Santa Clara Open Space Authority's. The purpose of the visit was to learn how the East Bay area has successfully integrated public use of trails with on-going cattle operations. A revision to the Draft SEIR has been made to add Josh Huntsinger, the Agricultural Commissioner, to the List of Preparers.

The commenter questioned that statement made by Parks staff that cattle grazing has been occurring at the existing HFRP in recent years. Although the cattle-grazing lease expired a number of years ago, cattle from various neighbors have continued to informally graze within the park since that time. The current leases within the Trails Expansion areas owned by the PLT will continue to be managed by the PLT. The PLT has stated in several public meetings that they fully intend to continue leasing the property to cattle grazers as a part of their ongoing vegetation management program.

The commenter discusses the revenue potentials for the County from farming and ranching. This comment is not directed at the adequacy of the Draft SEIR for addressing adverse physical impacts associated with the proposed project, nor does it contain an argument raising significant environmental issues. However, this comment is published in this Response to Comments document for public disclosure and for decision maker consideration. No further response is required.

The commenter expresses concerns related to agriculture and the adequacy of the analysis presented in the Draft SEIR.

Please see Master Response 5 – Agriculture. The Draft SEIR has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, the potential impacts have been thoroughly analyzed, and appropriate mitigation measures have been proposed. No further response is required.

2.7.206 LETTER I206

Letter I206

Kelly Jackson
P.O. Box 143
Meadow Vista, California 95722-0143

Board of Supervisors
175 Fulweiler Avenue
Auburn, California 95603

April 17, 2020

Re: Cancel or postpone the Hidden Falls Expansion Public Hearing
scheduled for May 14th

Dear Cindy, Robert, Jim, Bonnie and Kirk,

The Hidden Falls Expansion Public Hearing that is scheduled for May 14 will now be conducted remotely, meaning the public can't physically attend, but can call in to make a comment. This is not acceptable! IT DOES NOT MAKE SENSE TO HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING WITHOUT THE PUBLIC!

I206-1 A side note, I have been unable to talk to my kids and friends through Zoom. There are many reasons I am sure but the bottom line is, I am unable to access through my computer internet service. It wouldn't work for me to have live streaming of the meeting.

Please cancel or postpone the Public Hearing until further notice. I am not sure when Gov. Gavin Newsom will drop some of these restrictions on our getting together in large groups (this will certainly be a large group!). We can't have the Public Hearing until the public can gather.

Sincerely,



Kelly Jackson

Give a copy to the County CEO Todd Leopold
and all of the directors and aides

Thank you!
Kelly

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I206: KELLY JACKSON

Response to Comment I206-1

The commenter expresses concern about the public meeting. Please see Master Response 1 – Public Comment Process.

2.7.207 LETTER I207

Letter I207

May 17, 2020

*Attention: Sue Colbert
Planning Commissioner Clerk*

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Please give a copy to each of the commissioners

Thank you,



Kelly Jackson

Kelly Jackson
P.O. Box 143
Meadow Vista, CA. 95722-0143

5/17/20

Placer County Planning Commission
3091 County Center Drive
Auburn, California 95603

Dear Placer County Planning Commissioner,

**Re: Concerns about Fire Danger in Hidden Falls
Regional Park Trails Expansion SDEIR**

I have been a resident of Placer County for 38 years. I have concerns about the fire danger in this area. There are a number of points to consider in the SDEIR.

16.6 Mitigation Measures

I207-1

* The purchase of a Lightweight Rescue Vehicle (LRV) is noted; cost information for the vehicle and staff is missing and no evidence exists that the LRV can or will reduce incidence of wildfires. What is the actual projected cost of the LRV and annual cost of the staffing that would operate it?

(A side point here - after talking to Cal Fire they would not receive a new vehicle but rather replace their old one. How does this all work out in terms of Hidden Falls Recreation Park?)

I207-2

*Missing from the SDEIR is how visitors will be policed for illegal camping, campfires, BBQ's, smoking, running dogs off leash, harassing livestock, and myriad similar problems when California Land Management "Rangers" will be the relied upon enforcement group.

* What will be the annual cost of the additional "Rangers"?

I207-3

*Fuel mitigation, as stated, does not reduce the chance for ignition of fires.

**The SDEIR unjustly appears to speculate that future incidence of wildland fire will correlate with the past 55 years of fire history in the area. There is no correlation because the trail expansion area was privately held land free of visitor impact during most of those years.*

Other: Significant Items/Issues That The SDEIR Fails To Address

I207-3
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**Fire history within the local region, in similar fuel types and with similar topographic features, is not addressed by AECOM in the SDEIR. Three significant fires that exemplify potential are noted:*

- 1. August 30, 2009: The 49 Fire of Auburn had southwest winds push the fire northeast and consumed 340 acres, 60 homes, 3 businesses, and more.*
- 2. September 1, 2008: The Gladding Fire was driven by wind burning southeast from its point of origin and consumed 960 acres, 4 residences and many more structures.*
- 3. 1992: The Fawn Hill Fire, another wind-driven fire that burned 250 acres and 11 homes.*

I207-4

** More than 900 miles of trails already exist in Placer County. Funding to maintain these existing trails is in the present problematic.*

** With expansion of the HFRP, Placer County creates untold liability by introducing many hundreds, if not thousands, of Park users into a fire-prone area, an area already impacted by fire insurance cancellations and insurance rate increases that are largely attuned to calculated risk.*

(From my perspective - having just gone through an insurance change for my house, my old company is no longer selling insurance in my area - my new policies are more expensive. This will definitely affect local homeowners.)

I207-5

I worked for Animal Medical Center as their Accountant and Controller for about 33 years and I retired about 4 years ago. I saw a few cases of cats, dogs and bunnies that had been burned. It is an awful thing to see. Please double check your facts and the information you are using to make your decisions.

Based upon the information in the SDEIR, the assumptions it has made, and the negative impacts to the very communities who were not included in any of the 15-year planning. I request that you reject this project.

Please include my letter as part of the public comment permanent record.

Thank you,



Kelly Jackson

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I207: KELLY JACKSON

Response to Comment I207-1

The commenter expresses concern about fire danger in the area. Please see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response.

The commenter also has questions about the costs of a Lightweight Rescue Vehicle and staffing. The purpose of the Draft SEIR is to identify the significant effects of the proposed project on the physical environment and the Draft SEIR is not intended to address social or economic impacts. This is consistent with CEQA guidelines stating that “An economic or social change by itself shall not be considered a significant effect on the environment” (CEQA Guidelines Sections 15131 and 15382). No further response is required.

Response to Comment I207-2

The commenter expresses concern about incompatible land use and enforcement. Please see Master Response 4 – Land Use Compatibility.

The commenter also questions the cost of additional “Rangers”. Please see Response to Comment I207-1 as it pertains to economic impacts.

Response to Comment I207-3

The commenter expresses concern about wildfire. Please see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response.

Response to Comment I207-4

The commenter has concerns about funding, liability, and insurance. Please see Response to Comment I207-1 as it pertains to economic impacts.

Response to Comment I207-5

The commenter expresses opposition to the project. The opposition is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.208 LETTER I208

Letter I208

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 9:43 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Roland Jackson
Email Address (Optional)	roldog27@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Yes more trails, more Hidden Falls!
I208-1 Comments	Hidden Falls is crowded. Placer County trails in general are crowded. We have few options for a growing population. We need more options for hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding. I have been waiting so long for more trails. It's public land, not the privilege of the few who are lucky enough to own property up there. Please open up
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I208: ROLAND JACKSON

Response to Comment I208-1

The commenter expresses support for the project. The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.209 LETTER I209

Letter I209

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 8:24 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Bill Jensen
Email Address (Optional)	cooljensens@att.net
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Expansion
Comments	<p>Dear Board Members,</p> <p>Please support the expansion of the Hidden Falls Expansion plan. The opportunity to set aside open space for public use will be a lasting legacy of what is right with Placer County. The outdoor experience is as necessary as clean water and air. Your support of the the expansion of hiking trails will support the community to become more in touch with the wonderful place of Placer County as well as supporting both their physical and mental health.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Bill Jensen</p>
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I209: BILL JENSEN

Response to Comment I209-1

The commenter expresses support for the project. The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.210 LETTER I210

Letter I210

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 3:11 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz
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First and Last Name	Joan Jerneagan		
Email Address (Optional)	Jerneagan95602@gmail.com		
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Regional Park Expansion		
I210-1 I210-2	<table><tr><td>Comments</td><td>I strongly favor the proposed Hidden Falls Regional Park expansion. It is vitally important to preserve our blue oak woodlands as wildlife corridors and for non-motorized human recreation. I hope that additional parking lots will reduce the impact on the neighborhoods, by spreading out the visitors among more access points. My only concern, as a 30 year resident off Lone Star Road, is that the increase in automobile traffic to the parking lots, will result in widening and straightening the rural access roads, with a resulting sacrifice of the oak trees lining the roadways. We should not cut down oaks along the roads to protect oaks in the park.</td></tr></table>	Comments	I strongly favor the proposed Hidden Falls Regional Park expansion. It is vitally important to preserve our blue oak woodlands as wildlife corridors and for non-motorized human recreation. I hope that additional parking lots will reduce the impact on the neighborhoods, by spreading out the visitors among more access points. My only concern, as a 30 year resident off Lone Star Road, is that the increase in automobile traffic to the parking lots, will result in widening and straightening the rural access roads, with a resulting sacrifice of the oak trees lining the roadways. We should not cut down oaks along the roads to protect oaks in the park.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I210:

Response to Comment I210-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I210-2

The commenter expresses concerns about the loss of oak trees as a result of road widening. Please see Draft SEIR Section 12.4 “Impacts” in Chapter 12.0 “Biological Resources” for an analysis on impacts to oak woodland. Also, see text below from Draft SEIR. Any removal of significant trees greater than 6 inches diameter at breast height will require mitigation.

IMPACT 12-9	Biological Resources—Impacts on Oak Woodland Habitat. <i>The proposed project would result in the removal of trees that are 6 inches dbh or larger from oak woodland habitat. Native oak trees are protected under the Placer County Tree Ordinance and SB 1334.</i>
Significance	<i>Potentially significant (Consistent with prior analysis in 2010 HFRP Certified EIR)</i>
Mitigation Proposed	<i>Mitigation Measure S12-7: Protect Oak Woodland Habitat</i>
Residual Significance	<i>Less Than Significant</i>

Mitigation Measure S12-7: Protect Oak Woodland Habitat

- Prior to any removal of significant trees (equal to, or greater than, six [6] inches DBH [diameter at breast height] or 10 inches DBH aggregate for multi-trunked trees), the project applicant shall obtain a tree removal permit from Placer County. In conjunction with submittal of a tree removal permit application, the applicant shall submit a site plan showing all protected trees proposed for removal. In accordance with Chapter 12.16.080 of the Placer County Code, the applicant shall comply with any conditions required by the Planning Services Division, which shall include payment of in-lieu fees. In-lieu fees shall be paid into the Placer County Tree Preservation Fund at \$100 per DBH removed or impacted.

In the event the Placer County Conservation Program is adopted prior to submittal of improvement plans for this project, then Mitigation Measure 6-10(a) may be replaced with the PCCP’s mitigation fees and conditions on covered activities to address this resource impact and avoidance and minimization measures as set forth in the PCCP implementation document. If PCCP enrollment is chosen and/or required by the State and federal agencies as mitigation for one or more biological resource area impacts, then the PCCP mitigation shall apply only to those species and waters that are covered by the PCCP.

- The Site Plans shall include a note and show placement of Temporary Construction Fencing. The applicant shall install a four-foot-tall, brightly colored (usually yellow or orange), synthetic mesh material fence (or an equivalent approved by the Development Review Committee) at the following locations prior to any construction equipment being moved on-site or any construction activities taking place:
 - A. Adjacent to any and all open space preserve areas that are within 50 feet of any proposed construction activity;
 - B. At the limits of construction, outside the critical root zone of all trees six [6] inches DBH [diameter at breast height], or 10 inches DBH aggregate for multi-trunk trees, within 50 feet of any grading, road improvements, underground utilities, or other development activity; or,
 - C. Around any and all "special protection" areas such as open space parcels and wetland features.

2.7.211 LETTER I211

Letter I211

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 7:45 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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I211-1

First and Last Name	Jerome Joanino
Email Address (Optional)	jrome3sa@me.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
Comments	Agenda Item: "Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project" "I support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project More parking, more trailheads, spread out crowds, healthy activities or family activities benefit everyone. Jerome Joanino Elk Grove, CA
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I211: JEROME JOANINO

Response to Comment I211-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.212 LETTER I212

Letter I212

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 10:10 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Brian Joder
Email Address (Optional)	imoutbound@yahoo.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion
Comments	<p>Hello Placer County Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>I hope you will please consider moving forward with the proposed new trails and parking enhancements. I fully support your proposed expansion of trails and hope to see even more in the future.</p> <p>More trails spreads people out and there is more enjoyment (in nature) with fewer potential issues you can have with many different trail users in smaller areas. More trails in our regional area is extremely important to the well being of both personal and business interests. Good trails brings income into the local region and offers a larger area for everyone to go and enjoy the outdoors.</p> <p>There may be ney sayers, but as a community as a whole this would vastly improve recreation in our area for everyone.</p> <p>Thank you, Brian Joder, Folsom, CA</p>
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I212: BRIAN JODER

Response to Comment I212-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.213 LETTER I213

Letter I213

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:42 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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I213-1

First and Last Name	Troy johnson
Email Address (Optional)	Troy.jo@outlook.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Expanding hidden falls
Comments	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I please ask that you consider the proposition to expand hidden falls to allow for further trail expansion for the improvement of our community and what it has to offer.</p> <p>Thank you, Troy Johnson</p>
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I213: TROY JOHNSON

Response to Comment I213-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.214 LETTER I214

Letter I214

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 8:02 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Don Jones
Email Address (Optional)	don.jones95602@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
Comments	I am in support of the hidden Falls Trail expansion project. The health and well-being of all of us that live in this community depend on being able to do outdoor activities. Auburn is regarded as the endurance Capitol and it's part of the allure of this community. Trails I run and ride on are becoming fewer and fewer as they get fenced off by private landowners. Recent one being the canal that runs along Placer Hills Road. So I think it's important for the planning commission to consider new trails for the Health and vitality of our community. Thanks for considering my comments! Best Regards, Don
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I214: DON JONES

Response to Comment I214-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.215 LETTER I215

Letter I215

Shirlee Herrington

From: Nikki Julian-Vasquez <ride.nikki.ride@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:09 PM
To: Placer County Environmental Coordination Services; Placer County Board of Supervisors
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project

I215-1

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> Dear Placer County Board of Supervisors,
>
> I so appreciate the opportunity to weigh in on this extremely important issue and sincerely thank each of you for considering my response.
> I strongly support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project. My reasons are simple. But the impact of the projected expansion would be an enormous gift and tremendously helpful to our growing society of outdoor exercise enthusiasts and mental health seekers! A full day enjoying Hidden Falls (hiking, biking or riding) insures pure engagement with nature with its bountiful beauty and soothing effects....a most valuable resource!
>
> I have ridden horses "in the woods" for over 50 years. I find solace
> on nature trails and seem to encounter more and more like minded people with every passing year. When I moved to this area in 2010, your other park expansion was on the verge of happening. When HF's opened the new trails...it was the most amazing and wonderful discovery! I found my hour-long horse trailer drive (always nerve-wracking) was WELL worth the effort since the park opened so many new, delightful and beautifully maintained trails to explore. My biggest fear was driving all that way there and not being able to find a parking spot for my rig. As the park became more popular, I limited my visits to weekdays as the weekends were too risky with bigger crowds and less available parking. Now I am scared off with the new system for pay-parking. The timing for half days is not compatible with my schedule and I'm concerned that if I pay for a full day (two \$4 segments) that one or the other time frame will be filled...making my plan for a full day impossible. However, I also support a modest fee for ALL parking. \$4 per visit is very fair.
>
> With the proposed expansion, not only will there be ample parking, but the growing crowds of trail users will be more dispersed. New trails will encourage folks to get out and explore...a much healthier alternative than searching the internet! With Covid-19 it seems a new awakening is happening with a fresh appreciation for trails to be explored and enjoyed for health, sanity and just plain fun. We are very fortunate to live in an area where such valuable resources (miles of trails to explore) are accessible.
>
> While I live in Nevada County, I typically spend a LOT (relatively speaking!) of money in Placer County when I visit Hidden Falls. I always fill up with diesel for my big truck, and often stop at Target, Ross, Home Depot, Echo Valley, Tractor Supply, Subway, etc. while I'm already in the area. Luckily, I have a patient horse!
>
> My contact information is as follows:
>
> Nicola Julian-Vasquez
> Nevada City, Ca.
> 831-252-3456 cell/text
>
> Please call/text/email if you have further questions.
>
> Thank you, again, for your kind consideration regarding my full support of HF Trail expansions.
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>
> Sincerely,

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> Nicola Julian-Vasquez (Nikki)

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I215: NICOLA JULIAN-VASQUEZ

Response to Comment I215-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.216 LETTER I216

Letter I216

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 9:48 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Justin Kamerman
Email Address (Optional)	kamerson23@yahoo.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
Comments	<p>I support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project and wanted to write to show my support. I live in Sacramento and come up to Auburn nearly ever weekend to hike, bike, and explore. I visit Hidden Falls at least twice a month. I have happily supported the fee for parking, and it has really helped to curb the crowds and traffic through the neighborhoods and made the part more enjoyable. Expanding the park and improving parking will only further help this and I'm a huge supporter. Thank you for your time listening to my support and I hope you vote to expand these trails!</p> <p>Sincerely, Dr. Justin Kamerman</p>
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I216: JUSTIN KAMERMAN

Response to Comment I216-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.217 LETTER I217

Letter I217

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 10:39 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Shana Kaplan
Email Address (Optional)	quicksnap1@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls trails expansion
Comments	Dear Placer County, Thank you for considering this item. As you know the current trail system at Hidden Falls is a wonderful success story and provides a much need regional park for Placer and the surrounding counties. The current system is relatively small and since there is space to expand as well as user demand, I urge you to approve the currently proposed 30 mile expansion project. we need more trails, parking and rest rooms for our community. We pride ourselves on being lovers of the great outdoors and need the physical and mental health benefits they provide to us. Thank you.
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I217-1

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I217: SHANA KAPLAN

Response to Comment I217-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.218 LETTER I218

Letter I218

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 5:32 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Ralph Keith
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Email Address (Optional)	c21-cps@live.com
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Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Regional Park Expansion
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Comments	Hello, I just wanted to voice my support for an expansion of the Hidden Falls Regional Park. As a trial runner, mountain bike and grandparent that enjoys taking my two grandsons on outings, the expansion will benefit not only my family but all others that enjoy the outdoors. Thank you!
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I218-1

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I218: RALPH KEITH

Response to Comment I218-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.219 LETTER I219

Letter I219

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	David Kelley
Email Address (Optional)	manstache@me.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
I219-1 Comments	The addition of more parking, trails and outdoor recreational space for hikers/bikers will greatly reduce the over trafficked existing hidden falls trail complex and therefore have a lasting, lessened impact on the environment due to lower overall use.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I219: DAVID KELLEY

Response to Comment I219-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.220 LETTER I220

Letter I220

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 2:43 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Keith Kenworthy
Email Address (Optional)	kkenworthy@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
Comments	<p>My name is Keith Kenworthy. I have lived in the City of for 31 years. My wife and I moved here due to the quality of life and abundance of outdoor recreation. My family enjoys hiking and mountain biking at Hidden Falls Regional Park. Hidden Falls is also a great place for runners and equestrians. We believe that outdoor exercise in beautiful areas is important to our physical and mental health. The existing access to Hidden falls can get very crowded as well as some of the trails. That is why we support the addition of trails and new areas to stage from. It is more important now then ever to spread people out in the park to limit congested areas.</p> <p>Hidden Falls is a unique park and is an huge asset to Placer County. We also believe that it is important to develop preserve this natural asset for enjoyment of future generations.</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>Keith Kenworthy</p>
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I220-1

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I220: KEITH KENWORTHY

Response to Comment I220-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.221 LETTER I221

Letter I221

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 10:22 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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I221-1

First and Last Name	Evan Kersnar
Email Address (Optional)	evanation080@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Expansion
Comments	I fully support all active recreation projects in Placer county. In this case, the Hidden Falls expansion will provide invaluable open space for hikers, bikers, and equestrian riders while protecting precious resources. In addition, the added parking lots will ease congestion and pollution from the existing lot. A smaller benefit will reduce some VMTs by giving surrounding citizens closer access. I support this project.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I221: EVAN KERSNAR

Response to Comment I221-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.222 LETTER I222

Letter I222

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:22 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Jared Kessler
Email Address (Optional)	jradness@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
Comments	I am in support of this project. My wife and I use Hidden Falls regularly for mountain biking. The parking could certainly use help, but this area for recreation truly is a large factor for us continuing to live in the area. We would absolutely love to see this area continue to expand.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I222: JARED KESSLER

Response to Comment I222-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.223 LETTER I223

Letter I223

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 10:54 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Kevin
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden falls mountain biking
I223-1 Comments	Please develop hidden falls for more mountain bike trails please
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I223: MR. KEVIN

Response to Comment I223-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.224 LETTER I224

Letter I224

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:14 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Dan Kiefer
Email Address (Optional)	dkiefer1@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion

I224-1

Comments	I am in favor of expanding the trails in areas in close proximity to Sacramento. As an avid mountain biker and hiker my family and I find the trail system and the expansion one of the main reasons we live in the area. We use the system at least monthly and look forward to having an expanded trail network. Hidden Falls is a gem and an expansion of the trail system would further enhance its value to both hikers and bikers. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this important discourse!
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I224: DAN KIEFER

Response to Comment I224-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.225 LETTER I225

Letter I225

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 7:36 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Heinz Klose
Email Address (Optional)	hklose@sbcglobal.net
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
Comments	<p>I support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project for the following reasons:</p> <p>Better health Trails support an active lifestyle that improves health. Physical activity helps prevent heart disease, diabetes, osteoporosis, obesity, colon cancer and depression. An increase in physical activity can save millions in health care spending. Physical activity also reduces stress and improves mental health. It can provide physical activity for the widest range of people, including persons with disabilities, children and youth, the elderly and others who are known to be less physically active.</p> <p>Conserving and appreciating the environment Trails lead users through the incredibly varied landscapes to be found in Placer County. They lead people to diverse plant and animal habitats like wetlands and forests. Trail guides and interpretive signage can identify the special features along a trail and enhance our appreciation of our natural and cultural heritage. Trails often cross lands which are environmentally sensitive in many ways. By leading users along well-worn paths, trails keep users away from more sensitive features that might not be able to withstand traffic. Well-developed trails provide environmental buffers, such as boardwalks and bridges that protect delicate lands while allowing users to experience varied plant and animal wildlife.</p>

I225-1

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Trails in Placer County often give users access to remote wilderness areas. Indeed, the chance to experience wilderness is one major appeal of remote tourism in Placer County. Consequently, the need to preserve wilderness is well understood by Placer County trail stakeholders. Trails provide meaningful and satisfying outdoor experiences for many users. These experiences reaffirm a sense of connection with the natural environment and provide opportunities for an appreciation of Placer County's natural heritage. With a trails system that traverses many of Placer County's natural regions, trails play an important role in supporting environmental education and building a public commitment to environmental conservation.

Trails support an active, healthy lifestyle
Trails provide accessible, widely available and low-cost opportunities to meet the physical activity needs of most Placer County citizens.
Trails-based tourism can provide economic benefits to Placer County communities. The "outdoors" is recognized as a key defining feature for Placer County. Placer County trails can attract both Placer County citizens and out-of-county visitors. Short trails tourism excursions with brief overnight stays are compatible with a trend toward taking shorter, more frequent vacations.

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I225: HEINZ KLOSE

Response to Comment I225-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.226 LETTER I226

Letter I226

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:29 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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	First and Last Name	Keith Knutson
	Email Address (Optional)	artistic.iron@yahoo.com
	Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls
I226-1	Comments	We need more trails in the area for people to get out and enjoy the outdoors. This is vital for mental and physical health
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I226: KEITH KNUTSON

Response to Comment I226-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.227 LETTER I227

Letter I227

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 7:15 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Adam Koch
Email Address (Optional)	Adamkochpt@hotmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	New trails at Hidden Falls
I227-1 Comments	Please move forward with the plan for new trails in North Auburn at Hidden Falls. Trails everywhere are more popular, and new trails will help disperse the crowds and permit safer recreation for all. Thanks for your consideration
Attach a document	<i>Field not completed.</i>

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I227: ADAM KOCH

Response to Comment I227-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.228 LETTER I228

Letter I228

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:20 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name Ronald J Kohl

Email Address (Optional) jacoma@hotmail.com

Agenda Item (Optional) Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project

I228-1

Comments

As a resident of the Town of Loomis, I am expressing my support for the Hidden Falls Regional Park Trail Expansion Project (Project). The trail network proposed will be a priceless asset to families, hikers, runners, equestrians, bikers and nature lovers in general. I believe that the success of the Project will be dependent upon collaboration between Placer County and Placer Land Trust to ensure the ongoing protection of the natural features and agricultural uses on the affected preserves as required by existing conservation easements and other agreements. I'm confident that the impacts of the Hidden Falls Regional Park Trail Expansion Project can be managed and will be offset by the many benefits of public access to the PLT preserves.

Thank you for your consideration.

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I228: RONALD KOHL

Response to Comment I228-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.229 LETTER I229

Letter I229

From: Perry Kostas <perrykostas@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 1:34 PM
To: Placer County Board of Supervisors <BOS@placer.ca.gov>; tieopold@placer.ca.gov
Cc: Kelly McCaughna <KMcCaughna@placer.ca.gov>; Perry Kostas <perrykostas@gmail.com>; Katrina Kostas <katrinakostas3@gmail.com>
Subject: Rescheduling of May 14 HFRP meeting

Dear County Supervisors and staff,

Placer County Health Officer Dr. Aimee Sisson has issued a new order that clarifies, strengthens, and extends the terms of the physical distancing order through May 1. Besides this new order, Dr. Sisson acknowledges that models are not an exact science, one projecting a surge in Placer County in May and one in August. Life will not be normalized as soon as May.

We are requesting that you, our supervisors take action to table the Public Hearing for the HFRP Expansion Project which is set for May 14. We can all see, that large group gatherings still won't be allowed by that date, even when restrictions are loosened. Even if allowed, substantial numbers of residents eager to attend are in the high risk category, and may be wary of attending meeting at this time.

Our County CEO, Todd Leopold stated "We have another number of boards and commissions that have either been postponed or we have pushed out some of their key items, specifically ones that may have some public comment that we recognize that individuals want to come and talk at."

I229-1

Remote access is not a viable option, when you're looking at the numbers of people in our rural communities that do not have adequate internet service. Though we realize that a call-in number is utilized for public comment, being able to watch the live streaming of the meeting, the presentation and the comments is a critical piece. This is not the time to compromise the integrity of Placer County's policy and commitment to making sure that the public has full access and the ability to be involved through public hearings.

Please ensure that we are a part of this important matter and all meetings associated with this subject. Please also ensure that any future meetings are held during the evening hours, so that the working public will have an opportunity to attend.

We are trusting you to represent your constituents and take the steps today to cancel/postpone until further notice, the Public Hearing for the HFRP Expansion Project.

We look forward to your response as soon as possible regarding this request.

Thank you for your time and understanding. Please be safe!

Perry and Katrina Kostas

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I229: PERRY AND KATRINA KOSTAS

Response to Comment I229-1

The commenter expresses concern about the public comment process.

Please see Master Response 1 – Public Comment Process.

2.7.230 LETTER I230

Letter I230

Placer County Planning Commission,
Environmental Coordination Services
3091 County Center Drive, Suite 190
Auburn, Ca. 95603

From: Kandace Kost-Herbert
James J. Herbert, Jr.
9211 Billy Mitchell Blvd.
Roseville, CA 95747

Re: Support of the Full Buildout Option for Hidden Falls Park

Honorable Members of the Placer County Planning Commission,

We are writing in support of the planned expansion of Hidden Falls Park.

The overwhelming need for outdoor recreation opportunities has never been so evident. Now is the time to preserve our open spaces in a way that all residents of Placer County can benefit.

We have lived in Placer County for 33 years and have seen mass development surrounding our property. Trails in the National Forests are too far away to be used on a weekly/daily basis. Areas where we could ride became limited to Folsom Dam in Roseville or the arena in Loomis. Our rural home became subdivisions, golf courses and retail stores. We now get golf balls in our horse paddocks. Placer County has changed. Change is hard, but we can still preserve some of our open space.

I230-1 We were lucky to be riding at Hidden Falls before it became a park and were thrilled when the property was purchased for preservation and public access. We looked to purchase property adjacent to Hidden Falls but were quickly priced out of the market. We just had to wait until the park was developed.

When Hidden Falls opened up for riding, cycling, and hiking. It became evident what a treasure for the county it is. The trails are well maintained, users are courteous, fire breaks have been provided and maintained.

Traffic has been controlled to the park, helping to mitigate pressures on residents on Mears Road. What is now needed desperately is more access points and additional parking spaces so more Placer County residents can enjoy the park. This will affect residents along access roads and the county must work to mitigate impacts on them. And yes, just as I use the trails in El Dorado County (Cool and Dru Barner) and in Nevada County (Lone Grave, Empire Mine and Skillman) residents from other counties will come to use the park. We can share our treasure as other counties have shared theirs.

We have the opportunity to expand access to Hidden Falls and adjoining properties even further. If we as a county do not take this opportunity it will be lost forever. Please support this expansion.

Thank you,

Kandace Kost-Herbert
James J. Herbert, Jr.

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I230: KANDACE KOST-HERBERT

Response to Comment I230-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.231 LETTER I231

Letter I231

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:55 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Lauren Kress
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden falls expansion project
I231-1 Comments	I support the expansion of hidden falls. We need more trail heads and parking!
Attach a document	<i>Field not completed.</i>

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I231: LAUREN KRESS

Response to Comment I231-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.232 LETTER I232

Letter I232

To: Placer County Planning Commission
From: Mike Krug, Auburn Valley POA
RE: Deficiencies in HFRP, DSEIR Traffic Study

I am addressing the traffic study conducted. It was basic and typical, but had no custom insight as to the unique challenges that face the local residents who use Bell Road, Lone Star Road, Cramer Road, etc. For example, the traffic study identifies roadways by classification, but offers no unique details about the roads, their widths, limitations, or real-world capacity.

Capacity in the study is measured in terms of a daily volume, which is not a capacity at all. The daily volume is merely a generic planning tool to help in road sizing, such as when a two-lane road would need to be made into a four-lane road. It is a long-term planning concept.

Peak Hour volumes of traffic were not considered for the roadway segment analysis.

Safety was not addressed in the study in any practical hands-on way. No examination of roadways, no discussion of any specifics of roadway constraints. Just general generic and brief discussion of roadway types, etc.

- ***The study did not analyze Bell Road at Joeger Road, perhaps the most critical and key intersection*** for residents in the vicinity, an intersection which has a four way stop control.
 - ***This intersection was critical and significantly failed*** during the August 31, 2009 fire evacuations which closed

I232-1

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State Route 49 north of Bell Road. Delays in excess of one hour were typical for drivers using Bell Road southbound to Joeger. This is an unacceptable and dangerous condition in time of fire evacuation, **a situation which actually happened.**

- ***No changes to the Bell Road and Joeger Road intersection have been made*** by Placer County since that time to ensure adequate throughput and capacity in case of fire or evacuation. ***During a fire-related evacuation, this intersection should be considered a dangerous chokepoint,*** introducing, in excess of one-hour delays for drivers stuck on Bell Road trying to get out to safety.
- We will be providing the county with an independent traffic study **and expect the county to provide details as to how all, of the deficiencies will be mitigated.**
- **SAFETY SHOULD BE THE NUMBER ONE CONCERN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AFTER THE EXPERIENCE OF THE CAMP FIRE THAT DESTROYED PARADISE AND KILLED 86 PEOPLE, NO PROJECT SHOULD BE APPROVED WITHOUT AN ADEQUATE EVACUATION PLAN.**

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I232: MIKE KRUG

Response to Comment I232-1

The commenter expresses concerns about traffic, safety, emergency services, and wildfire.

Please refer to the Response to Comment Letter I428. Please also see Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking; and Master Response 3 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response.

2.7.233 LETTER I233

Letter I233

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 10:20 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Monte Kruger
Email Address (Optional)	montek3777@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Expansion
I233-1 Comments	As an equestrian who rides at Hidden Falls often, I would love to see this wonderful resource expanded to include more trails and to alleviate some of the parking congestion. Placer County has created a gem of a park that should be a model for other counties. Hidden Falls is one of the premiere riding facilities that offers fabulous opportunities for not only equestrians, but for hikers and mountain bikers as well. To expand this wonderful park would be do a great service to the community as well as lessening the environmental impact on the current resource. The park is so popular that heavy use is apparent, therefore by making room for more users the carrying capacity of the park would be increased and lessen the impact of so many users. Please vote for expansion.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I233: MONTE KRUGER

Response to Comment I233-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.234 LETTER I234

Letter I234

Shirlee Herrington

From: Mary Kuehne <teacher.mary@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 1:03 PM
To: Placer County Environmental Coordination Services
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No on Hidden Falls

I234-1

February 18, 2020 it finally happened. Of course it was just a matter of time. It had happened to many of our neighbors. The dreaded letter in the mail: PROPERTY INSURANCE NOTICE OF NONRENEWAL. The reason, "the insured structure is located in an area where there is a LIKELIHOOD that a wildfire emergency could occur". Notice the word LIKELIHOOD, not possibility or may occur, it states very clearly that there is a likelihood. We live in the Auburn Valley community which is 3.7 miles from the current Hidden Falls Recreation Area and a stone's throw from one of the proposed access points in the Hidden Falls expansion project (Auburn Valley Road).

After many calls to a variety of insurance agencies all with the same results, we can not insure you due to your location, we have landed upon the California Fair Plan which will provide fire insurance at a rate 3X our previous policy. And our Placer County Supervisors want to add an additional 2,765 acres to Hidden Falls adding to an already high risk wildfire area. It baffles the mind that this is even a consideration. Are none of our Supervisors aware of what happened in Paradise? Have they not seen the haunting images of devastation of property and, worse, the loss of life? Congratulations Placer County Supervisors, you will have the legacy of expanding the beautiful Hidden Falls Park. Hope your conscience isn't bothered when the next big California wildfire with catastrophic loss of property and life happens right here as a result of your decision today.

Mary and Dale Kuehne
Auburn Valley

Sent from my iPad

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I234: MARY KUEHNE

Response to Comment I234-1

The commenter expresses concern regarding property insurance and wildfire.

The purpose of the Draft SEIR is to identify the significant effects of the proposed project on the physical environment and the Draft SEIR is not intended to address social or economic impacts. This is consistent with CEQA guidelines stating that “An economic or social change by itself shall not be considered a significant effect on the environment” (CEQA Guidelines Sections 15131 and 15382). No further response is required.

Please also see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response.

2.7.235 LETTER I235

Letter I235

May 9, 2020

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Placer County Community Development Resource Agency,
Environmental Coordination Services
3091 County Center Drive, Suite 190
Auburn, CA 95603

RE: Response to Hidden Falls trail expansion DSEIR
In support of a full buildout options in concert with the Placer Land Trust
and their conservation requirements.

Dear Planning Commission members:

I support the Hidden Falls Trail expansion project.

As an equestrian, I support the full buildout option, including 30 miles of trails, three additional parking areas, including horse trailer parking and other park and safety amenities as discussed in the DSEIR.

This time of coronavirus lock down has shown me how important for our well-being as a society to have outside activities. The Hidden Falls Trail project will provide the joy of nature for generations to come.

I235-1 I understand that the Issues with traffic, for the most part, are less than significant and can be mitigated. The two intersections on Highway 49 were shown to be significant. However, these intersections will be improved over time whether or not Hidden Falls is expanded. The DSEIR adequately addressed the concerns about wildfire as being less than significant.

In addition, the project provides preservation of open space and rangeland that will be maintained and accessible to the public for healthy outdoor recreation in perpetuity and fulfills "Placers Legacy."

The full buildout option should be the only option, no alternatives, with the understanding that Placer Land Trust will work with Placer County to ensure that trail design, and construction are compatible with conservation objectives.

Sincerely,

16471 Wolf Meadows Dr.
Grass Valley, CA 95949

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I235: CJ LA CIVITA

Response to Comment I235-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.236 LETTER I236

Letter I236

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 10:10 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Matthew Lambert
Email Address (Optional)	mlamber1@mail.ccsf.edu
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
I236-1 Comments	I support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project! This would be a destination that I would travel from San Francisco to explore.
Attach a document	Field not completed.

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I236: MATTHEW LAMBERT

Response to Comment I236-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.237 LETTER I237

Letter I237

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 6:29 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Ellen Lapham
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
I237-1 Comments	I support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project. Placer County is fortunate to have such a recreational asset for all of us. I am a grandmother and it is a great park to bike with kids. Adding more trails and especially parking will improve our experience as hikers too. Ellen Lapham Nevada City CA
Attach a document	<i>Field not completed.</i>

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I237: ELLEN LAPHAM

Response to Comment I237-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.238 LETTER I238

Letter I238

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:36 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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I238-1

First and Last Name	Ian Leary
Email Address (Optional)	ian.s.leary@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trails Expansion Project
Comments	Please support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project as it will increase access to the trail system and increase the amount of area to explore for all users.
Attach a document	Field not completed.

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I238: IAN LEARY

Response to Comment I238-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.239 LETTER I239

Letter I239

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 10:33 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Justin Leech
Email Address (Optional)	justinleech@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail expansion
I239-1 Comments	I'm submitting comment to support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project. The additional Trails as well as additional access points will help the spread users to enjoy the area with less focused impact.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I239: JUSTIN LEECH

Response to Comment I239-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.240 LETTER I240

Letter I240

Date: May 17, 2020

To: Community Development Resource Agency, Placer County Board of Supervisors,
Planning Commission, and Parks Division

From: James A. & Patricia A. Leidigh, 9845 Spyglass Circle, Auburn, CA

Regarding: Hidden Falls Regional Park Trails Expansion DSEIR

I240-1 As a longtime resident of North Auburn/Lincoln and member of *Protect Rural Placer*, I am writing to you today to refute the above referenced document. This DSEIR, as with the previous HFRP EIR, makes weak assumptions and does not take into consideration the full impact that this project will have upon the residents, roads, environment, habitat, agriculture, and fire danger of the nearby community. Specific issues raised are:

I240-2 Wildfire:

- Evacuation hazard via Curtola Ranch Road, Auburn Valley Road, and Lone Star Road
- Impact to insurability of Auburn Valley properties. Already, many homeowners (including us!) are having their policies canceled due to their proximity to Hidden Falls Expansion. This situation WAS NOT covered in the DSEIR. This impact to the Auburn Valley property owners is significant!!

I240-3 Transportation and Circulation:

- DSEIR states that Increased traffic on Lonestar and Cramer Roads will have minimum impact. This is FALSE. Hundreds of more cars per day will have a dramatic impact on the roads themselves, as well as the properties adjacent to the roads.
- Access to the Harvego parking lot will be via PRIVATE ROADS. This fact was totally overlooked in the DSEIR. How does the County rationalize the use of PRIVATE ROADS???

I240-4 Noise

- Due to the total bungling of the Auburn Trap Club noise abatement wall issue, how can North Auburn residents remotely trust the planning commission with regard to its judgment on the increased noise due to the increased traffic on access roads such as Cramer, Lonestar, Auburn Valley, and Curtola??

I240-5 Based upon the information in the DSEIR, the assumptions it has made, and the negative impacts to the very communities who were not included in any of the 15-year planning, I request that you reject this project.

Please include my letter as part of the public comment permanent record.

Thank you,

James and Patricia Leidigh
Protect Rural Placer

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I240: JAMES AND PATRICIA LEIDIGH

Response to Comment I240-1

The commenter expresses opposition to the project and expressed concern about the Draft SEIR.

The opposition is noted. The Draft SEIR has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, the potential impacts have been thoroughly analyzed, and appropriate mitigation measures have been proposed. No further response is required. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I240-2

The commenter expresses concern about wildfire and related insurance policies. Please see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response.

The purpose of the Draft SEIR is to identify the significant effects of the proposed project on the physical environment and the Draft SEIR is not intended to address social or economic impacts. This is consistent with CEQA guidelines stating that “An economic or social change by itself shall not be considered a significant effect on the environment” (CEQA Guidelines Sections 15131 and 15382). No further response is required.

Response to Comment I240-3

The commenter expresses concerns about traffic. Please see Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking.

Response to Comment I240-4

The commenter expresses concerns regarding noise from increased traffic and the analysis included in the Draft SEIR. Please see Draft SEIR Section 10.4 “Impacts” in Chapter 10.0 “Noise” for an analysis of noise impacts.

The Draft SEIR has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, the potential impacts have been thoroughly analyzed, and appropriate mitigation measures have been proposed. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I240-5

The commenter states that the surrounding communities were not involved with the purchase of the Trails Expansion parcels acquired within the last 15 years. Please see Response to Comment letter I204-2 with regards to the public notification process for past land acquisitions.

The commenter requests the project be rejected. The opposition is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.241 LETTER I241

Letter I241

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:26 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Tony lima
Email Address (Optional)	Tlima314@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
I241-1 Comments	I support the expansion of hidden falls park to include more trails and access for mountain bikes.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I241: TONY LIMA

Response to Comment I241-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.242 LETTER I242

Letter I242-1

Shirlee Herrington

From: Livingston Grading and Paving <livgp@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 2:24 PM
To: Placer County Environmental Coordination Services
Cc: Placer County Board of Supervisors
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hidden Falls

My name is Lee Livingston,
I live at 4545 Bell Rd., Auburn, CA, we have lived at this location since 1982. My wife and her family have lived here since 1945.

We have seen the county grow and expand during these years substantially. I am a grading and paving contractor and have been in business in Placer County since 1964.

I would like to address the cost of maintenance and rebuilding of the three connector county roads to the new entrance of Hidden Falls off of Bell Road.

1.

Bell Road has had major repair work in the last 15 years and is in good shape from Richardson Drive to Hubert Road and from Hubert Road.

2.

Hubbard Road to the new entrance to Hidden Falls, the road is narrow, crooked, the two bridges to cross and a steep hill with S turn to turn off to the new entrance area this will need major work.

3.

Cramer Road is narrow, crooked and in need of repair since it will be the most used. Lonestar Road is also narrow, crooked and has three sharp excessive turns. One turn is a 90 degrees right turn.

All three of these turns are a problem if two truck and trailers meet there.

There are many local ranchers hauling in and out of these roads let alone the traffic that the park will bring into the area.

All three of these roads have weak base structures and with the traffic you are talking about having, these roads will deteriorate quickly and require major maintenance repairs, and upgrades. How much money will the county have set aside for all of this infrastructure repair. Is this tax payers money or will the park generate money to cover this?

4.

How much money is the Hidden Falls expansion project going to cost?

I understand you have purchased the property already so all of our concerns will probably be ignored, but we hope our county will stand with their citizens and take into consideration, traffic and road maintenance and costs.

Unfortunately we have seen in the past how visiting patrons have blocked the roads with no regard to safety.

Thank you

Livingston Grading and Paving, Inc.
[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I242: LEE LIVINGSTON

Response to Comment I242-1

The commenter expresses concern regarding the cost and maintenance of rebuilding three connector county roads, and the cost of the expansion project.

The purpose of the Draft SEIR is to identify the significant effects of the proposed project on the physical environment and the Draft SEIR is not intended to address social or economic impacts. This is consistent with CEQA guidelines stating that “An economic or social change by itself shall not be considered a significant effect on the environment” (CEQA Guidelines Sections 15131 and 15382). No further response is required.

2.7.243 LETTER I243

Letter I243

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 4:36 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz
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First and Last Name	Terry Lloyd
Email Address (Optional)	trldm55@yahoo.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Expansion
I243-1 Comments	Expansion of Hidden Falls and the trail system is absolutely necessary and is a reflection of what Placer county should have in terms of a vision for the future.
Attach a document	<i>Field not completed.</i>

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I243: TERRY LLOYD

Response to Comment I243-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.244 LETTER I244

Letter I244

Date: May 17, 2020

To: Community Development Resource Agency, Placer County Board of Supervisors,
Planning Commission, and Parks Division

From: Alan Loberstein 6740 Estates Court, Auburn CA 95602

Regarding: Hidden Falls Regional Park Trails Expansion DSEIR

I244-1 As a resident of North Auburn, I am writing to you today to refute the above referenced document. This DSEIR, as with the previous HFRP EIR, makes weak assumptions and does not take into consideration the full impact that this project will have upon the residents, roads, environment, habitat, agriculture, and fire danger of the nearby community. Specific issues raised are:

I244-2 **Wildfire:**
Your own report shows fire to be a significant risk. I don't understand why the county is so willing to risk my life and the lives of my family and everyone living in our community's safety. Why do you wish to needlessly endanger us? Your fire assessment risk is laughable considering this area has not seen the extortionary increase of vehicle and pedestrian and traffic into and adjacent to our community. Toss into the mix global warming and what drought has done to this area and it isn't difficult to see the probable fire risk to both life and property.

I244-3 **Transportation and Circulation:**
Currently, it would easily take our community 1-3 hours to totally evacuate in the case of an emergency such as a wildfire, its one way in and one way out for all of us living in Auburn Valley community. If the expansion is built, it's unlikely the community could successfully evacuate in time to save our lives. You have already been told that Lone Star and Cramer can barely be considered a two-lane road. During the public comments it was stated that Caltrans will be building a roundabout at Lone Star and Hwy 49. That's years away, certainly it will not help while the county performs construction and likely will not be available after construction for years. Once again, you neglect our very real and legitimate concerns while using public funds to endanger our lives and way of life.

I244-4 **Legal Liabilities-Life Safety/Property Safety**
Are you reserving funds for legal expenses which may be needed due to the potential of legal challenges/lawsuits? I am not an attorney though it's hard for me not to imagine liability given the obvious dangers our community faces.

Will the county be liable for if we are trapped like the residents of Paradise had during the Camp Fire? We have one way in and one way out of our community. You would be trapping us while a fire burns out of control. I can imagine this costing the county and its elected officials' tens if not hundreds of millions of dollars. I have no idea what insurance the county or the supervisors carry though I suspect aforementioned insurance carrier's may refuse to pay given that that our government officials were warned beforehand FIRES ARE LIKELY TO OCCUR given the obvious dangers and that the county refused to mitigate extraordinary and obvious dangers.

No one I know wants to litigate. Thus far it's been a barely whispered word among my neighbors. If you approve a project which does not take into effect all of the dangers, the traffic, property values, privacy and crime, then you will be backing us into a corner. I cannot possibly predict potential legal challenges and negative publicity for our county and elected officials.

I244-5 Based upon the information in the DSEIR, the assumptions it has made, and the negative impacts to the very communities who were not included in any of the 15-year planning, I request that you reject this project.

Please include my letter as part of the public comment permanent record.

Thank you,
Alan Loberstein

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I244: ALAN LOBERSTEIN

Response to Comment I244-1

The commenter expresses opposition to the project and concerns about the analysis presented in the Draft SEIR.

The opposition is noted. The Draft SEIR has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, the potential impacts have been thoroughly analyzed, and appropriate mitigation measures have been proposed. No further response is required. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I244-2

The commenter expresses concerns about wildfire.

Please see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response. Response to Comment I244-3

The commenter expresses concerns about traffic, circulation and evacuation. Please see Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking and Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety and Emergency Response

Response to Comment I244-4

The commenter asks whether the county has reserved funds for legal expenses and liability. The purpose of the Draft SEIR is to identify the significant effects of the proposed project on the physical environment and the Draft SEIR is not intended to address social or economic impacts. This is consistent with CEQA guidelines stating that “An economic or social change by itself shall not be considered a significant effect on the environment” (CEQA Guidelines Sections 15131 and 15382). No further response is required.

Response to Comment I244-5

The commenter states that the surrounding communities were not involved with the purchase of the Trails Expansion parcels acquired within the last 15 years. Please see Response to Comment letter I204-2 with regards to the public notification process for past land acquisitions.

The commenter asks that the project be rejected. The opposition is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.245 LETTER I245

Letter I245

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:24 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Ramon Lobo
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
I245-1 Comments	I support this, more access point (parking areas) to Hidden Falls and connection to other areas. Less congestion on the single entry point to Hidden Falls.
Attach a document	<i>Field not completed.</i>

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I245: RAMON LOBO

Response to Comment I245-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.246 LETTER I246

Letter I246

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 2:57 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Jeremy lockhart
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden falls expansion
I246-1 Comments	Exercise will become paramount to more and more people after this pandemic is over and an expansion of the trail system would be a huge lift for one of the best ways to get outside and exercise - biking and hiking!
Attach a document	<i>Field not completed.</i>

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I246: JEREMY LOCKHART

Response to Comment I246-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.247 LETTER I247

Letter I247

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 9:57 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	CONNI LONDON
Email Address (Optional)	LONDON2RUN@HOTMAIL.COM
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail
I247-1 Comments	I am expressing support for The Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project . It is an important part of our community here in Auburn, where so many of us settled here because of the ability to enjoy our outdoor areas. Our town's reputation is built on not only our friendly community but the fact that we treasure our natural surroundings, and while other communities have lost natural environments, we show that we value ours.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I247: CONNI LONDON

Response to Comment I247-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.248 LETTER I248

Letter I248

Dear Parks Department:

The County is working cross propose.

I248-1 | On one hand the County wants to fast track the approval for the expansion of Hidden Falls and not address the residents' concerns over the increase in traffic, noise, fire and safety risk. While on the other hand, it continues to revise the winery and brewery ordinance. Why? Because of concerns and complaints from the residents about an increase in traffic, noise and safety.

I248-2 | Another example is the County is tasked with meeting the state-wide sustainability plan. The number one cause of emissions is from vehicle miles traveled (VMT). To accomplish this Placer County must call for a reduction in VMTs. The Hidden Falls expansion does just the opposite. It promotes out of county VMT into our area raising emissions. The SDEIR page 2-9 considers the increase of VMTs significant. Yet we are to believe the park expansion is good for the environment. The best way to protect the environment, open space, and wildlife is truly to keep people out, not invite more in.

I248-3 | To mitigate for the traffic safety called for in the report, page 2-9 also reports the removal of hundreds of trees for widening the roads. PGE is already cutting and removing trees in our area to lessen the opportunity of wildfire in our wildfire urban interface (WUI). So, mitigation proposed mitigation does even more damage to the environment.

The many trees and open rural spaces in the North Auburn area are the things that makes this a great place to live, farm, ranch, and observe wildlife. This is also what draws people to move here, and we are losing our draw.

I248-4

Last year with the canceling of home-owners insurance and the rising cost of fire insurance, as a realtor I lost two sales. Buyers do not want to pay up to \$5,000 for fire insurance. On top of that were the PGE planned black outs during red flag days. Now you want to fill our rural roads with traffic. Once you start dismissing the value of living here you dismiss the property value which will translate into and be reflected by reduced property taxes.

I248-5

There is a trend happening throughout Placer County. There is a group in Granite Bay standing up to protect their rural areas. In Lincoln there is a group trying to stop Ag property from becoming a gas station and strip mall. Over in Loomis on Valley Quail Drive the residents had to install signs to keep people from parking on a private road and walking to the reservoir. Over the May 10-11 weekend, residents at the end of Douglas Boulevard near Folsom Lake experienced people parking on their private property and causing traffic problems just so they could walk into Folsom Dam since the State Parks department had closed the parking lot. Then there are the traffic problems at the American River confluence too. Of course, we all know about the problems around the Mears Road entrance to Hidden Falls. You can create mitigation scenarios for just about anything and then include them in reports, but one thing you cannot mitigate is people's actions.

According to Placer County's Code, Chapter 18 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, Article 18.20 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, Item H. Mitigation Measures. Number 3. "Mitigation measures contained in EIRs are intended to be feasible, specific, and enforceable..."

We have firsthand observable knowledge that the current mitigation measures at Hidden Falls Regional Park are not enforceable as people trespass at the park when it is closed and on properties of people that live nearby. The park is not well staffed so it is not well monitored and

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we also have experienced cyclists and equestrians on the trails when entry signage indicates otherwise.

I248-6

The mitigations for the proposed project will be very costly to the County. The State is revising their budget so the \$200M in grants the Parks department is expecting to receive over the next ten years may never happen. Due to consequences of COVID-19 causing businesses to close there is less sales tax and tourist occupancy tax, and a reduction in property value will bring less revenues from property taxes. The 2,500 acres of the expansion is in the middle of a WUI and PGE red flag zone causing insurance companies to cancel one homeowner's insurance after another. These are just some of the items that should have us asking, "Is a 20-year-old plan feasible for today's economy?"

I248-7

We moved to these rural areas to get away from the chaos of city life. This area is zoned AG and is one of the last rural areas in Placer County. More young families have moved into this area to raise their families on small farms and ranches. Adding recreation and trails does not save AG land. It only removes it from being cultivated for future farming and ranching.

Let us keep our peaceful way of life,
Mike Lutzker
A North Auburn Resident
Member of Protect Rural Placer

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I248: MIKE LUTZKER

Response to Comment I248-1

The commenter expresses an opinion regarding County planning.

This comment is not directed at the adequacy of the Draft SEIR for addressing adverse physical impacts associated with the proposed project, nor does it contain an argument raising significant environmental issues. However, this comment is published in this Response to Comments document for public disclosure and for decision maker consideration. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I248-2

The commenter expresses concern about traffic and vehicle emissions.

Please see Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking. Please also see the discussion for Impact 9-2 in Chapter 9.0, “Air Quality,” of the Draft SEIR regarding the long-term operational emissions from the project. Emissions would be less than the limits adopted by the Placer County Air Pollution Control District and the impact was determined to be less-than-significant.

Response to Comment I248-3

The commenter expresses concern about tree removal. Please see the Draft SEIR Section 12.4 “Impacts” of Chapter 12.0 “Biological Resources” of the Draft SEIR for an analysis of impacts to trees. Specifically see Impact 12-9 Biological Resources – Impacts on Oak Woodland Habitat and proposed Mitigation Measures S12-7: Protect Oak Woodland Habitat. Mitigation is provided for impacts on oak trees greater than 5-inch diameter at breast height.

Response to Comment I248-4

The commenter expresses concern about home-owners insurance and property values. The purpose of the Draft SEIR is to identify the significant effects of the proposed project on the physical environment and the Draft SEIR is not intended to address social or economic impacts. This is consistent with CEQA guidelines stating that “An economic or social change by itself shall not be considered a significant effect on the environment” (CEQA Guidelines Sections 15131 and 15382). No further response is required.

Response to Comment I248-5

The commenter expresses concerns about land use issues related to development and park use. Please see Master Response 4 – Land Use Compatibility, as it pertains to trespassing and enforcement.

Response to Comment I248-6

The commenter expresses concern about economic impacts. Please see Response to Comment I248-4 as it pertains to economic impacts.

Response to Comment I248-7

The commenter expresses concern regarding conversion of agricultural lands to recreation. Please see Master Response 5 – Agriculture.

2.7.249 LETTER I249

Letter I249

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 1:28 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz
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First and Last Name	Karen M Lynaugh
Email Address (Optional)	K.lynaugh13@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trails Expansion Project
I249-1 Comments	I support the expansion of trails and access at Hidden Falls. We use the park frequently as it is the closest park to us I feel the expansion will help to create a healthy opportunity for users to recreate. It is proven that communities that invest in recreational activities gain economically from visitors to the area. Please vote yes on expansion.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I249: KAREN LYNAUGH

Response to Comment I249-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.250 LETTER I250

Letter I250

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 9:47 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Julie Madrona
Email Address (Optional)	yewlie@yahoo.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Field not completed.
I250-1 Comments	I'm in favor of expanding Hidden Falls trails. Thank you!
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I250: JULIE MADRONA

Response to Comment I250-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.251 LETTER I251

Letter I251

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 4:56 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Erin Magers
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Agenda Item
I251-1 Comments	Please extend the Hidden Falls trails - it enriches lives for thousands of people each year. I have great memories in that area and would love to see an expansion! Thank you!
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I251: ERIN MAGERS

Response to Comment I251-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.252 LETTER I252

Letter I252

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 1:36 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Angelo Magliola
Email Address (Optional)	ajmags93@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls expansion
I252-1 Comments	I am very excited with the planned expansion of hidden falls. Some extra parking and more technical mountain bike trails would be very welcome!
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I252: ANGELO MAGLIOLA

Response to Comment I252-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.253 LETTER I253

Letter I253

Shirlee Herrington

From: Chris Mantz <ckmantz@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 4:07 PM
To: Sue Colbert
Cc: Shirlee Herrington; Lisa Carnahan; Leigh Chavez; Kara Conklin; EJ Ivaldi; Cindy Gustafson; Wurst Jane
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: May 14th Planning Commission Hearing Update

I253-1

I find it unacceptable that after waiting two years for the Draft SEIR, Placer County can't wait until the public can meet in person for this hearing. There was no hurry before, why should there be a hurry now? I believe the public would much rather be patient until we can meet in person than have to call in and hope to be called back for comment.

Please reply explaining the urgency for this on line meeting.

Chris and Bob Mantz

On May 11, 2020, at 2:08 PM, Sue Colbert <SColbert@placer.ca.gov> wrote:

PLANNING COMMISSION

If you wish to listen to the Planning Commission Hearing ONLY, please dial 1+ (619) 483-4068 and enter I.D. 223370375#.

Online public participation for the May 14th Planning Commission Meeting 4:00 p.m. Start Time

5:00 p.m. Hidden Falls Trails Expansion Item

Published May 11, 2020

UPDATE: For the Thursday, May 14th hearing - Make a reservation for Public Comment by calling the Placer County Planning Commission Public Comment Line (530) 886-1810. Leave your name, phone number and item you wish to provide public comment on. Staff will contact you to verify your sign up; you will be called during the meeting proceedings to provide comments for the relevant item.

Best regards,

Sue Colbert

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Senior Board / Commission Clerk

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I253: CHRIS AND BOB MANTZ

Response to Comment I253-1

The commenter expresses concern about the public review process.

Please see Master Response 1 – Public Comment Process.

2.7.254 LETTER I254

Letter I254

Date: May 18, 2020

To: Community Development Resource Agency, Placer County Board of Supervisors,
Planning Commission, and Parks Division

From: Bob Mantz, 6715 Niblick Ct., Auburn

Regarding: Hidden Falls Regional Park (HFRP) Trails Expansion Draft SEIR

- I254-1 | As a resident of North Auburn, I am writing to you to express my concerns about the above referenced document. This Draft SEIR, as with the previous HFRP EIR, makes weak assumptions and does not take into consideration the full impact that this project will have upon the residents, roads, and fire danger of the nearby community.
- I254-2 | 1. What was the urgency to hold the Planning Commission “public hearing” (via remote video) on May 14th when the release of the Draft SEIR was delayed several times over the past two years? The expansion of a regional park is not “essential business” as it pertains to our immediate health during a global pandemic. The audio technology employed for this “remote call-in-only” was so poor that much of the audio resulted in “undiscernible” closed captioning and court reporting text capture. Furthermore, the Planning Commission is questioning why they will not be reviewing and approving the modified Conditional Use Permit (CUP). It is obvious Placer County Parks Planning staff is charging ahead, checking the boxes and ignoring the risks of this Project.
- I254-3 | 2. In my neighborhood, our residents are opposed to Placer County planning to use under-improved private roads and driveways through the Auburn Valley community to access the Harvego Bear River Preserve. Placer County Park Planning staff have incorrectly claimed they have unrestricted easement rights to these private roads. There will be many legal challenges ahead for the County if they continue to claim the County has easement rights to these roads.
- I254-4 | 3. We believe the hundreds of miles of existing trails in Placer County and El Dorado County are sufficient for recreation and there is not a need for expansion to Harvego Bear River Preserve.
- I254-4 | 4. Expansion of Hidden Falls significantly increases the risk of wildfires caused by careless hikers, bikers and equestrians. The insurance industry actuaries & underwriters have calculated the risk of a wildfire¹ and have either canceled homeowners insurance policies or raised rates over 400%! ... directly related to the wildfire risk that Hidden Falls creates. Placing “NO SMOKING” signs at the entrance to the park will not mitigate the wildfire risk associated with careless

I254-4
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hikers, bikers and equestrians. Placer County has not "mitigated" the risk of a wildfire! ... the risk of a wildfire is not "less than significant" ... the fire risk is critically "more than significant" when you calculate the probability of large numbers of potentially careless people in a remote setting, unsupervised. When our homeowners insurance rates go down, I will start to believe that the risk of a wildfire is "less than significant".

5. In the event of a wildfire that originates in the Harvego Bear River Preserve, the access roads are grossly insufficient to permit incoming fire equipment and evacuating residents, hikers, bikers and equestrian (with large horse trailers). The Draft SEIR has negligently miscalculated the ability of ingress and egress during the conditions related to a wildfire emanating from the Regional Park.

I254-5

6. We are willing to share the Harvego Bear River Preserve with the residents of Placer County and other surrounding counties. For the last ten years there have been docent led hikes on land that Placer Land Trust has been preserving. These docent led activities happen periodically and are small groups of about 25 people. We believe these docent led activities are the only way to preserve the balance of nature, agriculture and recreation ... and keep our families, homes, property, roads, and community safe and secure. Expanding Hidden Falls Regional Park to the Harvego Bear River Preserve, with large numbers of unsupervised public, accessing the park 365 days a year, significantly increases the probability that a wildfire will occur.

I254-6

7. Should the expansion of the Hidden Falls Regional Park to the Harvego Bear River Preserve Project be approved, we will use all legal recourse to hold Placer County supervisors and planning staff personally accountable for loss of life and property should a wildfire occur in the Hidden Falls Regional Park and the Harvego Bear River Preserve, regardless of whatever indemnity the County may provide to government officials.

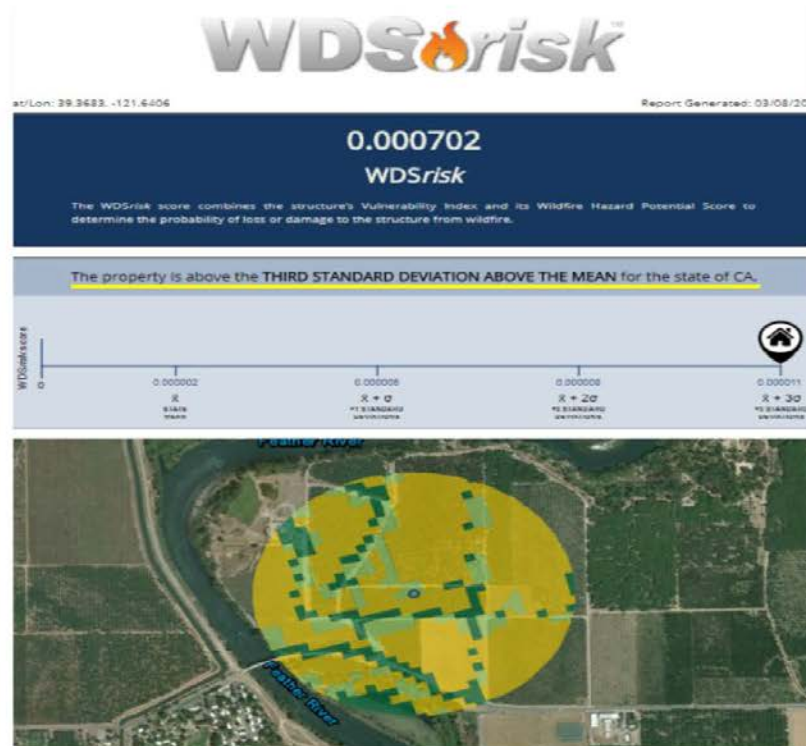
Based upon the poor assumptions the Draft SEIR has made to mitigate the environmental impact and wildfire risks to our communities, I request that you reject this project ... but continue to support Placer Land Trust's conservation efforts and docent led hikes of small groups to the Harvego Bear River Preserve.

Please include my letter as part of the public comment permanent record.

Thank you,
Bob Mantz

- ¹ The insurance actuaries and underwriters have calculate the wildfire risks associated with Hidden Falls to be three standard deviations above the mean. Translated, this means there is a 99.7% chance of a wildfire as a result of Hidden

Falls. The picture below is an example of how actuaries and underwriters calculate wildfire risk. For more information about wildfire risks, see https://wildfire-defense.com/wds_risk.html



RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I254: BOB MANTZ

Response to Comment I254-1

The commenter expresses concern about the adequacy of the Draft SEIR. The Draft SEIR has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, the potential impacts have been thoroughly analyzed, and appropriate mitigation measures have been proposed. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I254-2

The commenter expresses concern about the public review process. Please see Master Response 1 – Public Comment Process.

Response to Comment I254-3

The commenter expresses opposition to the project and use of private roads to access the Harvego Bear River Preserve. Please see Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation and Parking

The opposition is noted. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I254-4

The commenter expresses concern regarding wildfires and home-owners insurance policies. Please see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response, and Response to Comment letter I234.

The purpose of the Draft SEIR is to identify the significant effects of the proposed project on the physical environment and the Draft SEIR is not intended to address social or economic impacts. This is consistent with CEQA guidelines stating that “An economic or social change by itself shall not be considered a significant effect on the environment” (CEQA Guidelines Sections 15131 and 15382). No further response is required.

Response to Comment I254-5

The commenter prefers docent led activities in Harvego Bear River Preserve be the only activities allowed.

The comment is noted and will be forwarded to the decision-making bodies for review. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I254-6

The commenter expresses opposition to the project; however, continues to support Placer Land Trust’s conservation efforts and docent led hikes of small groups to the Harvego Bear River Preserve.

The comment is noted and will be forwarded to the decision-making bodies for review. No further response is required.

2.7.255 LETTER I255

Letter I255

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 3:21 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz
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First and Last Name	Mitch Markey
Email Address (Optional)	mmarkey21@hotmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
I255-1 Comments	Hello! I am writing in support of the Hidden Falls Trails Expansion Project. This area is currently highly congested which concentrates impacts on the existing trails at Hidden Falls. Expanding the trail system will reduce the intensity of usage on any single trail and enhancing parking will create a better user experience as well as reduce the stress on the local residents in the area. Please approve this project. Thanks!
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I255: MITCH MARKEY

Response to Comment I255-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.256 LETTER I256

Letter I256

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 3:49 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Chris Marovich
Email Address (Optional)	marorose01@surewest.net
Agenda Item (Optional)	I Support The Hidden Falls Trail Expansion
Comments	<p>Thank you for your consideration in expanding the trail network at Hidden Falls. We've been enthusiastic users of Hidden Falls Regional Park for many years (photo from 2015 included). It's the place that started my son's love of mountain biking, which continues to this day. He is a member of the Del Oro High School Mountain Bike team as well as the Placer Foothills Mountain Bike Team.</p> <p>The park has done a nice job over the years adjusting to the increasing number of people who use the park, but the park could benefit from more trails to spread users out over a wider area. Parking is also an issue and having new access points allows all users to spread out more and mitigate some of the parking issues, especially on the weekends.</p> <p>In addition to being users, the mountain bike teams have also given back in doing trail maintenance work near the Confluence trails so others can enjoy the trails as well.</p> <p>Hidden Falls is a real asset to the region, both for locals and those visiting from farther away. The new trail network can enhance a wonderful piece of Placer County for many years to come. I support the trail expansion at Hidden Falls Regional Park.</p> <p>Chris Marovich Roseville, CA</p>

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I256: CHRIS MAROVICH

Response to Comment I256-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.257 LETTER I257

Letter I257

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 3:24 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Michael Marovich
Email Address (Optional)	mmarovich20@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
Comments	I'm Michael Marovich, an avid mountain biker from Roseville, and a member of the Placer Foothills mountain bike team. I support the Hidden Falls expansion project because I've been going to Hidden Falls since I was little, and it's always been an amazing place to get outside and enjoy Placer County's beautiful scenery. Recently, I've noticed that the park can get pretty crowded, and I think that adding more trails and facilities would give people so much more space to experience the park without crowds, as well as make parking much easier and more accessible. I also think that this project will help get more people and families outside to see what a beautiful place we live in, and why it's important for us to protect it.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I257: MICHAEL MAROVICH

Response to Comment I257-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.258 LETTER I258

Letter I258

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:21 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Seth Martin
Email Address (Optional)	lightningboltseth@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden falls
I258-1 Comments	Please expand the trails at hidden falls
Attach a document	Field not completed.

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I258: SETH MARTIN

Response to Comment I258-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.259 LETTER I259

Letter I259

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:20 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Dan Martin
Email Address (Optional)	Dan.familyman@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls
I259-1 Comments	Please approve expanding the trails at Hidden Falls.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I259: DAN MARTIN

Response to Comment I259-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.260 LETTER I260

Letter I260

Shirlee Herrington

From: larry matz <lmatz1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 11:03 AM
To: Placer County Environmental Coordination Services
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hidden Falls Regional Park SDEIR comments

As a frequent Hidden Falls user I've followed the proposed expansion, attended public meetings and reviewed the SDEIR. The report appears to be a comprehensive, accurate and appropriate basis for decision making.

Despite various objections to the proposed expansion based on concerns of increased potential for fire, crime, and agricultural impacts, these are completely unsupported by existing data and appropriately found in the SDEIR to be "less than significant".

The only realistic negative impacts identified are visual, due to the removal of trees necessary to provide access and a limited number of traffic issues.

Visual impacts should be minimized but the ones in this proposal are very limited and should not be considered prohibitive. Tree trimming and/or removal have always been necessary for access to homes and businesses and safety in our communities. PG&E's current removal of hundreds of trees to reduce fire potential certainly creates significant visual impacts but the necessity is obvious. Access to essential community recreational facilities is also a necessity. This is a minimal impact and not a valid reason to reject the proposed expansion.

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Identified traffic impacts are minimal with the exception of those related to highway 49 that are unrelated to the proposal and have existed for an extended period. Various mitigation measures are proposed to alleviate those issues and should be implemented regardless of this project. Other mitigation measures are incorporated to address potential impacts on other roads. Increasing the number of facility entrances would actually distribute park traffic over a wider area and reduce the impact on the single current entrance. While there would still be some increase in traffic, in some areas, it's minimal, reasonable and necessary. Similar impacts have been considered and allowed to facilitate winery, brewery and other activities. Access to outdoor recreation facilities is at least an equally essential activity.

An additional objection based on potential parking problems ignores the control measures incorporated in the proposal. Certainly parking problems did occur at the existing entrance along Mears Drive when it was first opened but those occurred long ago, were appropriately addressed and no longer exist. The expansion proposal incorporates the "lessons learned" from that initial problem and those would be prohibited at the expansion sites. Since it's been adequately addressed it is not a valid reason to reject this proposed expansion.

Objections of the few county residents living near the proposed new entrances imply a proprietary or otherwise superior right to the roads and properties owned by all county residents. No such rights exist and claims of such conflict with the rights of the thousands of county residents who pay taxes to establish and support these amenities.

There is an obvious and growing need for additional outdoor recreation facilities like those uniquely provided by Hidden Falls. Many people are currently denied access due to necessary limitations on parking and the need for "social distancing". The proposal includes a doubling of trail mileage and

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↑ several necessary new access and parking facilities that would spread usage across a much broader area and allow many more of our community to safely enjoy this county owned property. Even after a return to some kind of normalcy the ever increasing population and demand for recreation facilities makes this expansion essential.

I strongly urge a decision that recognizes the needs of the entire community not just the unsubstantiated concerns and desires of a very few. Thank you.
Larry Matz

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I260: LARRY MATZ

Response to Comment I260-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.261 LETTER I261

Letter I261

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 2:19 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Larry Matz
Email Address (Optional)	lmatz1@yahoo.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Expansion Project
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Larry Matz--Auburn, Calif.

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I261: LARRY MATZ

Response to Comment I261-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.262 LETTER I262

Letter I262

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 9:41 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Mark Mayfield
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trails
I262-1 Comments	We need more trails dor mountain biking and hiking. Hopefully after Covid19 is dealt with people will continue to get out more. Thx
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I262: MARK MAYFIELD

Response to Comment I262-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

To: Placer

Community Development Resource Agency
 EIR
 3091 County Center Dr. Suite 190
 Auburn, CA. 95600



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 Cell: 530-492-4007
 papamike1937@gmail.com

Response to your letter ^{received} 16 Mar 20.

I don't intend to get involved, phone or computer or so to
 meeting as:

1263-1 1 million citizens could be anti and you all on committee
 would still pass.

Your decision is already made, so why should I waste
 my time. I will vote against anyone in office from now on.

Discontented ^{SENIOR} CITIZEN

you are poor excuse for Representative

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SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT SEIR FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

***** Amended to change the Public Meeting from March 26, 2020 to May 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., and to extend the Public Review and Comment Period to May 20, 2020. *****

Monitor the County's website at <https://www.placer.ca.gov/2537/Hidden-Falls-Regional-Park-Trail-Network> for future updates as further notices will be sent by email and updated on the website, but will not be sent via USPS.

PROPOSED PROJECT: Hidden Falls Regional Park Trails Expansion Project (PLN19-00187)
(State Clearinghouse No. 2007062084)

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD: February 20, 2020 through May 20, 2020

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed trail expansion areas are located northeast, east and west of the existing Hidden Falls Regional Park (HFRP), and south of the Bear River in Placer County, approximately 40 miles northeast of Sacramento.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The County is proposing to expand the HFRP natural-surface, multi-use trail network onto approximately 2,765 additional acres of land owned by the Placer Land Trust (where the County holds trail easement rights), or owned by the County or where the County owns easements. Approximately 30 miles of trails (including existing and proposed trails) within the expansion areas would be added to the 30+/-miles of existing trails within the existing park boundary. Three new parking areas and an additional overflow area within the existing HFRP parking area are also proposed, as well as other amenities such as bridges, overlooks, picnic benches and tables, restrooms, drinking fountains and equestrian amenities.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Draft SEIR identified potentially significant project impacts with respect to Visual Impacts to Garden Bar Road and increases in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) in the Existing Plus Project and Cumulative Plus Project scenarios. These impacts were found to be significant and unavoidable.

PUBLIC MEETINGS: A public meeting to receive comments on the Draft SEIR is scheduled for:

- ▲ May 14, 2020 – Placer County Planning Commission, 3091 County Center Drive, Auburn, at 5:00 PM.

The meeting agenda will be available at the following link up to 1 week prior to the meeting for updated information: <https://www.placer.ca.gov/AgendaCenter/Planning-Commission-53>

WHERE DRAFT SEIR MAY BE REVIEWED: The Draft SEIR is available for review during normal business hours at the Auburn Library (350 Nevada Street), Lincoln Library (485 Twelve Bridges Drive), the Placer County Community Development Resource Agency offices in Auburn (3091 County Center Drive) and the County Clerk-Recorder's Office (2954 Richardson Drive, Auburn). The Draft SEIR is also available online at:

<https://www.placer.ca.gov/2537/Hidden-Falls-Regional-Park-Trail-Network>

SEND WRITTEN COMMENTS TO: Placer County Community Development Resource Agency, Environmental Coordination Services, 3091 County Center Drive, Suite 190, Auburn, CA 95603; or fax (530) 745-3080; or email cdraecs@placer.ca.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 20, 2020.

Comments received during the public review period (February 20, 2020 through May 20, 2020) will be responded to in the Final SEIR.

For more information on the project, please contact Parks Administrator Andy Fisher at (530) 889-6819.

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I263: PAUL MCDANIEL

Response to Comment I263-1

The commenter expresses opposition to the project.

The opposition is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.264 LETTER I264

Letter I264

Shirlee Herrington

From: Shelley McDonough <shellmcd56@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 4:38 PM
To: Placer County Environmental Coordination Services
Subject: Fwd: Hidden Falls Expansion

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Shelley McDonough <shellmcd56@gmail.com>
Date: March 11, 2020 at 4:34:10 PM PDT
To: cdraecs@placer.ca.gov
Subject: Hidden Falls Expansion

Dear Placer County,

I264-1

I am very much in favor of the expansion of Hidden Falls adding new parking and entrances off Garden Bar. I got a kick hearing the "Save Rural Lincoln" folks speak...I have NO IDEA where THEY were when the OK went in for the 5,000 new homes went in for approval.

I ride horses and the Mear entrance is just a ZOO! What started out to be a sleepy little park has turned into a bustling over crowded place. I would ask the County to PLEASE put in a mounted patrol....using perhaps volunteers (much like Folsom Trail Patrol, of which I have been a member for 25 years). This park really needs MORE supervision!!!

Anyway, do not let a few NIMBYs shut down this new entrance. I lived thru a sewer project down Virginiatown for a year PLUS...a project that we just had to LIVE with...and also the putting in of Gold Hill Bridge which lasted FOREVER....if we have sustained this degree of "inconvenience" then they can let a few more cars go past their houses on the way to a glorious new park. We must take good care of what we have been given..making it safe for all.

I would like mitigation's to be done to make enough room for trailers to pass one another on that proposed entrances...apparently the road is very narrow and may need widening. Please do what you can to make this a SAFE, WIDE new way to enter the Park!!

Sincerely,
Shelley McDonough
6200 Melody Lane
Newcastle, CA 95658
916 616-4104
Sent from my iPad

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I264: SHELLEY McDONOUGH

Response to Comment I264-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

The commenter requests for the County to institute a mounted patrol within the existing HFRP boundary. Although this is not a CEQA-related issue and is not directed at the adequacy of the Draft SEIR for addressing adverse physical impacts associated with the proposed project, the comment is published in this Response to Comments document for public disclosure and for decision maker consideration.

The commenter notes concerns with widths of proposed entrances and leaving sufficient room for trailers to pass one another. Please refer to pages 8-23 through 8-26 of the Draft SEIR for a discussion of the entrances.

2.7.265 LETTER I265

Letter I265

Shirlee Herrington

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

From: noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>

Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 5:02 PM

To: Andrea Dashiell <ADashiel@placer.ca.gov>; Kara Conklin <KConklin@placer.ca.gov>; George Rosasco <GRosasco@placer.ca.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Shelley McDonough
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Email Address (Optional)	Shellmcd56@gmail.com
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Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls expansion
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Comments	<p>Dear Board of Supes.,</p> <p>We have an opportunity to do something GREAT here. I have ridden at HF since its opening. I used to call it "My Park" before others found out about it. As a Newcastle resident, I feel another entrance would be fitting. The Auburn route has gotten ridiculous in its traffic and the whole "reservation" system. I am able to access the park during the week.. I think we should have another entrance to that Park...once it is expanded...we need to be able to access trails on the other side of the park without having to ride HOURS to get there!!! There are a few "residents" who are acting as NIMBYs...but we have the opportunity to do something really great for future generations. One caveat is: that road must be widened leading to the new entrance. I hope that you all think about the opportunity we have...about future generations...and NOT about a few NIMBYs who want to block this great expansion! Please Please Please do the RIGHT thing.</p>
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I265: SHELLEY McDONOUGH

Response to Comment I265-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

The commenter notes concerns with widths of proposed entrances and leaving sufficient room for trailers to pass one another. Please refer to pages 8-23 through 8-26 of the Draft SEIR for a discussion of the entrances.

2.7.266 LETTER I266

Letter I266

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:15 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Austin McInerney
Email Address (Optional)	austin@camtb.org
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project

I266-1

Comments

On behalf of off-road cyclists and multi-use trail users from across northern California, I am writing to express strong support from the California Mountain Biking Coalition for the approximately 30 miles of new trails and improved trail access and parking for Hidden Falls Park. Approval of the plan for these trails is vital to families, hikers, runners, equestrians, and bikers and will improve the health of trail users, reduce parking issues, and reduce impact on the most used trails. Expanding the Hidden Falls trail network will be a priceless asset to Placer County, preserving the rural landscape for our children, and our children's children for generations to come. As we have seen during the response to the Covid-19 pandemic, having access to public spaces is critical for mental and physical health and we believe that additional public spaces are essential.

Having reviewed many of the comment letters submitted on this proposal, we appreciate local neighbor's concerns about increased visitation and the potential negative impacts that could result. However, we believe strongly that by working with local trail advocacy and stewardship groups, including the local high school mountain bike teams, additional education of all visitors can be undertaken to help everyone understand the importance of respecting the rules governing the area's use. These same groups may play a role in undertaking clean-up (as needed) and trail maintenance to help build community and care for the expanded park.

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Lastly, while some project opponents have stated that they believe their property values will decrease as a result of this project, the fact is that property values actually increase when public amenities such as trails are added to communities. Many studies conducted in communities across the United States find that substantial premiums are paid for properties located closer to trailheads and, additionally, that homes adjacent to trailheads do not experience negative spillovers that homeowners may experience from increased traffic and congestion. The bottom line is that new trails, when built and managed properly, benefit everyone, especially those that live closest to the trails.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and we look forward to hearing the outcome of this process.

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I266: AUSTIN MCINERNY

Response to Comment I266-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.267 LETTER I267

Letter I267

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 10:07 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Lori McIntosh
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Email Address (Optional)	lori@lorimcphoto.com
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Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Expansion
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Comments	I am an equestrian who moved to North Auburn 3 years ago specifically to be close to Hidden Falls. We moved from Morgan hill with access to over 10 parks where we could easily ride more than 25 miles. We were priced out of the Bay area and plan to retire here. We ride HF every single weekend and pay \$8 every time. We encounter friendly hikers with kids who love to see our horses and pet them. I want all kids to not fear horses and want one. The bikers are well educated on how to cross paths with us and we always feel welcome. By far, this is our favorite park with only 15 minutes from our home. An expansion would be fabulous for more Bay area people who might move up here with horses and with funds to improve the economy.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I267: LORI MCINTOSH

Response to Comment I267-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.268 LETTER I268

Letter I268

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 5:13 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Stephanie McLaughlin
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
I268-1 Comments	I support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project as it will improve the health of trail users, reduce parking issues, and reduce impact on the most used trails.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I268: STEPHANIE McLAUGHLIN

Response to Comment I268-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.269 LETTER I269

Letter I269

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 1:16 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Janet McMartin
Email Address (Optional)	mcmteam2@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project

I269-1

Comments

I strongly support the Hidden Falls Expansion Project. People who live in this area are desperate for more outdoor recreational opportunities. We need trail systems with adequate parking to improve the health and wellbeing of our citizens. So many people, like myself, have moved to the foothills to be closer to nature and to enjoy the outdoors. Sometimes I try to find a place to hike on a weekend day and find all parking lots in nearby hiking areas are full. Access to more trails would enable folks to spread out and enjoy the benefits of solitude, bird watching or so many other healthy activities.

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I269: JANET McMARTIN

Response to Comment I269-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.270 LETTER I270

Letter I270

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 12:07 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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I270-1

First and Last Name	Betty McMartin
Email Address (Optional)	b.mcmartin@sbcglobal.net
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
Comments	There aren't enough trails in Auburn. Trails in the river canyon are heavily used and many of the trails are too steep for families. Parking at Hidden Falls is difficult on the weekends. The proposed parking would decrease crowding in the park and decrease traffic on Mears Road. People could enjoy a side of the park that they haven't seen before because they haven't been able to walk the long distance from the current parking.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I270: BETTY McMARTIN

Response to Comment I270-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.271 LETTER I271

Letter I271

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 10:33 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	stewart mcmorrow
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Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Expansion
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Comments	<p>HI, I would like to issue my extreme support of the Hidden Falls expansion. Public lands are critical to the health and well being of our communities and helps to define our community character. We are not only a community of rural agriculture but also a community of professionals, business owners, retirees and so many other walks of life but one thing we all value here is our beautiful natural landscapes and our ability to enjoy them firsthand. We also need to be able to ENTER those natural landscapes in order to fully appreciate them and want to protect them. It is not enough to simply say we have enough trails already because the existing ones are very popular and become crowded. That should be our first hint that they aren't enough to support the demand. We need to continue to find ways of allowing the public a chance to experience these environments in a way that suits their needs. Hiking, biking and horse riding are critical avenues for people to relax and refresh. Is it not more obvious now than ever before that we need to expand this community resource? We have seen our public recreation areas flooded with people wanting to get outside now that we are staying home more. Communities like ours pride themselves on this aspect and communities become well known for their recreational and natural resources. The impacts on the few residents near that new trailhead will be minimal compared to the ongoing impact of NOT expanding our access points. This is not only a recreational benefit but also a business benefit. I have (and know of many other people) who come to Auburn to experience our recreational opportunities</p>
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I271-1

I271-1
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and we need to realize that is a big part of the draw to this area. I have lived in other beautiful areas that had agriculture but no public recreational opportunities. Rather than stay and contribute to the community, we moved because we needed access to public lands. We are not the only ones who think like that. Let's offer more recreation but also graze that area. Why can't we do both?

Let's keep moving our community forward and continue to offer and develop these great opportunities or we risk becoming a closed off, closed minded community of NIMBY's.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. :)

Stewart McMorrow

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I271: STEWART McMORROW

Response to Comment I271-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.272 LETTER I272

Letter I272

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 10:31 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Chris McMorrow
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Email Address (Optional)	Cmcmorrow@scglobal.net
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Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Expansion
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I272-1

Comments	<p>The COVID -19 Pandemic has forced the closure of gyms and fitness studios, and now individuals and families have taken to the trails in Placer County for fitness and exploration. The significant increase in trail use has made obvious, in my opinion, the need for additional trails, trailheads and parking. Currently, Hidden Falls is requiring permits to limit the number of users. The permits are often sold out, which shows the demand for trails and outdoor recreation is very high.</p>
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I am writing today to show my support for the Hidden Falls Expansion project. Our current situation has shown that we do not have enough public access to trails and natural areas.

Christine McMorrow
Auburn, Ca

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I272: CHRIS McMORROW

Response to Comment I272-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.273 LETTER I273

Letter I273

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 9:54 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Bo McNally
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden falls trail expansion project
I273-1 Comments	I support the hidden falls trail expansion project
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I273: BO McNALLY

Response to Comment I273-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.274 LETTER I274

Letter I274

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 1:35 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Cass McNally
Email Address (Optional)	cassmcnally@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion
I274-1 Comments	I support the expansion of the Hidden Falls trail system because of its preservation of and access to the natural environment for citizens of Placer County now and for generations. We need more foresight and planning to balance growth and green space now and in the future.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I274: CASS McNALLY

Response to Comment I274-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.275 LETTER I275

Letter I275

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 2:10 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Liam McNally
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
I275-1 Comments	I support the trail expansion project! More trail, parking and access will disperse crowds and create a more tranquil experience. Community members and visitors will benefit from this project!
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I275: LIAM McNALLY

Response to Comment I275-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.276 LETTER I276

Letter I276

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 3:33 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	David McQueary
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
I276-1 Comments	I support the expansion of the Hidden Falls Park. It's close to my house and will make a great trail system even better.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I276: DAVID MCQUEARY

Response to Comment I276-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.277 LETTER I277

Letter I277

Shirlee Herrington

From: dolores mcsweeney <metroman52@att.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 23, 2020 1:08 PM
To: Placer County Environmental Coordination Services
Subject: Addition to hidden Falls

I277-1] Vote no.

Dolores McSweeney Newcastle

Sent from my iPhone

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I277: DOLORES MCSWEENEY

Response to Comment I277-1

The commenter expresses opposition of the project.

The opposition is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.278 LETTER I278

Letter I278

Shirlee Herrington

From: dolores mcsweeney <metroman52@att.net>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 4:15 PM
To: Placer County Environmental Coordination Services
Subject: Hidden falls project

I278-1 Please vote no!!! Thank you.

Dolores McSweeney Newcastle

Sent from my iPhone

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I278: DOLORES MCSWEENEY

Response to Comment I278-1

The commenter expresses opposition of the project.

The opposition is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.279 LETTER I279

Letter I279

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:23 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Ryan Merryman
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion
I279-1 Comments	Hi, I support the expansion of trails in the hidden falls area. The trails promote fitness, appreciation for the area and outdoor stewardship. Please help make them happen.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I279: RYAN MERRYMAN

Response to Comment I279-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.280 LETTER I280

Letter I280

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 11:34 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Steve Messer
Email Address (Optional)	steve@corbamtb.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
I280-1 Comments	As a former resident of Placer County, the trails of the area hold a special place for me. Under the current pandemic state of things, the value of parks, trails and open space is especially evident. Trails are essential to human health and quality of life. I urge the Board of Supervisors to fully fund and support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I280: STEVE MESSER

Response to Comment I280-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.281 LETTER I281

Letter I281

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 11:52 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Steve Messer
Email Address (Optional)	steve@corbamtb.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
I281-1 Comments	The value of open space, trails and recreation is especially evident at this difficult time. Trails and open space are essential to human health and quality of life. For these reasons I urge the Board of Supervisors to support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I281: STEVE MESSER

Response to Comment I281-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.282 LETTER I282

Letter I282

William and Laurie Meyerpeter
7440 South Valley Road
Lincoln CA 95648
916-645-2679
myrptr2@gmail.com
March 15, 2020

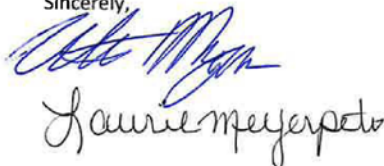
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Environmental Coordination Services,
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Auburn CA 95603
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Four generations of our family have lived and ranched in this area for half a century. Our family has deep roots here. We've served on school boards and Boy Scouts, and volunteered for the UCCE Placer County Master Gardeners and other organizations. We are homeowners and have invested in real estate in our community because we care deeply for this region and its people.

- I282-1 We support the Hidden Falls Regional Park Trails Expansion Project. Hidden Falls Regional Park is the crown jewel of our local park system. It's got miles of trails and is beloved by local residents including hikers, horseback riders, children, and mountain bikers. It's a great asset to this region.
- I282-2 We support the expansion project because the park is lacking adequate parking and access. Expanding the park to provide better access will spread visitors out so that there is less impact on the single entrance to the park and to the residents who reside at the single entrance.
- I282-3 In addition, expanding the park is likely to also increase our property values region-wide as well as locally. Near to access points, it may increase property values of homes, similar to homes closer to the American River Parkway that are more valuable and more marketable because of the proximity to the walking and biking trails along the American River. And it is likely to have a positive impact when marketing property, especially horse properties, when it's "near Hidden Falls access" where locals can ride horses or go hiking. The increased traffic initially for nearby residents will be balanced by the eventual increase in property values and attractiveness to potential buyers.
- I282-3 This is a project that has a strong and positive influence on the future of Placer County both as a whole as well as locally in the communities that it impacts. We support the Hidden Falls Regional Park Trails Expansion Project and we hope you will too. Thank you for listening to our concerns.

Sincerely,



William Meyerpeter
Laurie Meyerpeter

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I282: WILLIAM AND LAURIE MEYERPETER

Response to Comment I282-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I282-2

The commenter believes property values will increase with development of the park.

The purpose of the Draft SEIR is to identify the significant effects of the proposed project on the physical environment and the Draft SEIR is not intended to address social or economic impacts. This is consistent with CEQA guidelines stating that “An economic or social change by itself shall not be considered a significant effect on the environment” (CEQA Guidelines Sections 15131 and 15382). No further response is required.

Response to Comment I282-3

The commenter again expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.283 LETTER I283

Letter I283

Shirlee Herrington

From: tommymiele@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 8:57 PM
To: Placer County Environmental Coordination Services
Cc: Jane Wurst
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hidden Falls Regional Park Expansion SDEIR

I283-1 [The HFRP SDEIR makes no mention of the impact on Sisson Lane or its residents. Sisson Lane is a private road that runs parallel to the Harvego preserve. What is to prevent trespassers from driving down Sisson Lane and parking on our private road, thereby trespassing, and entering the Harvego preserve and the planned HFRP expansion? How will the county prevent the use of Sisson Lane by trespassers to enter the park?

Thomas M. Miele
Sisson Lane resident

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I283: TOM MIELE

Response to Comment I283-1

The commenter expresses concern about trespassers entering the Harvego Preserve from the private road Sisson Lane.

Please see Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation and Parking, section on Private Roads

Please see Master Response 4 – Land Use Compatibility as it pertains to trespassing and enforcement.

2.7.284 LETTER I284

Letter I284

Shirlee Herrington

From: Tom Miele <tommymiele@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Placer County Environmental Coordination Services; Placer County Board of Supervisors; Sue Colbert
Subject: [EXTERNAL] COMMENTS: HIDDEN FALLS REGIONAL PARK EXPANSION DRAFT SEIR

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please include the following comments in the final SEIR for the Hidden Falls Regional Park Expansion.

As president of the Sisson Lane Road Maintenance Association, I represent the 15 residents living along Sisson Lane, Auburn.

I284-1

Sisson Lane is a private road off of Lone Star Road, approximately ½ mile from Highway 49. Sisson Lane extends from Lone Star Road almost to the Bear River and runs parallel to the Bruin Ranch, now called the Harvego Preserve and possibly the future home of the Hidden Falls Regional Park. The draft SEIR for the HFRP Expansion makes no mention of the impact on the residents of Sisson Lane. The residents of Sisson Lane are concerned that if the park is opened people will use Sisson Lane as an alternative or "backdoor" to the park, since there is really nothing preventing them from doing so. The residents of Sisson Lane want to know how the county is going to prevent people from trespassing and entering the park illegally by simply turning right off of Lone Star Road and driving down Sisson Lane, parking, and climbing over or going under the fence. This will also create confrontations between residents and trespassing park enthusiasts. We would like the final SEIR to address trespassing on Sisson Lane and how it will be mitigated? The residents of Sisson Lane recommend that the county install and maintain an electric gate at the intersection of Lone Star Road and Sisson Lane to prevent trespassing and illegal entry into the HFRP. This is going to be a problem that should have been covered in the draft SEIR. Please include the impact on Sisson Lane and its residents in the final SEIR.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Miele
8320 Sisson Lane, Auburn
President, Sisson Lane RMA
(530) 305-2371

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I284: TOM MIELE

Response to Comment I284-1

The commenter expresses concern about trespassers entering the Harvego Preserve from the private road Sisson Lane.

Please see Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation and Parking, section on Private Roads. Please also see Master Response 4 – Land Use Compatibility as it pertains to trespassing and enforcement.

2.7.285 LETTER I285

Letter I285

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 8:17 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Chris Miller
Email Address (Optional)	chris@melasenergy.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
I285-1 Comments	I strongly support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project. The existing Hidden Falls trails are very popular with bikers & hikers, and there is a large need for additional trails and parking in the area. More trails would spread out the usage and likely result in fewer crowds. We need to support adding trails and public access to outdoor areas. Please put the needs and desires of your entire constituency above the loud and selfish complaints of a few immediate neighbors who like to consider this property as their own.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I285: CHRIS MILLER

Response to Comment I285-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.286 LETTER I286

Letter I286

Placer County Planning Commission
Environmental Coordination Services
3091 County Center Drive, Suite 190
Auburn, Ca. 95603

RE: Hidden Falls trail expansion DSEIR supporting a full buildout option, in coordination with the Placer Land Trust.

Dear Planning Commission,

Without reservation, my family and I support the Hidden Falls Trail expansion project. Because we live within a few miles of the park, for the past several years, we have hiked and ridden horses on the trails there at least once a week.

Full Buildout Option: We support the full buildout option, including 30 miles of trails, three additional parking areas, and other park and safety amenities as discussed in the DSEIR.

Equestrian Parking: because equestrians have only 8 spaces in the current parking area, we especially want the county to include the additional planned horse trailer parking in the first build. There is plenty of room and a demonstrated need.

I286-1 **Traffic:** issues with traffic for the most part are less than significant and can be mitigated. The improvement of two intersections on Highway 49 has been planned for some time and will be fixed whether or not Hidden Falls is expanded.

Wildfire: because of the successful wildfire suppression work in the existing Hidden Falls, we are confident wildfire will not be an issue in the new expansion. The DSEIR adequately addressed the concerns about wildfire as being less than significant.

Open Space, Recreation and Legacy: Hidden Falls trail expansion is a desired and much-needed project. It provides preservation of open space and rangeland that will be maintained and accessible to the public for healthy outdoor recreation in perpetuity and fulfills "Placers Legacy."

The full buildout option should be the only option, no alternatives, with the understanding that Placer Land Trust will work with Placer County to ensure that trail design, and construction are compatible with conservation objectives.

Sincerely,

Jaede Miloslavich

Gregory S. Parsons

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I286: JAEDE MILOSLAVICH

Response to Comment I286-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.287 LETTER I287

Letter I287

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 2:59 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	John Minniear
Email Address (Optional)	jminn8086@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Regional Park - Expansion
I287-1 Comments	As a local home / property owner I'm not in support of expanding HFRP through adding a staging area at Harvego or Bell Road unless the County is willing to improve Lone Star, Bell and Auburn Valley Road, increase law enforcement from H49 to the park, and increase park staff to prevent litter, vandalism and theft. I'm also concerned around deteriorating property values. If the County is hell bent on doing this, this the County needs to do this in partnership with the local community and address the concerns that you've heard repeatedly and avoid the horror stories and mistakes of the past.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I287: JOHN MINNIEAR

Response to Comment I287-1

The commenter is not in support of the project unless the local roads are improved. Please refer to Master Response 4 – Roadway Safety section.

The commenter is not in support of the project unless there is an increase in Parks staff to prevent litter, vandalism and theft. Please refer to the discussion included within Impact 13-2 of the Draft SEIR on page 13-12.

The commenter is concerned about perceived deteriorating property values. The purpose of the Draft SEIR is to identify the significant effects of the proposed project on the physical environment and the Draft SEIR is not intended to address social or economic impacts. This is consistent with CEQA guidelines stating that “An economic or social change by itself shall not be considered a significant effect on the environment” (CEQA Guidelines Sections 15131 and 15382). No further response is required.

2.7.288 LETTER I288

Letter I288

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 9:29 AM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Ben Mitchell
Email Address (Optional)	benremitchell@protonmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project

I288-1

Comments	I'd just like to express my support for the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project. It is clear that more parking is needed. In addition, more trailheads and trails would also help to spread out crowds. Further, as we know, being physically active in the outdoors is has huge health benefits. We need this now more than ever, as I expect, even post-pandemic, getting out on the trails will be more of a priority to people who've acquired a stronger taste for it recently. Thanks.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I288: BEN MITCHELL

Response to Comment I288-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.289 LETTER I289

Letter I289

Shirlee Herrington

From: Victor Monjaras <victormonjarasjd@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 6:08 PM
To: Placer County Environmental Coordination Services
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hidden Falls Trails expansion project

- I289-1 I, Victor Monjaras (resident of Newcastle, California), am oppose to the Hidden Falls Trails expansion project. I am not confident from the plans that was set out for this project that it will be benefiting the local community but instead bring upon negative outcomes for not only the residents but as well as nature itself. I am also not very confident in who will be maintaining this project and what company will actually work on the project and how the accountability will be handled.
- I289-2 I do agree we do need a better entrance to the park but the widening of the roadways would be quite harmful to the trees and plants leading up to it. I would like for the pavement on the parking lots to be more cement than asphalt since it would not heat up the surrounding area more than necessary.
If we are to expand, we must expand better.

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I289: VICTOR MONJARAS

Response to Comment I289-1

The commenter expresses opposition to the project.

The opposition is noted. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I289-2

The commenter expresses concern about tree removal.

Please see the Draft SEIR Section 12.4 “Impacts” of Chapter 12.0 “Biological Resources” for an analysis of impacts to trees and sensitive habitats. Specifically see Impact 12-9 Biological Resources – Impacts on Oak Woodland Habitat and proposed Mitigation Measures S12-7: Protect Oak Woodland Habitat.

The commenter suggests that the parking lots should be paved with concrete rather than asphalt in order to minimize heat retention and thermal impacts on the surrounding area.

The commenter’s preference for concrete parking lots is noted, however this is a design issue and is not evaluated under CEQA. No further response is required.

2.7.290 LETTER I290

Letter I290

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 6:48 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Angie Monroe
Email Address (Optional)	aphilangie@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trails Expansion Project
I290-1 Comments	Would love to be able to find parking when I go for a run. Parking expansion I feel is necessary to accommodate the amount of visitors to Hidden Falls daily, but especially for weekend traffic. By expanding the actual trails, it will allow for social distancing and will allow for runners to get more time in on beautiful trails without having to constantly stop for strollers, hikers, walkers, e.t.c. Please consider expanding the trails and adding parking. Despite recently moving to Citrus Heights from Placer County, Hidden Falls is still my favorite place to explore. Thank you for your time and consideration.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I290: ANGIE MONROE

Response to Comment I290-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.291 LETTER I291

Letter I291

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 7:27 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Jonathan Moore
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden falls trail expansion
I291-1 Comments	I support the expansion of trails at hidden falls. We love to visit and enjoy what is there and available!
Attach a document	<i>Field not completed.</i>

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I291: JONATHAN MOORE

Response to Comment I291-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.292 LETTER I292

Letter I292

Shirlee Herrington

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

From: noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>

Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 7:58 PM

To: Andrea Dashiell <ADashiel@placer.ca.gov>; Kara Conklin <KConklin@placer.ca.gov>; George Rosasco <GRosasco@placer.ca.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	beth moorehead
Email Address (Optional)	bethpm65@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
I292-1 Comments	I absolutely support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project. We need to make bike trails accessible to all, with parking and signage and clear trails. They will be used.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I292: BETH MOOREHEAD

Response to Comment I292-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.293 LETTER I293

Letter I293

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 9:43 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Beryl Mora
Email Address (Optional)	moragirls34@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
I293-1 Comments	I'd love to see more trail heads and especially more arming as I have wanted to go many times and have been turned away. Hiking is a family adventure And having the Hidden Falls as an option when we live so close is great! We are all for more trail heads, we'll kept trails and more parking!
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I293: BERYL MORA

Response to Comment I293-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

March 7, 2020

Members of the Placer County Planning Commission

Subject: Hidden Falls Regional Park(HFRP) expansion—Garden Bar Rd.

I have a number of concerns regarding this proposal but the two that are of greatest concern are:

- 1)The flow of traffic past the front of my property
- 2) The wisdom of using Garden Bar Road(GBR) to move passenger cars, caravans of cars, buses for special events, and horse trailers up this semi-mountainous, narrow, winding road.

#1) I reside at 3860 Mt. Pleasant Rd on that ~1/2 mile stretch of Mt. Pleasant that runs south to north concurrently with Garden Bar before Garden Bar splits and head north toward the proposed park entrance near Coon Creek.

According to a traffic survey taken in 2016, the daily vehicular trips past my driveway average ~320. The predictions for the increased flow with a GBR site are for 85-94 trips during peak weekend hours and ~600 trips per day. Our traffic flow has already increased since the traffic flow studies due to increased weekend winery visits and the use of backroads to avoid traffic delays on SR65 west of Lincoln as massive residential building projects along that route are underway.

The stretch of Mt. Pleasant Rd. in the ~1/2 mile where it runs concurrently with GBR is straight and is an opportunity for drivers to accelerate to well over the posted 40mph. Speeds greater than 60mph are not uncommon. Wildlife and pets have been killed and there have been many vehicular near-misses. This will be exacerbated by an HFRP access via GBR. I have appealed to Placer County Public Works about measures to deal with speeding, but even a sign flashing the motorists speed was too much for them. I talked to my county supervisor's office about more traffic law enforcement and was told that this was contracted to CHP. CHP said they don't have the manpower to patrol this rural backroad area.

This is unsatisfactory not only to me but to neighbors that I've talked with. Speeding and reckless driving in this area is common; the people driving irresponsibly do not fear any consequences. My problem, and that of my immediate neighbors, cannot be easily fixed but the disinterest in this problem by all levels of government is frustrating. Strategically place speed tables would help a lot but these are anathema to fire and ambulance drivers.

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#2) I question the wisdom of using GBR as an access point to HFRP. I am an ambulatory equine veterinarian and have practiced in Placer County for 40 yrs. I have driven the road up to the Coon Creek bridge and beyond to Big Hill Rd many times. It is beautiful, but watching the scenery is dangerous with all the sharp, blind curves and areas where 2 vehicles cannot pass. There is always traffic: local residents, UPS, FedEx, USPS, construction vehicles and trucks/trailers hauling livestock. Add to this a peak hour increase of ~ 90 additional vehicles visiting the park. Imagine a caravan of vehicles or a school bus going to an "event."

While the proposal of phase1-A with weekend reservations and limitation to 30 spaces seems benign, the additional Phase 1 levels and phases 2 and 3 are an alarming overreach. Significant improvements to GBR with widening and improving sight lines would be expensive and destructive to the local flora and fauna. To spend a considerable amount from the county budget to allow a small number of horse trailers, cars caravanning, and the occasional school bus would not appear cost effective. There are existing ways to enter the park with significantly better road access that could be used for groups. It appears to me that the proposed environmental impact investigation understates the havoc that would be rendered by widening GBR. I also believe that traffic analysis in the tentative EIR pays only lip service to the county's ability and willingness to do better traffic law enforcement.

I294-2

Please give primary consideration to current residents of this section of the county who moved to this rural region for its peace and tranquility. Placer County promotes this as part of it's way of life and heritage. Decisions made that route large numbers of out of area visitors by our "front door" is not what we expect from our government.

Yours truly,

Robert A. Morgan. DVM

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I294: ROBERT MORGAN

Response to Comment I294-1

The commenter expresses concerns regarding traffic, safety, and traffic law enforcement issues. Please see Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking as well as Master Response 4 – Land Use Compatibility.

Response to Comment I294-2

The commenter expresses opposition to the project.

The opposition is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.295 LETTER I295

Letter I295

Shirlee Herrington

From: Erica Morgan <ecmorgan@ucdavis.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:38 AM
To: Placer County Environmental Coordination Services
Subject: Hidden Falls Comment

To the Placer County Planning Commission:

I realize that my letter falls beyond the April 20th cutoff for public comment, but I am hopeful you will still accept this letter, given the current environment.

I295-1

My name is Erica Morgan, and I have lived on the stretch of Mt. Pleasant Rd. connecting Garden Bar Rd. for the past 31 years. I am writing to express my dismay and disappointment that the proposed park expansion is even under consideration. I have been attempting to understand the maneuvers by the county in recent years to develop my community, from allowing the city of Lincoln to annex county land, to permitting the development of countless wineries and breweries, to green-lighting massive developments like Bickford and Village One, to this slippery slope regional park development at Hidden Falls. I've tried to assume the best of intentions, that our supervisors and officials have been seeking to "improve" our region or garner the resources to then redirect to road and safety improvements. Unfortunately, the more I attend meetings and the more I speak with my neighbors, the more convinced I become that the officials tasked with protecting the interests of my community are blatantly disregarding the wishes of residents to pursue their own profits, and "progress" for its own sake. Most of us who choose Placer County as our home do so because we wish to live in this beautiful, peaceful, safe, largely rural/agricultural community. You are ruining it.

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The volume of traffic in this area has already swelled to an unfortunate degree. The influx of visitors who frequent the park and wineries/breweries clog the roadways while deriding the rural character of this community. Reckless driving is rampant on county roads, not only endangering drivers, joggers, bikers and pets, but also decimating wildlife. Over the past 10 years I have slowly been forced to abandon my favorite hobby of biking on our roads with my father, due to increasingly dangerous road conditions. Complaints to local law enforcement have been dismissed or deflected to CHP. I've been scoffed at and told that I shouldn't be biking on the roadways in the first place. County resources are CLEARLY inadequate to protect the local residents even without the influx of Hidden Falls park traffic, and it seems perfectly obvious to me that safety should be our number one priority. I understand that the county sees an opportunity to profit from the expansion of the park, but I implore members of this committee to consider their obligation to the safety and the will of members of this community. I do not know a single Placer County resident who supports the expansion of this park and the addition of these parking lots.

Other local residents have expressed their concerns more eloquently than I can: the inadequacy of roadways to support increased traffic, the absurdity that local residents will not be able benefit from private access when their lives will be the most disrupted, the risk to local flora and fauna, the risk of wildfires, the change in character to our community, etc. Thus far, the County's responses to these concerns seem entirely inadequate.

For example, in addressing the concern that the Spears property was not to have public access at the time of purchase, the Master Response cites as justification the purchase of an "access easement for general public

I295-2
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↑ purpose." This strikes me as completely disingenuous. Obviously, public access would be necessary "generally" for public emergency vehicles, fire trucks, and utilities. There is a drastic difference between this type of access road and the development of access for a public PARKING LOT to draw hundreds of vehicles and disrupt the local community. Using a technicality to justify the "bait and switch" that is clearly underway insults the intelligence of your constituents.

I295-3

↓ The Master Response to residents' wildfire concerns are equally absurd: "Campfires would only be allowed during group camping events...campfires within the Park would be closely regulated by the County." Why on earth would neighbors find it reassuring that only "groups" are allowed to build fires? Why would they trust that the county can adequately respond to the possibility of a wildfire when the surrounding roads are so poorly maintained and unable to even accommodate moderate sized vehicles passing each other?

I have grown skeptical that my comments here will have any impact on the decision to proceed with this project, but I sincerely hope that more thought will be given to local interests that this committee is supposed to serve. If nothing else, I look forward to my next voting opportunity.

Sincerely,
Erica Morgan

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Erica Morgan, DVM

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UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine
Class of 2017

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I295: ERICA MORGAN

Response to Comment I295-1

The commenter expresses opposition to the project.

The opposition is noted. No further response is required.

Response to Comment I295-2

The commenter expresses concerns regarding traffic, safety, and traffic law enforcement. Please see Master Response 3 – Traffic, Circulation, and Parking as well as Master Response 4 – Land Use Compatibility.

The commenter expresses concerns with local residents not being able to have private access entry points into HFRP and the Trails Expansion area. Although this is not a CEQA-related issue and is not directed at the adequacy of the Draft SEIR for addressing adverse physical impacts associated with the proposed project, the comment is published in this Response to Comments document for public disclosure and for decision maker consideration.

The commenter infers that there would be a risk to local flora and fauna because of the proposed project.

The commenter is not specific as to what she feels would cause a risk to local flora and fauna. Please refer to Section 12.0 of the Draft SEIR, “Biological Resources,” and specifically to Mitigation Measures S12-1 through S12-7.

The commenter expresses concerns with “the change in character” of the community, should the Project be approved. Please see Master Response 4 – Land Use Compatibility

Response to Comment I295-3

The commenter expresses concern regarding wildfire and emergency services. The current Conditional Use Permit for HFRP allows for group camping and campfires only within the special use area on the western side of the park and only with a Special Event Permit Application coordinated through the County’s Parks Division. To date, neither group camping nor campfires have occurred within the special use area, as the area has not yet been developed, although it is in the planning process. No camping or campfires are allowed anywhere else within the park, nor will they be allowed anywhere within the Trails Expansion areas.

Please see Master Response 2 – Wildfire, Safety, and Emergency Response.

2.7.296 LETTER I296

Letter I296

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 4:19 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission - Planning Commission

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First and Last Name	Yvonne Morris
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	MTB Trails
Comments	Hey there. Our family is working hard to stay and play together, while we teach our children a sport they can love for life and enjoy the outdoors instead playing video games etc. We use the Hidden Falls trails often, especially in the summer months. The youngsters are hoping to be on the high school MTB team. We would sure love to see some more of those fun trails accessible to mountain bikers.
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I296-1

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I296: YVONNE MORRIS

Response to Comment I296-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.297 LETTER I297

Letter I297

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:38 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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I297-1

First and Last Name	Jeffrey J Morton
Email Address (Optional)	jjmh324@gmail.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trails Expansion
Comments	I am in support of the Hidden Falls Trails Expansion. A lot of work has been done by the Placer Land Trust to fulfill the wishes of the people who sold/donated their land in order to have it preserved as a natural landscape and enjoyed with healthy activities. This will be a continuing great asset to our town and county.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I297: JEFFREY MORTON

Response to Comment I297-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.298 LETTER I298

Letter I298

Shirlee Herrington

From: Eric Moss <eric.moss@att.net>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 6:19 PM
To: Placer County Environmental Coordination Services
Cc: dianecrew@mac.com
Subject: Fw: GOOD NEWS Fwd: Hidden Falls Regional Park Trails Expansion Project
Attachments: image003.png; NOA_2nd Amended 031720.pdf

Folks,

I298-1

I wanted to express my thoughts regarding the planned meeting timing...

County representatives are elected and paid officials by the people for the people. As such, they should uphold their responsibility to support people in the best possible way. Scheduling a meeting at 5pm when most people are just getting off work, certainly does not permit fair public representation. This meeting is very important. Please reconsider timing to perhaps 7PM.

Respectfully,

Eric R Moss
Auburn CA

----- Original message -----

From: Diane Peterson <dianecrew@mac.com>
Date: 3/18/20 7:32 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: Diane Peterson <dianecrew@mac.com>
Subject: GOOD NEWS Fwd: Hidden Falls Regional Park Trails Expansion Project

Begin forwarded message:

From: Shirlee Herrington <SHerring@placer.ca.gov>
Date: March 17, 2020 at 1:14:24 PM PDT
To: Sue Colbert <SColbert@placer.ca.gov>, Lisa Camahan <LCamaha@placer.ca.gov>, Leigh Chavez <LChavez@placer.ca.gov>
Subject: Hidden Falls Regional Park Trails Expansion Project (PLN19-00187), 2nd AMENDED NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY of Subsequent Draft EIR

Good Afternoon,

Placer County has moved the Public Meeting on March 26, 202 at 5:00 p.m. to **May 14, 2020 at 5 p.m.** The comment period has been extended to May 20, 2020. Please see the attached 2nd Amended Notice of Availability for details.

*Thank you,
Shirlee*

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Shirlee I. Herrington  
Environmental Coordination Services  
Placer County Community Development Resource Agency  
3091 County Center Drive, Suite #190  
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I298: ERIC MOSS

Response to Comment I298-1

The commenter expresses concern about the public review process. Planning Commission meetings are customarily held at 10:00 in the morning. The meeting on May 14, 2020 was held in the evening in order to provide additional opportunities for working people to participate. Realizing that this meeting would likely have a large number of commenters, and that the meeting could likely span several hours, the starting time of 5:00 p.m. was chosen so that the meeting would not continue too late in the evening for all participants.

Please see Master Response 1 – Public Comment Process.

2.7.299 LETTER I299

Letter I299

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 12:49 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Kristin Motz
Email Address (Optional)	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project
I299-1 Comments	I support the Hidden Falls Trail Expansion Project. This project would allow for more people to enjoy the hidden falls area. Having increased parking would reduce angst from the surrounding neighborhoods.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I299: KRISTIN MOTZ

Response to Comment I299-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.

2.7.300 LETTER I300

Letter I300

Shirlee Herrington

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 9:00 PM
To: Shirlee Herrington; Kara Conklin; Sue Colbert; Meghan Schwartz; Lisa Carnahan
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First and Last Name	Karen Munoz
Email Address (Optional)	kmdmm@yahoo.com
Agenda Item (Optional)	Hidden Falls
I300-1 Comments	Hello, I am voicing my hopes and support for the approval of the expansion of the Hidden Falls trail system. I have enjoyed hiking the park with children and would love to have more opportunities to both bike and hike in the park with my children. The additional trails and parking will add the enjoyment of the area and also allow the park to be less crowded as people will have more space to spread out. Thank you and please vote yes to support the expansion. Karen Munoz, Cameron Park, Ca.
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RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER I300: KAREN MUNOZ

Response to Comment I300-1

The commenter expresses support for the project.

The support is noted. No further response is required.