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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 20, 2014
To: Planning Commission
From: Steve Engfer, Associate Planner *SSE*
Topic: Additional Correspondence Received-- Time Extension Application No. 2014-034 for the activation of Planned Development No. 99-1 and Conditional Use Permit No. 267, SilverTip Village Resort.

The memo provides correspondence received as of 5/20/14, 10:30 am regarding the SilverTip Village Resort Time Extension No. 2014-034 that is scheduled for Friday May 23, 2014 Planning Commission meeting.

The items from Susan Gorder are virtually the same, one is addressed to Planning Commissioner Bernikoff and one addressed to the Board of Supervisors.

Any additional correspondence that may be received prior to the meeting will be provided under a separate memo.

Please contact Steve Engfer for any questions by email or phone at 209 742 1250.

Thank you.

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From: Jayne O'Brien [jcobrien@cox.net]
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2014 4:21 PM
To: Steve Engfer
Cc: jcobrien@cox.net
Subject: May 23rd Planning Commission Meeting - Silver Tip Resort Project Extension

Mr. Steve Enger --

We are submitting the following as formal written comments regarding the Silver Tip Resort Project -- intended for use in the May 23rd Planning Commission Meeting. Jayne will be in attendance at this Friday's meeting in order to express these views in person.

In our ten years in Fish Camp, we have closely followed the Silver Tip Resort Project bounce from developer to developer. Ten years is a long time for any project to be extended twice and sold and extended again.

Over this time, we have had a significant change with the water levels in California, and more specifically in Fish Camp. Ten years ago, we had a year-round stream which fed a large pond several feet deep. In the last few years, our stream has become a seasonal trickle and the pond is sand. Last week the Mariposa Gazette cited several regional water experts who said that the water problem will take many years to recover, and may be the beginning of long-term change.

There is a reason that our Mariposa county procedures call for development plan approvals to be time-limited. Situations change -- and development approvals must have an endpoint. Businesses like Palm Springs Village LLC, who are property investors, know that no plan is approved in perpetuity, and knew that risk when they recently bought this bank-owned property out of foreclosure.

The residents of Fish Camp and Mariposa County, through several extensions, have provided ten years for this project to be executed. The time has come to end the approval for the Silver Tip Resort Project, Planned Development No 99-1.

*Dr. Pat and Jayne O'Brien
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Terry Edmondo [gedmondo@charter.net]

Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2014 2:45 PM

To: District1; District2; District3; District4; District5

Importance:Low

Our family has owned and enjoyed our property in Fish Camp since 1968. The very idea of destroying this meadow for a commercial development is disturbing and disgusting. The fact that this issue is still front and center after all these years is beyond comprehension. This issue needs to be put to rest once and for all. This proposed project has always been and will always be a bad idea. The Mariposa County Planning Commission has an opportunity to do the right thing. VOTE NO ON ANY EXTENSION OF OUTDATED PERMITS!!!! Show Fish Camp property owners that the Mariposa County Planning Commission is looking out for the best interests of the community, not some developer from Southern California. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Margie Giampedraglia
Terry Edmondo

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From: Sarah Williams
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2014 4:17 PM
To: Steve Engfer
Cc: Carol Suggs
Subject: FW: Fish Camp Silver Tip Project Extension

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From: AmblsideES@aol.com [AmblsideES@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 18, 2014 8:59 AM
To: District3
Subject: Fish Camp Silver Tip Project Extension

Dear Ms. Bernikoff,

I am a third generation co-owner of Fish Camp property that has been in my family since 1940. I do not understand why a now 11 year old EIR, that was based on a then 9 acre proposal, is considered relevant today for a proposal that has morphed into involving 47 acres, five times the original. The local environmental conditions have changed over the past 11 years, and the plans that the EIR was based upon are no longer applicable.

The proposed development, if completed as planned, will not only destroy this beautiful watershed meadow and harm Big Creek flowing into Yosemite National Park and the Merced River, it will devastate the natural peaceful ambiance, the attraction, of the community, and have a negative impact on local wildlife, with the invasion of noise, air, and nighttime light pollution. It would also appear to be a 'suicide mission' for the developer as the water resources simply cannot support the construction of a project, or the daily ongoing water requirements, of a resort of the magnitude proposed. As the water runs dry, the tourist reservations will evaporate, and our community will have paid a high and irreversible price.

It is my understanding that the Tenaya Lodge supports itself through an independent water and recycling system which does not affect the Fish Camp community water resources.

It appears that another large motel development in Oakhurst is in mid-construction limbo due at least in part if not completely to water shortage. We do not want or need a similar blight in our community.

PLEASE Ms. Bernikoff, put this long running controversy to bed once and for all and do not approve further continued extensions of this project.

Sincerely,

Susan Gorder
802 E. Lansing Way
Fresno, CA 93704-4225
559-228-8632

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