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## MEMORANDUM

Date: May 22, 2014  
To: Planning Commission  
From: Steve Engfer, Associate Planner *SEE*  
Topic: Additional Correspondence Received (Third Memo)-- Time Extension Application No. 2014-034 for the activation of Planned Development No. 99-1 and Conditional Use Permit No. 267, SilverTip Village Resort.

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The memo provides correspondence received as of 5/22/14, 4 pm regarding the SilverTip Village Resort Time Extension No. 2014-034 that is scheduled for Friday May 23, 2014 Planning Commission meeting.

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.

**Steve Engfer**

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**From:** Sarah Williams  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 11:53 AM  
**To:** Steve Engfer  
**Subject:** FW: Comments Silvertip Extension May 23 2014

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**From:** Kirk Helland [mailto:fugenkirk@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 11:46 AM  
**To:** Sarah Williams  
**Subject:** RE: Comments Silvertip Extension May 23 2014

Sarah Williams  
Mariposa County Planning Director

Re: Silvertip Time Extension Comments May 23 2014

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Mariposa County Code Chapter 13, section 4, subsection 040 states: "Every water supply used for public consumption within the county shall be protected against pollution and contamination".

The Silvertip project was proposed some 15 years ago, has been kept on life-support with several time extensions, and now the developer is pleading for yet another extension. A planning department document dated May 2, 2014 shows grading activities shall begin in about ten months with no resolution of the legally binding easements, rights of way and water sources in the project area.

Your decision to grant an extension would be based on a time-table that guarantees contamination and the probable destruction of a safe, reliable water source that has been serving Mariposa county residents for more than forty years. The county code referenced above was put in place to protect all county residents, and takes precedence over competing interests.

There is lack of good cause to grant an extension, and the planning commissioners should first adhere to the county codes.

Thank you for your consideration'

Kirk Helland  
Fish Camp, Ca

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**Date: May 22, 2014**  
**To: Steve Engfer, Associate Planner, Mariposa County Planning Department**  
**From: Suzi Keller**  
**Re: Planning Department Public Hearing on May 23, 2014**  
**SilverTip Resort Project - Time Extension Application**

As a member of the Keller family and part-time resident of Fish Camp since the 1960s, and one who has followed the SilverTip Resort Village project since its inception in 1999, I am submitting this letter for consideration by the Planning Commission.

For the many reasons stated in the Mariposa County Planning Staff Report dated May 23, 2014, I agree there is justification to extend. The applicant has demonstrated good cause for this extension as set forth in their report. The Planning Staff of Mariposa County are to be complimented for advising on and navigating the complexities of various permits and development. It is important that the Planning Commission allow Far West Industries as the new applicant an opportunity to perform in a responsible and reasonable manner, and not be rushed to develop this project in haste -- a fact recognized by the Planning Staff.

If it is done right, Fish Camp could be a jewel of Mariposa County. I personally look forward to someday enjoying this grand resort, just as I enjoy the benefits and services of the Tenaya Lodge.

People from all over the world enjoy the services and amenities of large scale resorts in and around Yosemite, such as the Tenaya Lodge, The Wawona Hotel, and The Ahwahnee Hotel. Each resort had a history of its own on how it came to be, and none was spared controversy. Now is the time for the SilverTip Resort Village to become the focus in development history as a grand resort for world travelers to Yosemite.

I am in support of the applicant's extension request of 24 months, and alternatively, would be in support of the recommended 18 month extension approved by the Fish Camp Planning Advisory Council (FCPAC) on April 19, 2014.

Thank you for your efforts and consideration.



Suzi Keller

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**From:** Sarah Williams  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 1:12 PM  
**To:** Steve Engfer  
**Subject:** FW: Fish Camp proposed development

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**From:** Joy and Paul Jacobs [mailto:pajojacobs@ca.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 12:48 PM  
**To:** Sarah Williams  
**Subject:** Fish Camp proposed development

To all members of the Mariposa County Planning Commission:

As an owner of property in Wawona for 43 years and a tax payer to Mariposa County for the same amount of time, I feel quite qualified and to protest the size and scope of the development being considered on the former Silver Tip Property. A mega hotel is **not** needed on that site and would be detrimental to the residents and wildlife of Fish Camp, Yosemite National Park, and all surrounding areas. It is not so much the Palm Springs developer I protest, but the devastating effects of a huge project on that meadow. I still remember the former Silver Tip Lodge which was set back far from Highway 41 and blended in with the mountain environment in design and usage. Progress may be what you call this, but please remember that there is only one Fish Camp and one Yosemite to plan carefully, wisely and to keep as pristine as possible. As we begin the 150th year of our precious national park, let's not pollute it with traffic jams, polluted water and increased sewage use, plus all the other problems wrought by over-development. Please consider the years ahead and think of your children, grandchildren and yes, even your great grandchildren, as you consider this project unwanted by those who care about keeping the area free from blight. The legacy of this land depends on your vote. Please do not approve this project!

Sincerely,

Joy Jacobs  
Owner, Cabin 15 in the REDWOODS  
Wawona, CA

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