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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 22, 2014
To: Planning Commission
From: Steve Engfer, Associate Planner
Topic: Additional Correspondence Received (Fourth 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.

The memo provides correspondence received as of 5/22/14 5 30 pm regarding the SilverTip Village Resort Time Extension No. 2014-034 that is scheduled for Friday May 23, 2014 Planning Commission meeting.

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

Thank you.

Steve Engfer

From: Sarah Williams
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2014 5:19 PM
To: Steve Engfer
Subject: FW: Yosemite West WWTF hearing.... amazed....

From: Karen Glendenning [mailto:fishcamprocks@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2014 3:46 PM
To: John Carrier; Kevin Cann; Janet Bibby; Merlin Jones; Lee Stetson; Sarah Williams; Peter Rei; Chuck Mosher
Cc: District2; District3; District1; District4; District5
Subject: Yosemite West WWTF hearing.... amazed....

Good Day Supervisors, Planning Commissioners and Department Heads,

WOW.... I've been listening to the discussion on the Yosemite West waste water plant at the May 20, 2014, BOS meeting. The gentleman from Provost and Richard stated:

1. The subsurface drip system has **become separated** from the distribution box.... this potential can happen in Fish Camp, especially harmful since the leach fields are up hill from the YACSD wells.
2. The location of the leach fields in a **snowy area** is causing concerns..... yikes, this is Fish Camp, just located northward. Unable to inspect the fields during the wintertime.... day lighting and heaving need to be observable!
3. Not using the subsurface distribution fields in the **winter time**.... that is when the leach fields are being proposed to be used for the Silvertip project. They want to REST THE SUBSURFACE LINES in Yosemite West in the wintertime. Is there going to be a larger holding tank(s) in Fish Camp and then close the Silvertip facility when the holding tanks are full??
4. **Exceeding capacity** of leach fields during the resting periods. Clogging up lines happened weekly, as per Peter Rei. Not a good idea for Silvertip project or Fish Camp or the YACSD wells!
5. Peter Rei stated it is **unlikely to maintain capacity** over time in using the subsurface distribution lines for the Yosemite West WWTF. When will the Silvertip project be shut down when the capacity for distribution is met?? Hospitality facilities always want to expand into the shoulder and off season... right into the wintertime in Fish Camp.

These are examples of why the Silvertip EIR needs to be redone! These are just concerns about the waste water treatment facility. Haven't even looked at the fresh water issues or the access issues.

Please read this and ingest the comments made.

Thank you,
Karen Glendenning
private citizen of Fish Camp

5/22/2014

From: Elaine Cooper <becooper@aol.com>

Date: April 30, 2014 at 12:45:26 PM PDT

To: "dharter@mariposacounty.org" <dharter@mariposacounty.org>

Subject: Fish Camp

Hi Donn,

You have our permission to sign our name to any petition or other correspondence to the Mariposa Planning Commission to stop the destruction of the Fish Camp wetlands! What are they thinking? If Nevada is worried about the turtle and the Delta worried about the Smelt, I'm sure the destruction of this natural habitat has much to protect. The difference is Nevada and the Delta are protecting politician's interests, Fish Camp is an example what happens when politicians lust after tax revenue. Politicians talk about being good stewards of the land, that is until they have dollar signs in their eyes! It is all interesting to watch... the government will take away property, such as this, from a landowner who would want to build a small cabin, but they will bless the building of a huge hotel!! How sad!

Elaine and Bob Cooper

5/14/2014

Hi, Donn:

As 10 year owners of a home in Fish Camp, we are tired of Mariposa County taking advantage of Fish Camp residents. Processing fees for B&B's and vacation rentals are higher than other cities in the County; we don't have any decent trash service; other services from them are minimal; but they love the revenue we bring to them being at the South Gate...seriously, don't they get enough from Tenaya??

We have enjoyed our home for family and also offer it as a vacation rental - Fish Camp is attractive to tourists because it is small and folks can get a real taste of the mountains. Development of the meadow will just add a "touristy" flavor we don't need.

We are worried about the degradation of the water supply should this project go through, not to mention the elimination of a beautiful meadow. I don't believe the town of Fish Camp can support another large resort - I can just see the people walking all over the place, crossing the road, getting into the pond, etc. There will also be traffic congestion from their parking lots going through town and at the gate.

We are against extending these permits!!

Thanks for fighting the fight -

Roger and Katherine Miller
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Fish Camp

From: Darlene Swenson <darleneswenson@mac.com>

Date: April 30, 2014 9:52:19 AM PDT

Our community is facing a momentous decision that will affect Fish Camp for many years to come, perhaps forever. The fate of our meadow, a virgin wetland, is in the hands of the Mariposa County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. They are being asked to extend old permits again by Palm Springs Village. This developer has owned this watershed property for 2 years. They have never done a hospitality build before and are relying on the designs that were drawn up by Pacificus 15 years ago. Fish Camp residents have been fighting this plan for 15 years? Why? What made

Fish Camp oppose this development in and out of court for 15 years? If the image of a mega hotel rising out of the meadow surrounded by parking lots is not enough to make your hair stand up, contemplate polluted water. WATER. The water supply for much of Fish Camp residents will be degraded. The wells will be compromised. The environmental impact to this Yosemite watershed once initiated cannot be undone.

Are you now thinking that Palm Springs should find another place to make their venture into hospitality? It's a long way from the desert to the Sierras.

We already have a beautiful large hotel buffered from the road by large trees. The hotel was carefully located away from residential areas and has no impact on existing wells.

What is the motivation for extending these outdated permits to rape rather than enhance the beauty of the south gate to Yosemite. BED TAX! Developers and politicians are only interested in ringing out every last dollar from our little community. What they leave in their wake is of no concern. Regulations and specific town plans are ignored. This short sighted and careless use of our natural resources will morally bankrupt us.

This time you can make the answer a good one!

There are 2 things you can do:

1. Email members of the MPA Planning Commission
2. Attend the hearing in Mariposa on the May 23rd