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Re: Comments on Draft Environment Impact Report (DEIR) for the Diamond Springs Parkway Project, State Clearinghouse No. 2997122033

As President of the El Dorado Community Hall, myself and many of our 250 members have some concerns about the Diamond Springs Parkway Project.

The hazardous material conditions in this project area are part of a larger area of hazardous accumulation over time, potentially a **super fund** site.

This project commits the county taxpayer to take on the burden of the yet undetermined cost of the cleanup of this site.

The draft EIR states, "A cumulative impact consists of an impact that is created as a result of the combination of a project together with other projects causing related impacts." The MC & FP acknowledges that not only are these projects close to each and associated with each other but also dependent on each other. This project cannot be completed without the tax generated revenue needed by the following projects listed.

According to the DEIR report these projects include, the Headington Extension; US-50/Missouri Flat Road Interchange Improvements; Pleasant Valley Road (SR-49) Patterson Drive Intersection Signalization; Pleasant Valley Road at Oak Hill Road Intersection Improvements; Mother Lode Drive/Pleasant Valley Road Intersection Improvements; Missouri Flat Road Two-Way, Left Turn Lane (El Dorado Road to Headington Road; Missouri Flat Road Widening, Headington Road to Prospector's Plaza; 10 proposed or approved residential projects and 11 commercial/industrial retail projects.

Therefore the cumulative effect of all of these projects needs to be addressed in this one DEIR.

The Youngdahl assessment [project #E07057.0009 of January 20, 2009] identifies many significant, potential environmental hazards within this area and concludes that without further investigation, exploration and assessment the full impact and cost to county taxpayer is undetermined and unknown.

The Youngdahl assessment includes specific concerns that have been itemized below.

1. On the page of the Executive Summary, third paragraph, it states "It is the opinion of the Youngdahl Consulting Group, Inc.'s (Y.C.G.I.) Environmental Professional that there are identified recognized environmental conditions (Rec) and potential Recs (P-Recs) within the DSP Project Area". Follow this

paragraph down and through the recognized environmental conditions (recs), to the last sentence, which says the EID water leak reportedly acted to mobilize the oil observed in 1999.

2. Page 2 – All of the paragraph under Industrial Rec and Recommendation.
3. Same page under Potential Recognized Environmental Conditions (p_Recs) under industrial P-Rec and Recommendation. Complete paragraph, DSP APN #327-300-08.
4. Also on same page – following paragraph.
5. Please include all of “same as above”.
6. Please continue with Page 3.
7. Please continue with page 4.
8. Page 14 – The EDR Report provides a list of properties that can be found on 41 federal, 29 state, 4 local and 5 tribal lists. Due to the large volume of information and limits to time and budget to perform a phase list, professional judgment is used to select which EDR listed sites are further researched and presented in the report.
9. Page 16 – First paragraph of that page.
10. Page 16 – under Surrounding Properties – entire paragraph.
11. Pacific Bell/AT&T – although this is not in the DSP Parcels, at one time it was once part of this contaminating factor.
12. Page 18 – Second and third paragraph.
13. Page 20 – Second paragraph – Agriculture History.
14. Page 25 – Under Industrial Rec Recommendations.
15. Page 26 – Under Industrial Rec Recommendations.
16. The phrase “If suspect recognized environmental conditions are identified during future construction activities, please notify Y.C.G.I. for further evaluation”, is used 18 times.
17. The phrase “Youngdahl Consulting Group, Inc. recommends the collection of soil samples for _____ analysis where soil is to be disturbed”, is used 85 times.

Most of the area under the projected Parkway was a major railroad system for over a century starting in the 1800’s. See attached California Door Map from 1925.

The area of development associated with the Diamond Springs Parkway has been identified as a hazardous material producing industrial zone. Youngdahl’s assessment identified many hazardous materials including Asbestos, Petroleum hydrocarbons [such as diesel, gasoline, kerosene, lubricants and heavy fuel oils], Lead, Arsenic, PCP’s, MTBE, TBH-D, Radon, Ethylbenzene, xylenes, Cadimium, Chromiun, Zinc, Benzene, Toluene among others. Because of the various uses of the properties identified in Youngdahl’s report there is the potential presence of many more significant deadly chemicals.

As noted in the DEIR,

The MC & FP EIR noted that, until further analysis is completed, impacts associated with hazardous materials in the project study area are considered potentially significant. Given that the MC & FP EIR did not adequately analyze the proposed project’s specific impacts related to hazards, and the Phase I ESA that was prepared for the Parkway (Youngdahl 2009) has identified recognized environmental

conditions, this is a potentially significant impact. Implementation of Mitigation Measure 4.7-5 would reduce impacts to a less than significant level.

Mitigation Measure 4.7-5 only addresses mitigation that will happen after construction has already commenced. Outsourcing these unknown mitigated costs to the public is unacceptable. It is irresponsible to continue to commit the obligation to construct this project without having a complete EIR and analysis that addresses all risks to the public.

Prior to any disturbance of the project site from construction and development a complete analysis and EIR needs to be performed. The economic benefits of this project do not out way the potential and real health risks to the citizens of El Dorado County.

I would like a response to our concerns included in the final EIR.
Respectfully,

Mike Speegle