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Subject: [External] Comment on draft Escondido MSR review, request for amendment

Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing to object to the recommendation for 'special study' status for Harvest Hills project in the draft Escondido MSR action. Harvest Hills is a dangerous project that threatens all of us who live in the region. The issues of fire risk and evacuation alone make this project untenable. Other risks are also that there is a one way road leading to it, and another very busy one (the 78 from romona). While the land is beautiful the people living there would like to maintain that. There is a lot of "farm" land out that way & it brings a very warm feeling to see nature, such as cows & horses in that area. While the world is growing fast, over-trafficking an area that is home to nature does not seem finically sound or worth wrecking the nature around it. Commissioners will you please help us keep the land a stable place where we can feel safe from fires (evacuation overflow) & enjoy the peace it brings! At a minimum, it should not be given accommodation to be evaluated out of synch with the normal LAFCO process.

Please remove condition #9-B special study status for Harvest Hills.

Thank you for your time, stay safe.

Kat Myers



November 2, 2022
Chair Desmond and Commissioners
Mr. Keene Simonds
Ms. Priscilla Mumpower
LAFCO

Via Email
RE: Comment on Recommendation 9C for Harvest Hills in Escondido MSR

Dear Commissioners, Mr. Simonds, and Ms. Mumpower:

The undersigned organizations are submitting this additional comment letter in light of the recent addition of 9 (c) to the draft Staff Addendum to the Escondido MSR.

The 9 (c) recommendation reads:

9. ... c) Establishment of a special study area for the Harvest Hills project site and any subsequent accommodation to formally add to the City of Escondido's sphere of influence over the preceding 60-month period should be conditioned on further evaluation on potential fire risks and evacuation controls given local conditions – including community input to date.

As we noted in our prior comment letter dated September 6, 2022, there are numerous significant elements related to the proposed Harvest Hills project which demonstrate that it should follow the typical LAFCO review process rather than through a special study area review. The specific recognition of the severe fire hazard and evacuation issues suggested in the addition of the 9 (c) qualifier is encouraging. However, it does not override the fact that the full scope of this project includes such a range of serious impacts, including the potential loss of life and property, that a special study area designation is wholly inappropriate.

Our position remains that any review of Harvest Hills or similar project in the affected area should be undertaken only as part of the normal, comprehensive LAFCO sphere and services analysis for the region.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide further comment on this matter.

Please contact us at conservation@sierraclubcg.com with any questions.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dan Silver, Endangered Habitats League
Laura Hunter, Sierra Club North County Group
NeySa Ely, San Pasqual Valley Preservation Alliance
Lisa Ross, Sierra Club San Diego Chapter