

Public Comment - Group 2

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Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Peter Nolan <nolan@nolancap.com>
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 6:30 PM
To: Board Letters
Subject: Rancho La Laguna

Joan Hartmann, Chair
Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Rancho La Laguna Project, Appeal No. 17-APL-00000-00004, Hearing Date August 29, 2017

Dear Chair Hartmann and Honorable Members of the Board:

I am writing in support of the proposed subdivision of the La Laguna Ranch. I am the owner of the Nolan Ranch which is adjacent to the La Laguna and borders Foxen and Alisos Canyon Roads. The Nolan Ranch consists of over 4,000 acres with cattle grazing, row crops and vineyards. I understand that the La Laguna subdivision has languished for over 12 years and has been a costly endeavor. Despite the appropriate environmental review and despite compliance with the current R-100 zoning, the subdivision was declined by the Santa Barbara Planning Commission. It is important for the County to allow sensible subdivisions that comply with the current zoning laws. The ability to allow long standing ranchers to estate plan with large tracks of land is fundamental to the viability of the sustainable ownership of rural ag lands.

As a local neighbor and rancher, I implore the Supervisors to approve the subdivision plan.

Peter Nolan
7500 Alisos Canyon Road

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From: Carmela Elsley <carmela@elsley.name>
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 8:47 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Rancho La Laguna

Vote NO on developing Rancho La Laguna.
Carmela Elsley

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Rhoda Rosenthal <outlook_C06C9D2D39049ADE@outlook.com> on behalf of Rhoda Rosenthal <teamros@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 8:59 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Rancho La Laguna

Please deny permission for the development of more estates in the Santa Ynez area. Rhoda Rosenthal, 2425 Calle Almonte, Santa Barbara

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

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From: Paula Schaefer <PSchaefer@sbbg.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 9:19 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Rancho La Laguna

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I write regarding the proposal to subdivide Rancho La Laguna in the Santa Ynez Valley. I believe property rights are important. A property owner should be able to subdivide their land if the plan meets county standards, without interference from the government. However, if the land is zoned for agriculture I do not think one should be able to change that zoning and subdivide for homes.

I stand with those who wish to see the land remain in agriculture, if that is how it is presently zoned.

Sincerely,
Paula Schaefer

Paula Schaefer
Multimedia Coordinator
Santa Barbara Botanic Garden
(805) 682-4726, x121 (*mornings Monday – Thursday*)

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From: Kelsey Maloney <kelsey@thewriteteam.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 10:00 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Rancho La Laguna

Good morning,

I am writing to oppose the proposal to divide Rancho La Laguna into smaller lots for development. That will undermine both its agricultural integrity and nearby farms, and will eliminate much of the natural resources that make this area so beautiful. Please protect our natural spaces.

Thank you,

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Kelsey Maloney
Grant Writer
(310) 343-1939

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From: Dan Emmett <demmett@douglasemmett.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 10:01 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Rancho La Laguna

As a very long time resident of the central coast, and as someone concerned with the continued loss of our magnificent open spaces, I cannot advocate more strongly for denial of this project. There are few of these special spaces left and the continued subdivision and mansionization of these properties is an affront to us and to future generations.

Thanks for your consideration

Dan Emmett

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From: karendorfman@cox.net
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 10:19 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Rancho La Laguna

I urge the Board to deny this project and protect this unique landscape for wildlife and local agriculture. Development of land zoned for agriculture & wilderness is a slippery slope toward turning this beautiful region into another sprawling concrete Santa Maria.

Thank you,
Karen Dorfman
Goleta CA

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: David Kancsar <davikan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 10:23 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Rancho La Laguna - August 29th

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to urge you to protect Rancho La Laguna.

Spanning 4,000 acres, this incredibly rich and scenic land is proposed to be subdivided and developed with upscale estates. The land – full of rolling hills, deep canyons, and oak forests - is home to amazing biodiversity. Dividing this land into smaller lots for development would undermine both its agricultural integrity and nearby farms, and would eliminate much of the natural resources that make this area so beautiful.

The Santa Barbara County Planning Commission denied the project due to the threats to agriculture.

Your decision on Tuesday, August 29, will set a precedent to protect – or to dismantle and develop - agricultural and natural lands in Santa Barbara County.

Allowing upscale development would mean that yet another area of natural fragility would be gone forever. Santa Barbara County should be a place in which the rest of the world sees the kind of leadership that bucks this trend. Please set a precedent that will safeguard this land for future generations.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

David Kancsar
(702) 501-3561

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From: dallen4191@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 10:51 AM
To: sbcob
Cc: edc@environmentaldefensecenter.org
Subject: Proposal from development of Rancho La Laguna

Members of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors;

In your deliberations on the proposal to subdivide 4000 acres of the Rancho La Laguna into upscale estates, I ask you to consider the disruption to the rich biodiversity of this area and destruction of the agricultural integrity of not only the ranch but the surrounding farmlands as well. Large areas of agricultural land in our County that still contain a great deal of unspoiled nature need to be preserved from human development. Once changed, they can never or very rarely ever be restored.

An additional point that is often lost in these considerations is that these agricultural/natural lands are one of our strong buffers mitigating climate change. We need as much acreage as possible to sequester carbon and other greenhouse gases as we look to the future.

For these reasons, please turn down this development proposal at your next Board Meeting.

Sincerely, Dennis Allen

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Cheryl Tomchin <ctomchin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 11:32 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Rancho La Laguna

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please do the right thing for this jewel we all call home, Santa Barbara County, and deny more development.

When so few "stand tall" these days you have this ability. You can vote to support our vistas, our air, our future, our earth by not allowing more congestion, more concentration of human footprint.

Give voice to the creatures and elements who have none but their song. Listen to it— deny this project. Thank you.

Cheryl Tomchin
Tomchin Family Foundation

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From: Maya Shaw Gale <mayashawgale@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 11:36 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Rancho La Laguna

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I urge you to protect our childrens's future and the future of our beautiful county by protecting the incredible Rancho La Laguna lands in the San Rafael Mountains above Santa Ynez Valley. If this land is "developed" (read "violated") much of its rich biodiversity will be irreparably disrupted and destroyed for future generations. There is no way to return land that has been developed to its original wild state.

Please recognize this special property as a unique resource and treasure of our county and vote to protect it for posterity!

Sincerely,

Maya Shaw Gale
Resident of Carpinteria

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Caragh Barry <caragh.barry@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 11:47 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Rancho La Laguna

To the Clerk of the Board of Santa Barbara:

I can not attend the meeting on August 29th regarding Rancho La Laguna, however, as a resident of Santa Barbara/Goleta, I would like to let it be known that I support upholding the decision to deny the project to divide the property and develop the land because of the proposed project's threat to local agriculture. At a time when national leadership seems to be doing everything in its power to undermine programs to protect the American environment and agriculture, we need a strong voice to prevent projects that will degrade or harm our local environment.

Thank you for your time,

Caragh Barry

Goleta Resident/UCSB Graduate Student

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Don & Sally Webb <sdwebb@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 12:21 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Rancho La Laguna

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We urge you to deny this project.

Sally and Don Webb
621 Cowles Rd.
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Rich Moser <rich@transcendentalastrology.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 12:14 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Rancho La Laguna

Categories: Public Comment

Greetings and to Whom It May Concern,

As a holder of a degree in Zoology with an emphasis on Community Ecology, I studied the interdependence of life in ecosystems on the planet. I then worked for the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Cal Dept. of Fish and Game, and then when the funding for biology dried up I worked in the natural foods business and bought a great deal of produce directly from our local SB County growers.

The knowledge I have thus gathered applies to humans interacting with the rest of Nature as well. We need to protect and respect biodiversity in our planning. That means retaining agricultural land for the benefit of our own future and enforcing ecologically-sound farming practices there.

There's not much about any "development" that is ecologically sound. They belong in areas where humans have already destroyed any chance for Nature to live in the near future.

Please reject any development of agricultural land in the County. We need to preserve all we can get to feed the planet and our own communities.

Rich Moser
B.S., Zoology, U.C. Davis, class of 1982
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(805) 845-4805

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Jane Lasser <astrolishious@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 12:08 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Rancho La Laguna

Categories: Public Comment

please protect the wildlife and deny this project.
Jane Lasser

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Lloyd De Armond <ldearmond@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 11:56 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Rancho La Laguna

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Board of Supervisors

Please uphold the Planning Commission's denial of of the Rancho La Labuan project. I would like to urge the Board to protect the agricultural and natural lands in the county rather than set a precedent for development.

Thank you
Lloyd DeArmond
4855 Kodiak Ave
SB, CA 93111

Sent from my iPad

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Sandy DeSimone <sdesimone@dslextreme.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 3:56 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Save Santa Ynwz farmlands

To the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

I urge the Board to deny development of farm and natural lands in Rancho La Laguna. We need to preserve our natural spaces for people and wildlife.

Thank you.
Sandra DeSimone, Ph.D.

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from my iPhone