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Dear Ms. Negrete,

I am writing to object to the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on December 13, 2022 (page 33 of the minutes), regarding File Reference No. 22-01130 (Final Map of Tract No. 14,608, Legacy Estates/Village Square, 02TRM-00000-00007). In the motion, the Board determined: "...pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15162, no new effects will occur and no new mitigation measures would be required as a result of the recommended actions because there are no substantial changes proposed, no substantial changes in circumstances, and no new information of substantial importance regarding environmental effects of the project or of the sufficiency or feasibility of mitigation measures, and therefore the recommended actions are within the scope of the environmental review documents for this project [Environmental Impact Report (05EIR-00000-00005) previously certified September 7, 2005] and no new environmental document shall be prepared for this project." (Highlighting added)

I am not sure who the source was that determined there are "no substantial changes in circumstances, and no new information of substantial importance," but they are incorrect, and your decision was made based on faulty or incomplete data.

Of enormous importance is the issue of water. Unlike Santa Barbara or Santa Maria, Los Alamos' only source of water is ground water. While this source has not changed, the recharge into it and draw from it have substantially changed.

--The 2000 census showed 1372 residents in Los Alamos, the census of 2020 recorded 1839, a 34% increase in population.

--Since 2019, 8 marijuana farms with Los Alamos addresses totaling 328 acres have been licensed by the county, and there are 107 acres more with pending licenses (see below).

--Of the years since the 2005 EIR Report (05EIR-00000-00005) was prepared, the majority of years have had less rainfall than the average 15 inches we should be getting.

I object to the conclusion that no substantial changes in circumstances have happened and therefore no new EIR should be prepared, and respectfully ask for a new EIR. I look forward to your response and proposed actions in order to remediate this concern.

Sincerely,

Jim Albertson

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Operator	Address	Date Placed on List	District	Acreage Requested	Acreage Issued in License
Healy & Associates, LLC	2900 Hwy 135 Los Alamos, 93440	9/27/2019	4	39.6	39.6
Chips 18, Inc	3700 Hwy 135, Los Alamos, 93440	10/7/2019	4	60	60
Sunset Point Nursery	9676 Harvest Rd Los Alamos, 93440	4/16/2020	3	7.1	7.1
Fields, LLC	2460 Hwy 135 Los Alamos, 93440	6/17/2020	4	49	49
Santa Barbara's Finest, LLC	9676 Harvest Rd Los Alamos, 93440	5/14/2021	3	8.69	8.69
Chips 18, Inc (modification)	3700 State Hwy 135 Los Alamos, 93455	5/18/2021	4	0.29	0.29
Alamos Farm, Inc	9676 Harvest Rd Los Alamos, 93440	7/1/2021	3	8.56	8.56
Canyon Produce, LLC	795 Hwy 135 Los Alamos, 93440	7/6/2021	4	62.47	62.47
9500 Cultivators, LLC	9500 Batchelder Rd Los Alamos, 93440	9/23/2021	4	93	93
Total ACREAGE Licensed					328.71
Chips19 LLC	7855 Careaga Ranch Rd Los Alamos, 93440	8/17/2021	4	44	Pending
La Laguna Los Alamos, LLC	10,000 Highway 101 Los Alamos, 93436	9/13/2021	3	22.35	Pending
9451 Cultivators, LLC	9451 Batchelder Rd Los Alamos, 93440	2/8/2022	4	41.3	Pending
Additional acreage requested				107.65	

Jim