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To the Honorable Planning Commission:

We are writing to let you know of our concern about the Revised Environmental Impact Report submitted for the Rockville Trails Project. We live, along with 13 other homeowners, on Spring and Oak Lane off Rockville Road. Our common area where our well is located will be adjacent to the proposed Rockville Trails Project.



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Our concerns center on several issues:

WATER:

1. The REIR does not adequately address the water supply issues for those having wells in the vicinity of the Rockville Trails Project (RTP). The water issue for us is two fold: quality and quantity. The land is rocky and there is absolutely no guarantee that the well which supplies drinking water for 14 homes will not be contaminated or compromised. Adequate plans are not in place to address the supply of drinking water to those 14 homes should their water be affected by such a large project as RTP. There is a potential for leeching of fertilizer mixed with water into the water vein supplying our well. The RTP well is projected at 700 feet deep and our well is 200 feet deep will we have water? Does water flow uphill? We have not been notified of any testing being conducted on our well to see if the RTP will affect our supply of water or the quality of water. This issue has not been addressed in the EIR. Water is life! Without water to our homes, our homes are worthless. Is that something Solano County supports?
2. Having Rockville Trails Project on wells means that the development will have to have a water utility company and a certified water distribution operator as well as the mandatory state testing and sampling. Having a water system that is run by the homeowners is not something that the State of California Drinking Water condones. The whole issue of ongoing supply, maintenance and sustainability of a water company is not addressed at all. Who is identified to be responsible for water for these homes? There are a myriad of monitoring and tests that must occur on a yearly basis not to mention the monthly testing of the water. There is no mention of addressing this issue for the future homeowners. Who monitors this, who sets this up? This is not addressed in the REIR. These homes cannot be sold without guaranteed safe drinking water and the plan, management and process to deliver that safe drinking water, and to monitor the safety of that water on a daily basis.
3. This developer has spent money to tell us that they have found water on the property but where is the secondary source of water for this property? How is a low water table, a drought year, or well failure addressed? What and where is the secondary water source?
4. There is no concrete assurance or financial provisions in writing that guarantees the adjacent homeowners to the Rockville Trails Project who are on wells that they will have a consistent water quantity and quality that they now have. Where is the proof? Prove to us that our well will continue to produce the quality and quantity of water that we currently have to our 14 homes on the two cul-de-sacs of Oak and Spring Lane. If our quantity or quality of water is not as it is now once this project is built, who is responsible?? How do you provide water to the 14 homes on Oak and Spring Lane?



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This is not a financial burden that these 14 homeowners on Oak and Spring Lane should have to bear. We currently have a reliable quality and quantity of water for our homes and have had for 34 years.

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FIRE:

- 5. With our recent fire scare in this area, we are concerned that fire danger rather than be decreased by the additional homes will actually be increased because the livestock will be removed and will not be grazing the surrounding areas and the hills will be more dense with vegetation and considerably raise the likelihood of a quick burning fire. The fact that those hills were grazed assisted the firefighters in protecting our homes. With greater numbers of people in the area, motorcycles, hikers, the potential of higher fire danger exists and this is not addressed in the REIR.

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FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

- 6. One only needs to read the newspaper to see the number of builders and developers that have begun projects and have filed for bankruptcy. Who foots the bills if this developer goes bankrupt and some homes have been built, the water, sewer plant, need to be maintained and cared for. Who is financially responsible for completing the project should the developer go bankrupt, out of business etc.? Will taxpayers be liable?

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Additional Issues of Concern:

Additional traffic noise pollution

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Additional light pollution for the night sky

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Traffic congestion, with respect to the I-80 – Green Valley Road freeway on ramp

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Storm water drainage issues

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Impact on the wildlife and indigenous plants to the area.

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Waste water treatment

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We encourage you to look at this project with a discerning look toward the effects on the surrounding homes, their value, water supply and quality of life. We hope that you will conclude as we did, that this project needs to have more thorough, thoughtful research and should be consistent with the current General Plan. There are just too many unanswered questions for this project to be approved. In moving this project forward to the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission and Solano County are assuming a huge obligation and fiscal responsibility for this project. Please thoughtfully consider this project and reject the application.

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Sincerely,

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