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Subject: Comments on Coyote Valley Specific Plan Draft EIS

Dear Mr. Boyd and Mr. Hart,

These are my preliminary comments on the Coyote Valley Specific Plan Draft EIR:

1. The Draft EIR has several fundamental flaws:

- a) The Project Objectives appear to be triggers or criteria rather than specific objectives such as providing x number of jobs and x units of y type housing for San Jose as a whole.
- b) This lead to another fundamental flaw, which is inadequate consideration of alternatives to this project itself. There should have been a much broader approach to alternative means of accommodating this number of housing and jobs by other means within San Jose? For example by increased infill development?
- c) Within the Alternative involving Coyote Valley, there should have been more consideration of alternate designs for open space reserves.
- d) For example, the corridor between Coyote Creek and Highway 82 (Monterey Road) should be kept in some form of open space (expand Coyote Creek Parkway, maintain agricultural uses of the land). Siting significant amounts of residential and commercial development in that area is very ill-advised and would be expected to impact the stream and riparian habitats not only by covering over lands but also reducing the buffering that the existing agricultural lands provide.
- e) Also consider increased agricultural land protection between Monterey Road and Santa Teresa Blvd.

Time constraints preclude me from going into more depth on my comments. 90 days is insufficient time to allow private citizens who have to work for a living to comment on such a massive project and extensive EIR as this. Additional time should have been allowed for public comment.

Sincerely,

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