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Subj: Draft EIR Provinsalia

First I would like to state that I believe the area proposed for the Provinsalia development is appropriately zoned "Resource Protection" and that this zoning is in the best interests of the City of Clearlake as well as the County of Lake. I have reviewed the Provinsalia Specific Plan and see numerous areas of concern in their plans for development (this plan was written before the proposal to create a brand new access road to the site to be named "Provinsalia Avenue").

In my opinion, the draft EIR does not adequately address the major problems this new development would create such as loss of woodlands, habitat, open space, increased traffic and pressure on existing infrastructure, particularly schools. Rather than restate all of these I am adding my concurrence with the comments in the letters submitted by Victoria Brandon on behalf of the Sierra Club, and those of Herb Gura of the Konocti Unified School District.

I have personally driven through the proposed development site a few years ago and also taken a recent kayak trip down Cache Creek past this area. It needs to be preserved for wildlife and future generations to enjoy. Putting housing in this pristine area would forever change not only the development site but the surrounding areas, including the County as a whole. There are no adequate mitigation measures for a project of this magnitude.

Sincerely,

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