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Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment
TO PROMOTE, PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT, ECOLOGY
AND QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY
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4-20-06

Mark Gates
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Re: Your letter regarding the Gates/King Industrial Project dated 3-31-06 and mailed 4/5-06.

Dear Mr. Gates:

Thank you for your correspondence requesting to meet with our Board which we received last week.

As you are aware, we have been commenting on your project since 64 oaks were, we believe, illegally cut down on this property more than 6 years ago. Our concerns have not changed, they remain:

- the loss of the ridgeline,
- continued impacts to the wildlife corridor,
- concreting a blue line stream,
- a lack of surveys and defined mitigation for sensitive plant species,
- the loss of 1400 mature oaks in a significant state hardwood forest,
- the continued reliance on an aquifer that is polluted and a state water transfer that has not been finalized for new project approvals in the Santa Clarita Valley.

We note that your correspondence, mailed after the release of the "Additional Information Document", indicates that you feel all issues have been satisfactorily addressed. You have not changed anything in your project, nor addressed the water issue in any way other than to re-word that section in your "Additional Information Document".

Huge contributions and negative "hit" mailings, funded in part through your consultants and through other members of the building industry, were used to unseat a Board majority on the Newhall County Water District Board, responsible for this project's Water Service Assessment last November. The Board was attempting to address the issue of adequate water supply and ensure the health of our community by not counting polluted water until facilities are in place to clean the water. These facilities are still not in place and the Monterey Northern California water transfer EIR is still not complete. Both these issues may have extremely harmful effects on our community if they are not addressed before new development is approved.

Since, we believe, nothing in your project has changed, and your correspondence indicates that no changes are being considered, we do not feel a meeting would be productive at this time. However, we are open to discussion if you will write us with suggestions that will address our issues.

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Thank you again for contacting us.

Sincerely,



Dave Lutness
2nd Vice-President

cc: City of Santa Clarita