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Neighbors' concerns

At the April 2 hearing, Kari Parsons, project manager/planner II, Planning and Community Development Department, said neighbors had expressed a range of concerns about the develop-

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ment, including the increase in density and associated impacts, traffic increase and noise, impact, water and wastewater sufficiency, wildfire danger, wildlife and environmental impacts, and the impact on Native American history.

Opponents of the revised development had to wait until the hearing resumed on April 16 to voice their concerns. Eight people spoke in opposition including Jeremy Mckay, of Environmental and Animal Defense, an attorney acting for those opposing the application. He was critical of the environmental assessments carried out by the applicant and of the applicant's treatment of the community. Other speakers were unhappy with the increased number of lots and worried by the risk of wildfire. Adjacent neighbor Mark McMillen said "Fire danger is extreme in the area ... clustering as many houses as we have at the west end really with one connection, one access/egress route risks lives ... it's a personal safety issue." He continued, "This new proposal unnecessarily adds dwelling units, reduces the emergency access and, therefore, the associated safety and it doesn't



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