

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

FOR

ITEMS 6.1 AND 6.2

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Randy Martin <drrandymartin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 6, 2021 11:58 AM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Vote No on Spring Canyon - Item 6.1 and 6.2

CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER

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9/6/21

To: SCV Water Agency  
From: Dr Randy Martin, OMD

Please vote NO on the forming of a Mello Roos District for developers. You should not be funding developers projects. We are in a drought and don't have the extra water for new development. This is also a very high fire hazard zone.

The water agency should not be facilitating more sprawl developments. This is also a wildlife corridor which the development would block access.

Dr Randy Martin OMD  
Doctor of Chinese Medicine  
SCV Resident  
310 663 8972

## April Jacobs

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**From:** John Paladin <paladinesq@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 6, 2021 12:17 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency. Vote no on Items 6.1 and 6.2.

### CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER

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Dear A Jacobs:

We are in the middle of a drought. Both these projects are located in Very High Fire Hazard zones making them dangerous to future residents.

The water agency should not be facilitating sprawl development by creating a Mello Roos district to aid developers.

John Paladin  
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Valencia, CA 91380

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SCV Water Agency meeting:

[https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/SCV-Water-Board-Packet-September-7-2021.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0jy2PgmQVVVLJSQHsagSAD17K\\_s5KTQFXE6FgpH4XyA1IDHFpUuXjcN8](https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/SCV-Water-Board-Packet-September-7-2021.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0jy2PgmQVVVLJSQHsagSAD17K_s5KTQFXE6FgpH4XyA1IDHFpUuXjcN8)

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Kriceb <kricebogdan@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 6, 2021 12:17 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Vote NO on item 6.1 and 6.2

CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER

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Dear Sir or Madame.

It has been brought to my attention that there is a vote Tuesday, September 8 to form a Mellow Roos district for two developers asking for the aid from the SCV water district to create a bond.

We are in the middle of a climate crisis and a severe drought. These homes are in a high fire zone and that should definitely be considered heavily.

As a resident in Saugus, I encourage you to vote no on item 6.1 and 6.2.

I appreciate your consideration.

Best Regards,

Kim Rice-Bogdan

Homeowner in SCV for 27 years

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Deanna Hanashiro <deannahanashiro@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 6, 2021 4:11 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Please vote no on items 6.1 and 6.2 at your Sept. 7 meeting

CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER

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September 6, 2021

Dear Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Board Members,

Please vote no on Items 6.1 and 6.2 on your Tuesday, September 7, 2021 meeting agenda.

Our water agency should not be facilitating more sprawl development by creating a Mello Roos district to aid developers.

We are in the middle of a drought. Both these projects are located in Very High Fire Hazard zones. This is a danger to future residents as well as those who currently live here.

Please vote no on Items 6.1 and 6.2.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Deanna Hanashiro Santa Clarita Resident

Sent from my iPad

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Cher Gilmore <chergilmore@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 6, 2021 8:14 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Comments on Items 6.1 and 6.2 on Sept. 7 Water Board agenda

### CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER

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To the Santa Clarita Water Agency:

I am writing to register my strong opposition to the Water Agency forming a Mello Roos district to assist two developers who would like to build projects in Very High Fire Hazard zones in Santa Clarita.

My reasons are these:

- 1) \* We are in a multiple-year drought, which climate scientists do not foresee ending anytime soon. In fact, they predict it will only get more extreme going forward, if drastic changes are not undertaken immediately to reduce carbon emissions. To date, this does not appear to be happening aggressively enough to change the trajectory of continued drought in our area.
- 2) \* Increasing drought will have two effects, and both of them will affect any future development: water shortages and fire risk.
- 3) \* Our imported water resources are already drying up, necessitating water conservation. This is likely to escalate to some degree of water rationing unless we have several years of above-average rainfall, which is not predicted, as much as we might hope for it.
- 4) \* Wildfires are already a year-round phenomenon, and are more intense, faster-growing, more devastating, and cover a much larger area than those in years past. This, also, is only expected to become worse as the drought intensifies, drying up forests, wildlands, and other vegetation – making them tinderboxes.
- 5) \* To build new homes in a Very High Fire Hazard zone is foolhardy, given the above stated realities. And you can be sure you would be held accountable for any lives lost due to such an ill-advised and short-sighted decision.
- 6) \* Aside from any lives lost, future homeowners would not be happy to have to pay additional tax assessments for bonds to finance these dangerous and undesirable projects.
- 7) \* Beyond these factors, every new development in this area brings more cars, which create more pollution (exacerbating climate change) and more traffic congestion on our already congested roadways.

I strongly urge you to vote **NO** on Items 6.1 and 6.2 (the Resolution establishing a Community Facility District (CFD) for the Spring Canyon Development and the Resolution establishing a Community Facility District (CFD) for the Highlands at Tesoro del Valle Project).

Sincerely,

Cher Gilmore  
26834 Circle of the Oaks  
Newhall, CA 91321  
661-251-1718

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Norman Harris <hwharris@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 6, 2021 9:49 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** vote no on Items 6.1 and 6.2.

CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER

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After walking this Spring Canyon project, It became clear that this was a "wild-life" passage under the 14-Freeway. It is also in a high fire danger area. How can OUR water company justify creating a Mello-Roos to help this development? Please vote no on 6.1 and 6.2.

Thank you,

Cynthia Harris



## April Jacobs

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**From:** Rita Maphis <ritamaphis@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 8:48 AM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Oppose agenda items 6.1 and 6.2

CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER

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Please vote no on these items. If we don't have enough water for current residents how can we hope to add more users? Additionally this is a very high-risk area for fires, and lives are at stake! Please provide this comment to all Board members.

The Water Agency should not be involved in promoting this kind of development. It is in a fire hazard area, paves over blue line stream and reduces water supply. We must change the way we build if we are going to address climate change. Please vote no.

Thank you  
Rita Maphis

Sent from my iPhone

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Suzie Rizzo <baroness1@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 9:12 AM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Fw: Agenda Items 6.1 and 6.2 on SCV Water Board Meeting 9-7-21

**CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER**

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Dear April Jacobs and others on the SCV Water Board:

One would think that the lessons of building in a high fire hazard zones would be learned. So, why is the SCV Water Agency supporting developers build in Spring Canyon, a high fire hazard zone? Why is the Water Agency helping the developers financially by assisting in the setting up a Mello Roos district for the Spring Canyon project? Also, why is the Water Agency supporting developers in the first place?

In addition, this development would hinder, or make virtually unusable, a wildlife corridor linkage to the Santa Clara River.

Please, reject this.

Susann Rizzo  
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Valencia, CA 91355  
805-490-1057

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## April Jacobs

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**From:** Dan Silver <dsilverla@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 9:27 AM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Oppose agenda items 6.1 and 6.2

Please transmit to Board Members prior to meeting, thank you.

The water agency has no business facilitating development in high fire hazard areas. Please stick to your mission and vote no on agenda items 6.1 Spring Canyon Mello Roos and 6.2 Tesoro del Valle Mello Roos.

Sincerely,

Dan Silver, Executive Director  
Endangered Habitats League  
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<https://ehleague.org>

## April Jacobs

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**From:** PAC Weld <pacweld@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 9:28 AM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Item 6.x for Sept 7 meeting

### **CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER**

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I would like to express my opposition to the Mellow Roos proposal for funding of any development where others make profit. This would indicate you are now a non-credited lender and any losses would be passed on to water customers. In such cases where you are a lender the rate payers must be protected by federal lending laws and insurance.

The second thing when a lender loans money to a developer they have a set rate of interest that comes back to the investors(rate Payers in this case) please state how much we will make at term and the payment to each of us.

Best Regards,

**Lloyd E. Carder**  
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Castaic Land use board member (dist 36)

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Alyssa Banko <banko6pack@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 9:43 AM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** VOTE NO

**CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER**

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Please vote no on items 6.1 and 6.2.

Alyssa Banko

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Lynne Girdlestone <lynnegirdlestone@att.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 9:53 AM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Input on agenda items 6.1 and 6.2 for the Sept. 7 meeting

### CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER

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Water Board members:

I have several concerns about the proposed resolutions to create Mello Roos districts to facilitate the Spring Canyons Development and the Highlands at Tesoro del Valle Project, and am therefore urging you to vote against the resolutions.

First of all, building in a designated “Very High Fire Hazard” zone is never a good idea—and especially now, as we’re experiencing the ever-increasing effects of climate change in the form of extreme drought and mega-wildfires. The recent Tick Fire severely impacted the Spring Canyon, and had houses been there they would have burned down. We have seen in Northern California how a community can be overcome by fire and completely destroyed in minutes, and we *must not* set up the dangerous conditions for that to happen here.

I’m also concerned about the wildlife, whose habitats we are continually encroaching on as we spread farther and farther into the wildland-urban interface. If we want to keep an ecological balance, we must make sure animals have a way to access their now-spotty bits of habitat – and if we destroy the corridors between them, the animals will simply die out, to our detriment. These projects would make a major wildlife corridor to the Santa Clara River completely unusable.

Please vote NO on items 6.1 and 6.2 at tonight’s meeting.

Thank you –

Lynne Girdlestone

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## April Jacobs

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**From:** elliot bronwein <elbron02@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 11:30 AM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Re: Agenda Items 6.1 and 6.2

**CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER**

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Dear Board Member:

I urge you to vote NO on items 6.1 and 6.2.

These projects are located in Very High Fire Hazard zones experiencing severe drought conditions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Elliot Bronwein  
Santa Clarita, CA 91321

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Susan Andrews <susanandrews3@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 11:38 AM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Please vote "no" on item 6.1 and 6.2 at tonight's meeting (forming Mello Roos for the Spring Valley Project)

### CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER

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Dear Santa Clarita Water Agency Board Members,

I am opposed to forming Mello Roos for the Spring Valley Project. It is our responsibility to protect wildlife. This project would make a major wildlife corridor linkage to the Santa Clara River virtually unusable. Furthermore, given the ongoing drought, it is a horrible idea to continue building in very high fire hazard zones.

Please vote "no" on items 6.1 and 6.2 at your meeting tonight.

Respectfully,

Susan Andrews  
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## April Jacobs

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**From:** Catherine Flynn <catflynn661@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 12:31 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Agenda items 6.1 and 6.2

CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER

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Dear Board Members,

I am writing to ask that you do NOT approve a Mello Roos district. As someone who does all in their power to conserve water, allowing these developments in a prolonged drought seems contrary to good policy making. If the developers are unable to afford the infrastructure needed to obtain their profits, maybe they should reconsider their business model. Maybe what they need is more money, not more political influence from our Water Board.

To quote Nancy Reagan, "Just Say No".

Truly,  
Catherine Flynn  
Valencia, CA

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Sally White <sallywhite24@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 12:34 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency and the Formation of a Mello Roos District  
**Attachments:** SCV Water District & Mello Roos district.docx

**CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER**

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I understand that the SCV Water District is considering a most unusual action, that is, forming a Mello Roos district for two local developers. Two local developers who really should not be developing in our valley, particularly when we are in the middle of a drought, with most forward-looking information indicating that there will be less and less water as time passes. In addition, we are at the beginning of fire seasons made worse by climate change, and are now experiencing experiencing some of the worst fires ever in our state. Both of these developments are in High Fire Hazard areas.

Of course, we keep hearing the old saw that we need more housing; true, but these are not the homes that are in short supply. What is needed are truly affordable homes that those people on limited income can purchase and afford to maintain.

The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency has no business, in my opinion, forming a Mello Roos district for the purpose of aiding these two developers when so much else is at stake in our community.

Sally White 2622 Park View Road Valencia, CA 91355

September 7, 2021

## April Jacobs

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**From:** alex dosh <adosh86@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 2:02 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Oppose agenda items 6.1 and 6.2

**CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER**

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Please provide this comment to all Board members.

The water agency should not be facilitating urban sprawl. Please vote no on agenda items ^.1 Spring Canyon Mello Roos and 6.2 Tesoro del Valle Mello Roos.

The Water Agency should not be involved in promoting this kind of development. It is in a fire hazard area, paves over blue line stream and reduces water supply.

We must change the way we build if we are going to address climate change . Please vote no.

We are in a drought and live in a desert. we should be working on less growth and more conserving.

Thank you  
Alex Dosh

## April Jacobs

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**From:** Patti Sulpizio <pattisoul@att.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021 3:06 PM  
**To:** April Jacobs  
**Subject:** Items 6.1 and 6.2.

### CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER

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I am writing to ask you to vote NO on item 6.1 and 6.2.

There are many reasons to consider not moving forward on the developments in items 6.1 and 6.2, Spring Canyon and Highlands at Tesoro del Valle Project. These include the fact that as stated on your website, "currently, Los Angeles County, including the Santa Clarita Valley, is experiencing an "exceptional drought" and our local precipitation level is on track to be the driest year on record. California Governor Newsom has also declared a drought emergency for many counties throughout the state. We have already been asked to voluntarily reduce their water use by 15% compared to 2020" (<https://yourscvwater.com/drought-ready/>).

Additional homes require additional water. It is not wise to add additional homes in the driest year on record. Further, both of these developments are located in Very High Fire Hazard zones. The fire risk increases with the lack of rainfall. It takes a tremendous amount of water to fight fires. The water level in Castaic and Pyramid Lake and reservoirs across the state are unprecedentedly and dangerously low.

These are common sense reasons to vote against these developments. An additional reason before you this evening is tax fairness. I don't think the water agency should be assisting developers in establishing a Community

Facility District (CFD) to assist them in financing infrastructure costs. By doing so you would be responsible for creating a Mello-Roos tax, a parcel tax that circumvents Proposition 13. To put it another way, if you agree to form a CFD you are enabling a landowner/ developer, a party of one, to levy a tax on the future homeowners, without a public vote. This is taxation without representation. The future buyers of these homes will be taking on the obligation of the CFD, the Mello-Roos without their consent. It's not like the future property owners can get together and vote not to have Mello-Roos. It will already be in place and you, the Directors will have initiated it.

Please vote NO on 6.1 and 6.2.

Thank you,

*Patricia Skinner Sulpizio*  
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