

July 5, 2022
SCV Water Regular Board Meeting

Public Comments on Item 6.1
SB 610 Water Supply Assessment
for the
Wiley Canyon Mixed-Use Development

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April Jacobs

From: Lu <lu.madar87@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, July 1, 2022 2:20 PM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Re Agenda Item 6.1 Wiley Canyon Water Supply Assessment

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April Jacobs, Secretary

Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

Re Agenda Item 6.1 Wiley Canyon Water Supply Assessment stating that there is sufficient water to serve this project.

It defies logic that you can assert the finding that there is sufficient water supply for this development in addition to approving water for an 2500 new units in the last two months, while you are asking everyone in our valley to cut back and take draconian measures.

Scientists concur that we are in a mega drought in the west; snow from the Sierras where we get 50% of this valley's water supply is disappearing. It seems you are not taking the growing water crisis seriously, are not making plans to address it, and making it worse.

Also, this project is entirely in a floodplain and ground water recharge area. Once this development is built, the rain water recharge from this area will be lost. Are you making plans to replace it? There are critical water shortages throughout California.

You also seem to be ignoring the new "Teflon chemicals" that are polluting our water basin. This makes it seem like you care more (even ONLY) about developers than ensuring the health and future quality of life, the very viability, of residents in the SCV.

I ask you to vote **NO** on this water assessment.

Luisa Madar,
Stevenson Ranch

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April Jacobs

From: Stephanie Correnti, RD <rdami@pacbell.net>
Sent: Saturday, July 2, 2022 6:12 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Vote No this July 5th 2022

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Letter to Water Agency Opposing Water Supply Approval for Wiley Canyon Project

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With water shortages throughout California, where will you get new supplies? I ask you to please vote **NO** on this water assessment.

Thank you

Stephanie Correnti
Valencia Resident
June 2, 2022

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July 1, 2022

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Re: Agenda Item 6.1 Wiley Canyon Water Supply Assessment – Sufficient water to serve this Project

To the Board Members of the Santa Clarita Water Agency,

We urge you to vote NO on the water assessment indicating that there is sufficient water to support the proposed development titled The Wiley Canyon Mixed-Use Development.

The assessment underestimates the impact this development will have on the residents of the Santa Clarita Valley both immediately and long-term. With the average household using approximately 82 gallons of water per day and the development proposes more than 350 units, not including the restaurant and retail space, the increased demand on the water supply exceeds an additional 10 million gallons per year. Although the SCV derives its water supply from multiple sources, those sources have significantly reduced ability to meet the demands as a result of extreme drought conditions. According to Time Magazine, Castaic Lake, which supplies water to Santa Clarita and San Fernando Valley is now at 49% capacity. The addition of more residences strains the existing resources causing a more rapid reduction in limited water supply.

Furthermore, this project is planned for development on a floodplain. The Smiser Ranch is a floodplain and groundwater recharge area which is an essential part of the environment to replenish the underground aquifer. Building on this natural environmental feature prevents water from percolating deep into the ground, increases flooding and surface water discharge into the river. Increased flooding can impact the roads and communities surrounding this proposed development. We lose the ability to recapture the water and create hazards to the existing infrastructure.

For these reasons, we urge you to vote No on this assessment and this proposal. With the current water restrictions for the residents of the valley, the megadrought for which an end is uncertain, and overall diminishing water supply it is irresponsible and short-sighted to approve this assessment.

Respectfully,



Cheryl and Todd Barton
Residents – Wiley Canyon, Newhall

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MICHAEL R. WILSON

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From: Lynne Floeder-Nankervis <lookielaff@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 4, 2022 1:16 PM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Wiley Canyon Water Supply

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For all board members

Please vote no

We are in one of the worst droughts and being asked to cut back for who knows how long. And developers want approval for a project in a flood plain area and ground water recharge area (besides being in fire area) . Part of their plans even includes grassy areas!

I know I am only one person but I had to at least ask. This is wrong!! Please say no!

Lynne Floeder

Sent from my iPhone

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April Jacobs

From: Debbie Karloff <gadk1@ca.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, July 4, 2022 2:18 PM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Letters to oppose water supply approval for Wiley Canyon
Attachments: Letter Opposing Water Supply Approval - Robert McSweeney -7-4-2022.pdf; Letter Opposing Water Supply Approval - Deborah Karloff -7-4-2022.pdf

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Please accept our letters opposing the approval of the Water supply for the Wiley Canyon Project.

Why do we continue to approve water supply for new developments when your same agency is notifying citizens that we are in a mega drought, conserve water, limit water use and further drought restrictions will be forthcoming? Perhaps it is time that the entire water district, include those approving new developments, heed the same advice.

Than you

Robert McSweeney and Deborah Karloff

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