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MEMORANDUM

Date: October 23, 2019
To: Catheys Valley Community Planning Advisory Committee
From: Sarah Williams, Director *Sarah Williams*
Topic: **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC INPUT - 2** from Debra and Paul Salonen for Agenda Item No. 4 for October 24, 2019 meeting – **CPAC Review Required**

Attached to this memorandum is additional public input for your consideration regarding the above referenced agenda item. This is email correspondence from Deb Salonen entitled Modifications to the Cathey's Valley Plan.

I ask that you take time to review this correspondence prior to your meeting tomorrow night.

If there is any additional correspondence received between now and your meeting, I will provide that to you as soon as possible.

See you tomorrow!

Sarah Williams

From: Debra Salonen <debsalonen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 2:38 PM
To: Sarah Williams
Cc: Marshall Long; charlimcc@gmail.com; whisper3245@tds.net
Subject: Modifications to Cathey's Valley Plan

Hello, Sarah,

I am sorry this email is arriving late. Paul and I have been out of town. Would you please make sure the following is sent to committee members and included in the public record for Thursday's Catheys Valley Advisory Committee meeting?

Thanks.
Deb

Dear Catheys Valley Community Planning Advisory Committee members,

Unfortunately, my husband Paul and I won't be able to attend the October 24th meeting at McCay Hall, but I'd like to share our thoughts on the subject of the proposed modifications to the Catheys Valley Plan that you will be discussing.

First and foremost, if there is a straw poll tomorrow night, Paul and I vote: **NO CHANGE**.

I'm angry at the speed that this change is being crammed down our throats. In the past, we've had months—years--of discussion over any change. This two-meeting, here's-your-choice process is divisive, unfair, and wrong. We're not talking about a small change. This is huge. It will impact everyone living in Catheys Valley and the County as a whole. That's the sort of thing that should be talked about in a process of hearings.

We truly don't understand the reason for Supervisor Long's request in the first place or the rationale behind pushing this extreme change through so quickly.

I'm sure these questions have been asked, but since we haven't read or heard any answers, we want to know:

1. **WHY** has this suddenly come up? **WHY** are those of us who devoted hours and hours of time and effort establishing an extremely well-thought-out and agreed upon boundary

map designed to protect our community as a whole now being forced to defend that map?
WHAT has changed since its inception?

2. WHO benefits from this change and WHO is paying for the wasted time and effort that goes into changing all of the maps and subsequent changes to the General Plan if a new map is adopted?

3. WHAT is the end goal here?

4. If Cathey's Valley is now going to be wide open to development, WHO is going to shoulder the responsibility for upgrading our infrastructure to handle all the new traffic on Schoolhouse Road? Will the developers be required to build bike paths to the school? Will they contribute to replacing the school's infrastructure issues, such as, single lane access, water, and parking? We know for a FACT (Old Highway) that minor subdivisions are supposed to be on the hook for road improvements (so a fire truck going to a fire and a resident fleeing said fire can pass each other safely) but it doesn't always happen.

5. If our Supervisor is worried about wild fires, shouldn't his focus be on making the citizens of Cathey's Valley SAFER, not facilitating growth that will impede safe egress?

I strongly urge the members of the Advisory Committee to table any vote pending further public hearings--unless they agree to dismiss the proposal outright.

Most sincerely,
Debra and Paul Salonen
30-year residents of Cathey's Valley