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**Date:** Tuesday, July 22, 2025 11:28:59 AM

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Respectfully,

Andre Rapattoni

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From: Martinelli, Stacy@Wildlife <Stacy.Martinelli@wildlife.ca.gov>

**Date:** Jul 22, 2025 at 08:37 -0700

**To:** Andre Rapattoni <a hrapattoni@gmail.com> **Subject:** RE: Site assessment for Owl Habitat

Hi Andre,

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Here is the code: <a href="https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=3503.5.&lawCode=FGC">https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=3503.5.&lawCode=FGC</a>

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Good luck and thanks for caring.

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Good evening Ms Martinelli,

I am just touching base to see if there's any update on the situation with the owls that I have informed you about last week. Is this something that's worth bringing to the attention of city council during their hearing for public comment on Thursday or is it not a matter of concern to proceed with their future development? Thankyou for your time.

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It is home to the endangered species of CA	vs.	Salamander. The creek restoration
Tiger Salamander.		project was in part done to preserve the
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Is there a Stormwater Management Plan or Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan?

If so, what are the results and how will Ryder be held responsible in meeting regulatory requirements and protecting the area?

# \*All information sited from the below website:

https://www.srcity.org/3725/Lower-Colgan-Creek-Restoration-Project

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  - o Dutton Meadow
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  - o Burgess
  - o Common Way
  - o Hearn
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  - Stoney Point
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Transportation Impact Study	
Study Reference	Questions/Comments
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Warrants Evaluation	
Left-turn lane	Clearly no one has observed the traffic that occurs on Burgess Drive while school is in session in the mornings and afternoons or the number of vehicles in the residential streets across from the high school. This will only get worse once the school starts taking in 7th and 8th graders who's parents will most likely need to drive them to school. The methodology was based on a study done in Washington State in 1997 and work done in 1961 and work conducted in 1967 and updated in 1991????

Signal Warrants	A traffic signal at Burgess and Bellevue is warranted now. A traffic signal may also be a deterrent for the donuts and excessive speed happening on Bellevue and Burgess currently. Again, this report cites that conditions were recorded in April 2023. This is before Phase I or Phase II of Meadow Creek were even completed or the condos on Dutton Meadow and Bellevue.
Emergency Access & Response	If the same 5-year study was used to determine this, again, its outdated and not indicative of current conditions in the neighborhood
Parking	Has anyone walked around the first two phases of Meadow Creek or looked at the number of cars lining the street of the condos to the east of the proposed townhome project? The SFH's have at least 3-4 cars per house on some streets. There are cars lining Common Way. This is not a walkable area and everyone has a car.
Peak Hour Volumes and Delay	This report was conducted in April 2023. At this point Phase I of the Meadow Creek development was not complete. The last street to be sold and occupied, Flapjack Way only had 3 occupied homes at that time and Phase II construction had barely been started. The condos on Dutton Meadow/Bellevue also were under construction at this time and had were not occupied or had any vehicles other than construction vehicles at this time. This report is OUTDATED

Stormwater Control Plan	
Plan Reference	Questions/Comments
Best Management Practices (BMP)	Based on a City of SR Storm Water Low Impact Development (LID) Technical Design
	Manual dated 2017 and revised in 2020
Hydrology	A mean seasonal precipitation of 28 inches was used for treatment flows. The past 3
	years, rain totals have been: 2022-2023 = 41.64 inches, 2023-2024 = 37.57 inches
	and 2024-2025 = 42.59 inches. Have you not considered climate change or the
	increased rainfall that the area has experienced in the last few years?
Mean Seasonal Precipitation Map	Is dated "revised June 1983" ??? Are you really using a 42 year old map to determine stormwater control?

### **BMP Maintenance Requirements**

"The applicant accepts the responsibility for maintenance of stormwater management facilities until such responsibility istransferred to another entity. Treatment BMP's require minimum maintenance similar to that for any landscape areas.

BMP's must be regularly maintained to ensure that they continue to be effective and do not

cause flooding or other harmful nuisances." The applicant has currently exhibited a lack of responsibility in maintaining the field in its current state. They mow the perimeter once a year but residents have had to submit multiple requests to Ryder to remove the weeds growing above their fence lines and only until a fire broke out and lawsuits were threatened did they send someone out to remove the weeds and brush growing along the fenceline.

Such provisions shall include audible and visual alarms on the control panel for the pump that will alert the **HOA** in the event of a pump failure. The pump may also be equipped with communication abilities / an off-line portal (via phone/internet/radio signals) to notify the designated HOA personnel of any maintenance needs.





# **Environmental Impact**

These two projects seem to be in direct opposition. Building the 62 townhomes seems to completely invalidate every goal and objective of the Colgan Creek Restoration Project which started in 2014 and is now in its final phase.

Ryder Townhomes		Lower Colgan Creek Restoration Project*
Build 62 Townhomes – can lead to increased erosion and sedimentation entering the creek affecting water quality and aquatic habitat	VS.	Aims to enhance habitat quality for fish, wildlife, restore the natural ecosystem services provided by the creek, improve pedestrian access and reduce flood risk.
Increased impervious surface (roofs, patios, etc.) which can increase stormwater runoff carrying pollutants and altering the creek's hydrology	vs.	Create a continuous riparian habitat enhancement area totaling 15 urban acres and extending 1.3 miles along the creek linking previous two phases
Water quality degradation – runoff from condominiums can contain pollutants such as fertilizers, pesticides and household chemicals	vs.	The project is geared towards improved water quality. Construction near a creek could negatively impact water quality and habitat downstream of Colgan Creek which feeds into the Laguna de Santa Rosa and Russian River which both are designated as critical habitat for Coho Salmon, Chinook salmon and steelhead trout among many other species.
Habitat fragmentation – development near a creek could fragment natural habitats, disrupt wildlife corridors and reduce biodiversity	vs.	9,000 native plants 2+ acres of "monarch meadows" 7 turtle basking rock clusters 15 log habitat
Ryder homes has proven to cut corners and build and/or fix issues by the cheapest means available when it comes to the single family home development. They are unresponsive and extremely slow to address warranty issues. The drainage/sewer systems have been reconstructed and worked on several times	vs.	It's essential that the proposed development adheres to regulations to avoid negative impact to the restoration project and creek ecosystem
Will tear down a huge eucalyptus tree next to the creek that is home to hundreds of bird and insect species	VS.	Enhance habitat quality – how is this possible if a tree that is home to owls, hawks, and several other bird species be removed?

Marsh/field will be built over and destroyed.		Endangered species - California Tiger
It is home to the endangered species of CA	vs.	Salamander. The creek restoration
Tiger Salamander.		project was in part done to preserve the
		existence of the CA Tiger Salamander

Is there a Stormwater Management Plan or Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan?

If so, what are the results and how will Ryder be held responsible in meeting regulatory requirements and protecting the area?

# \*All information sited from the below website:

https://www.srcity.org/3725/Lower-Colgan-Creek-Restoration-Project

Traffic Impact - Increased Traffic Congestion & Concerns – has a Traffic Impact Study been done? If so, what are the results or what are you going to do to improve the road conditions and traffic congestion?

A development of 62 townhomes on a road with only 2-lane roads surrounding it and a high school, will significantly increase traffic and congestion which in turn will lead to several negative impacts for the current community and the high school.

- There are only 2-lane roads in and around this entire development area
  - o Dutton Meadow
  - o Bellevue
  - o Burgess
  - o Common Way
  - o Hearn
  - Dutton/Standish
  - Stoney Point
  - All the streets within the Meadow Creek Phase I and II neighborhoods are actually smaller than two lane roads due to parked cars on the streets
- The roads are also in very poor shape (potholes, dips, cracks, etc.) and will only get worse with increased traffic.
- Each Townhome will most likely have a minimum of 2 cars per townhome which will increase the number of vehicles in the neighborhood by at least 124. Given the number of vehicles per home in the surrounding neighborhoods, that number will likely be much greater.
- Will cause a significant reduction in "level of service" which will cause delay times of first
  responders accessing the existing neighborhoods and high school putting residents and
  students at grave safety risks especially during an emergency
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Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 12:41 PM
To: Bisla, Sachnoor

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Meadow Creek Townhomes

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Will there be a traffic study? Study regarding evacuation and disaster response? I'm very concerned about the enormous increase in density in this area in recent years while roads remain narrow and there is no adequate public transit. Very little public services are in this area too, so residents will need to drive frequently, increasing congestion significantly.

What is the City doing to provide green space and parks for all these new developments?

Thank you for your attention to these concerns.

Wendy Krupnick

Santa Rosa