

**From:** [Sheikhali, Monet](#)  
**To:** [Brown, Madeline](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: 225 Los Alamos Road and 5815, 5803 Melita Road  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 24, 2026 8:38:46 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sonia Taylor [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2026 9:49 AM  
To: Sheikhali, Monet <msheikhali@srcity.org>  
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: 225 Los Alamos Road and 5815, 5803 Melita Road

Thanks so much, Monet!

Actually, not bad except for the not minor detail that it's not at all clear to me that when an wildfire evacuation is necessary the "chartered buses" will be able to get to the facility to evacuate anyone.

It does appear that they will call for the buses at the first evacuation warning, which is good. Still, depending on where the buses are coming from, they may not be able to easily access the facility in a timely fashion. I'm also curious if they actually have done this in practice -- anything that costs anyone money (such as ordering buses that may or may not be "necessary") often gets ignored....

Personally I'm a believer that all congregate facilities (and particularly ones full of seniors and other individuals who are members of sensitive populations) should be required to evacuate at the first WARNING, and not wait until the ORDER is given. Given human nature, this will never work entirely, but it would be best practice. Even if it does cost more money and cause "unnecessary" disruption.

Of course, I also believe that Sonoma County will never again successfully evacuate a third of the County -- given that most of the huge number of people who evacuated during Kincade turned out not to be in any danger, and human nature, I don't think it will ever happen again.

Anyhow. THANKS for this. So appreciate it!

Sonia

On 3/23/2026 9:27 AM, Sheikhali, Monet wrote:

- > Good morning, Sonia,
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- > Thank you for your email.
- > I have attached the evacuation plan for Spring Lake Village.
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- > Let me know if you have any questions.
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- > The Planning and Economic Development Department is closed for services every other Friday. Below is the 2026 Holiday and Office Closure schedule.
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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Sonia Taylor [REDACTED]

> Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 6:06 PM

> To: Sheikhal, Monet <msheikhali@srcity.org>

> Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: 225 Los Alamos Road and 5815, 5803 Melita

> Road

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> Monet, I just scanned the FEIR (finally) for this project, and am pleased to see the correction the EIR to accurately reflected the recent changes to the CalFire LRA designations.

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> I do see in the FEIR at page 93 of the pdf that there's a discussion of Alternative 2 using "chartered buses" to evacuate the new residents of this proposed development. Where is that information contained? I'd love to see the evacuation plans....just for my future reference. Is it contained in a larger Spring Lake Village evacuation plan? And this is just an additional part of the larger Spring Lake Village overall development? Would appreciate your letting me know where that is, so I can use it for future reference.

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> Thanks, and thanks for getting the FEIR corrected.

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> Sonia

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> On 3/2/2026 6:33 PM, Sonia Taylor wrote:

>> Now that I've scanned the DEIR, I see that the CEQA Wildfire Section

>> was deliberately omitted, as the project is not in or "near" either

>> an SRA or LRA VHFHSZ.

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>> I think that's foolhardy, given the location of SRA VHFHSZ areas not

>> all that far away, plus past fire experience, and it's literally

>> right across Highway 12 from Santa Rosa's identified WUI. But I do

>> see the reason the DEIR didn't complete the Wildfire Section.

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>> However, the existing section on Hazards related to fire hazard

>> severity zones is incorrect. I presume that you've noted that and it

>> will be corrected in the FEIR, along with any additional analysis

>> required if necessary?

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>> See page 181 of the DEIR, Impact HAZ-6. The project is actually

>> within the 2025 CalFire designated LRA Moderate Fire Hazard Severity

>> Zone.

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>> Sonia

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>> Sonia Taylor

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>> On 3/2/2026 4:04 PM, Sheikhal, Monet wrote:

>>> Hi Sonia,

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>>> All the documents related to the DEIR can be found at this link:

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>>> ZpASkmAeEkaf8%3D&reserved=0 The FEIR is currently being edited, and  
>>> the final version will be ready soon. Can you check back with me  
>>> next week?

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>>> Thanks,  
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>>> the City of Santa Rosa's Planning and Economic Development  
>>> Department will fully transition to an online application submittal  
>>> process through the Accela Citizen Access platform. Learn more about  
>>> the Online Permitting System here."

>>> -----Original Message-----

>>> From: Sonia Taylor [REDACTED]  
>>> Sent: Sunday, March 1, 2026 8:20 AM  
>>> To: Sheikhal, Monet <msheikhali@srcity.org>  
>>> Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: 225 Los Alamos Road and 5815, 5803 Melita  
>>> Road

>>> Can you send me a link to the DEIR and FEIR for this project?

>>> Thanks!

>>> Sonia

>>> Sonia Taylor  
>>> [REDACTED]  
>>> [REDACTED]

**From:** [Sheikhali, Monet](#)  
**To:** ["Vaughan"s Transmission, LLC"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Santa Rosa Has Enough Development – Preserve What Remains  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 24, 2026 12:43:00 PM

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Hello Dylan,

Thank you for your email and for sharing your concerns regarding the proposed Spring Lake Village East Grove project.

Your comments will be shared with the Planning Commission and included as part of the public record for their consideration ahead of the meeting.

If you would like to review the information related to topics such as traffic, noise, environmental impacts, and infrastructure, the environmental analysis for the project is available in the Environmental Impact Reports at the following links. These documents provide a detailed evaluation of the issues you referenced.

Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR):

<https://www.srcity.org/DocumentCenter/View/49070/SLVEG-Final-EIR-March-2026?bidId=>

Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR):

<https://www.srcity.org/DocumentCenter/View/32491/Spring-Lake-Village-East-Grove-DEIR>

Thank you again for submitting your comments.

Regards,

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**From:** Vaughan's Transmission, LLC [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2026 9:23 AM  
**To:** Sheikhal, Monet <msheikhal@srcity.org>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Santa Rosa Has Enough Development – Preserve What Remains

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally express my frustration and strong opposition regarding the proposed build. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend in person due to work obligations, but I feel it is important that my concerns are clearly documented.

I have lived at 5855 Melita Road for the past 12 years, and during that time I have come to value the character, safety, and environment of this area. This proposed development raises serious concerns for me, particularly in how it may negatively impact the neighborhood we have all worked hard to maintain.

It is extremely frustrating to feel that decisions of this magnitude are moving forward without fully considering the long-term effects on existing residents. Increased traffic, noise, environmental disruption, and potential strain on local infrastructure are not minor issues they directly affect our quality of life.

As a long-term resident, I believe my concerns, along with those of my neighbors, deserve to be taken seriously. This is not just about a project on paper it is about the real and lasting impact on a community that people call home.

I strongly urge you to reconsider this build and take into account the voices of current residents, and ensure that any decisions made are thoughtful, transparent, and in the best interest of the community as a whole.

Dylan Vaughan

Vaughans Transmission, LLC  
1026 Petaluma Hill Rd.  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404  
707-544-2460

**From:** [Sheikhali, Monet](#)  
**To:** ["Erica Gleason"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Formal Opposition to Proposed Construction Project  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 24, 2026 1:46:00 PM

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Hi Erica,

Thank you for your email and for sharing your concerns regarding the proposed Spring Lake Village East Grove project. Your comments will be shared with the Planning Commission and included in the public record.

If you would like to review the information related to biological resources, wildlife habitat, and environmental protections associated with the project, these topics are addressed in detail in the Environmental Impact Reports available at the following links:

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Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR):

<https://www.srcity.org/DocumentCenter/View/32491/Spring-Lake-Village-East-Grove-DEIR>

This link also contains the Biological Resources Assessment prepared for the project:

<https://www.srcity.org/DocumentCenter/View/32493/Spring-Lake-Village-East-Grove-DEIR-Appx-A-C>

Thank you again for sharing your concerns with us.

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**From:** Erica Gleason <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2026 9:27 AM  
**To:** Sheikhal, Monet <msheikhal@srcity.org>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Formal Opposition to Proposed Construction Project

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my deep concern and frustration regarding the continued push for development in our area. While I understand growth is inevitable, there comes a point where it begins to do more harm than good and I strongly believe we have reached that point.

Wildlife in this region is already being pushed out of nearly every available space. Each new construction project strips away more of their habitat, leaving fewer places for animals to live and survive. This ongoing pattern is not only damaging to the ecosystem but also reflects a lack of respect for the natural environment that makes this area so special.

We do not need more construction in a place that remains one of the few pockets of beauty and peace left in Santa Rosa. This area provides a sense of calm and connection to nature that is becoming increasingly rare. Once it is gone, it cannot be replaced.

Santa Rosa already has more than enough buildings. Continuing to develop every remaining open space is unnecessary and short-sighted. There must be a balance between growth and preservation, and right now that balance is clearly being ignored.

I urge you to reconsider further development in this area and take meaningful steps to preserve what little natural space remains for the wildlife, for the community, and for future generations.

Sincerely,  
Erica Marie Vaughan

**From:** [Sheikhali, Monet](#)  
**To:** [VAUGHANS TRANSMISSION](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Stop Overdevelopment  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 24, 2026 2:53:00 PM

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Hello Jim,

Thank you for your email and for sharing your concerns regarding the proposed development. Although your message did not reference a specific project name or address, based on your comments and similar emails I have received, I understand it may relate to the Spring Lake Village East Grove project.

I will make sure to share your email with the Planning Commission, along with the other emails received, and include it in the public record for their consideration ahead of the hearing.

If you would like to review the information about topics such as environmental impacts, biological resources, traffic, noise, and other community considerations associated with the project, these issues are addressed in the Environmental Impact Reports available at the following links. These documents provide analysis of potential impacts and the mitigation measures identified to avoid or reduce environmental effects.

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Regards,

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**From:** VAUGHANS TRANSMISSION [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2026 9:34 AM

**To:** Sheikhali, Monet <msheikhali@srcity.org>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Stop Overdevelopment

I am beyond frustrated and deeply angered by this proposed project. It is incredibly disheartening to see yet another development being pushed forward with what feels like complete disregard for the people who actually live and work here, as well as the environment that is being destroyed in the process.

There is already more than enough construction in Santa Rosa. We do not need another project tearing apart open land, displacing wildlife, and stripping away what little natural beauty and peace this area still has left. Every time something like this moves forward, it sends a clear message that profit and expansion are being prioritized over community well-being and environmental preservation.

I have been operating a business in Santa Rosa for over 30 years, and I have seen firsthand how much this area has changed. What once made this place special is steadily being lost to constant development. This project is just another example of that pattern, and it is unacceptable.

The impact of this project is not abstract—it is real. It means more traffic, more noise, more congestion, and fewer places for both residents and wildlife to exist peacefully. It means losing the character of this area piece by piece until there is nothing left but overdevelopment.

I strongly oppose this project and am extremely disappointed that it is even being considered. The lack of balance, foresight, and respect for the community is unacceptable. Enough is enough.

Jim Vaughan