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Subject: Comments for PC Hearing August 19

Dear Planning Commision:

Following are my comments on the Draft Comp Plan and DEIS.

The Draft Comp Plan in its current form is insufficient and **does not address the issues raised by the public during Scoping**. It is important that it address these issues! The DEIS does not adequately compare alternatives. From what We can infer from the documents provided, **parts of Alternatives 3 and 4, though incomplete in the DEIS, are the most viable approaches** because they:

- Concentrate most **growth closer to towns**
- Take a **conservative approach to addressing water supplies**
- **Conserve natural resources** and promote land uses that **support local agriculture**
- **Encourage resilience to wildfires and other impacts of climate change**
- **Protect wildlife and migration corridors** and consider our important mule deer population

Many issues are very important to me and my family. (They are also important for the thriving of our county and communities within). Afew of them are as follows:

I am a farmer. It is important for the plan to minimize conflict between residential and other uses of Rural lands by creating different designations. Rather than rely heavily on zoning for guidance, I recommend policies in the Comprehensive Plan that apply to each Rural land use designation, its intent, the densities and types of uses allowed, and criteria for applying the designation to specific areas. It should provide clear policy guidance for development of the implementing regulations (e.g. zoning)

We need **sub-area planning, guided by local advisory committees**, that recognizes the unique culture and geography of our large county

Wild fire is an importnt issue. While personal responsibility is an essential part of fire prevention, county government has an important role in land use planning so that risk to homes, families and first responders is reduced.

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Keeping our county roads open and public is very important! This is a safety issue and a right.

There are so many important issues, water, critical areas, recreation, Wildlife,.....

The Comp plan is intended to give us a path for growth that is sustainable, thoughtful and adapts to development pressures and natural disasters, while protecting the natural systems that sustain all life. As elected officials and staff change, the Comp Plan and the body of regulation it supports are designed to stand the test of time, providing consistency and clarity to decisions that people can depend on, ensuring the values of the public are protected.

Please **extend the comment period to September 19th** to allow continued public feedback on what to include in a final Plan. I have been out of the area and have only just returned. Many people I know are in a similar situation. Holding the public comment deadline on Labor Day is unacceptable!

I highly recommend the county hire a qualified professional to assist in drafting the final Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement - not the same person the county recruits to take the place of the former Planning Director: the job is too large and complex to be accomplished in a reasonable time frame by one person.

Sincerely,

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