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Re: Determination of Significance (DS) and Adoption of Existing Environment Document

Dear Mr. Stalheim and Mr. Blackman:

This letter is submitted to comment on the Determination of Significance and Adoption of Existing Environmental Document.

The Commissioners are concerned that the population projections for the Glacier area in the current 2007 Draft Foothills Subarea Plan are incorrect.

During the past year, Glacier Water District has been preparing our Comprehensive Plan Update and we are confident that the population projections being used in the Glacier Water District Comprehensive Update are correct. The Glacier Water District Comprehensive Plan Update is using the most statistically accurate projections based on thorough research of past historical use patterns, population fluctuations and projected water consumption. Glacier is predominately a recreational community and we believe that it will continue to be recreational for the next several decades.

The population inaccuracies should be addressed by an EIS rather than a SEIS. Errors in population projections will have major impacts on the environmental and economic health of the area. Therefore, these projections must be accurate. Protection of the environment has become an important matter for our health and safety, as well as our concern for the natural beauty of our area.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. We hope that the short time frame for submission of our comments will not be an issue with future notifications. By this letter, please make sure that Glacier Water District is on a current distribution list.

Sincerely,

Ellen Baker  
Secretary and Auditing Officer