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June 12, 2018

Ana Ruiz, General Manager
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
0330 Distel Circle
Los Altos, CA 94002

Dear Ana:

The Red Barn Public Access Site Plan project is something I have been watching carefully. It is another example of the care and diligence that the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District puts into its environmental and recreational programs.

It is my understanding that MROSD has been planning for a parking area, restroom, agricultural and natural history interpretation and trailheads at the Red Barn site for two years and the project has always been part of the Master Plan developed over eight years. This project has long been promised as a developed public access site.

While I have been informed of some public interest in maintaining equestrian facilities at the Red Barn parking area, I am convinced that MROSD has sufficiently addressed the question through analysis of the Event Center facilities for equestrian trailers.

This project provides enhanced opportunities for the public to enjoy the beautiful open space area in and around La Honda. It continues the good stewardship of MROSD in the region. I encourage the Midpen board to vote in favor of moving forward.

I am supportive of the project and look forward to it being implemented. Please feel free to contact me for more information.

Sincerely,



Don Horsley, Member
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, Third District



From: [REDACTED]
To: [web: Clerk](#)
Subject: Larry Hassett - Ward 6 - Board Contact Form
Date: Saturday, June 9, 2018 7:46:23 PM

Name *	Chris Pearson
Select a Choice *	Larry Hassett - Ward 6
Email *	[REDACTED]
Location: (i.e. City, Address or District Ward)	[REDACTED] La Honda rd
Daytime Phone Number (if you wish to be contacted by phone)	[REDACTED]

Comments: *

Mr Hassett, I would like to submit the following comments to the full board for your consideration at the upcoming June 12 special meeting regarding the Red Barn access development plans. The MROSD website states that the board prefers written comments be submitted rather than verbal comment at the meeting, -BUT it does not say how to submit a written comment. I hope this works. Please respond by email to let me know that you have received this and will consider my comments.

Thanks, Chris

1. The current plan is inconsistent with MROSD policies:

The current plan, by creating picnic areas, parking, restrooms, and landscaping, in full view of the already heavily used (recreationally) HWY 84, will create a undesirable public attraction, which will invite visitors who are not primarily interested in public access to open space. The District should steer clear of developing recreational attractions, and stick to providing public access, without degrading the scenic, historic, and natural resources of the area.

(I understand the attractiveness of the idea of developing a picnic grounds in this beautiful spot. But, to reiterate: the district's mission is not to develop public recreational attractions such as playing fields, campgrounds, concert venues, or Picnic Grounds.)

2. The current plan is insensitive to the special historic, scenic, and cultural value of this (partially) preserved historic ranch site. The district's policies have done little to attempt to support and preserve the area's agricultural qualities. The "paving over" of this site is un-defendable, and is offensive to myself, and almost everyone else I have discussed this with. (Note also that the plan calls for the cutting down of a large portion of the original trees planted by one of early ranchers.)

3. The current plan is inconsistent with the District's "Good neighbor policy". It will create a public nuisance consisting of overflow parking issues, increased fire danger (to surrounding properties, as well as the preserve and Red Barn itself), noise, trespassing, and increased traffic hazards.

4. Given that the District is committed to providing an access point and this location, a far less impactful alternative is readily available. The current project area could be left relatively unharmed by moving the parking lot out of sight to the area near the current ranger house. The entrance could remain as planned, but with the access road following the current ranch road north, parallel to HWY 84' and then around to the ranger residence area. The ranger residence should be demolished and re-established in an acceptable location. With a little grading, there is room there for and large parking area. The plan would provide ample access for open space visitors without creating a roadside attraction.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [web; Clerk](#)
Subject: Full Board of Directors and District Clerk - Board Contact Form
Date: Saturday, June 9, 2018 1:47:48 PM

Name * Angela Quinn

Select a Choice * Full Board of Directors and District Clerk

Email * [REDACTED]

Location: (i.e. City, Address or District Ward) La Honda

Comments: *

As a native La Honda resident for the last 60 years I would like to express my objection over the current development proposal for the Red Barn area in La Honda that is being considered by the MROSD.

This plan would not only be destroying the beauty of the iconic Red Barn location, devastating the wildlife, it would also add to an already dangerous traffic situation for everyone traveling this road. The Red Barn has been the site of historic rodeos that the La Honda community enjoyed in the 1950's and 60's. It has also been a destination for many artists, sharing the beauty in their paintings and photographs that we are so proud and respectful of. This is our homeland! Why would anyone want to destroy that when there are other options?

We, as a community, have witnessed countless automobile and bicycle accidents at this location already. Why add to this dangerous situation when there are other options?

A better option – The site of the former Driscoll Ranch Rodeo arena on Hwy. 84 near San Gregorio is a much better location for the proposed parking lot. This is a safer plan with better visibility for drivers and bicyclers. I would think that it would also be a smarter financial option as it has already been set up and used for rodeo parking in the past with large crowds. I just cannot understand why the MROSD would want to destroy the Red Barn space when there is already a much more sensible location already at the Driscoll Ranch site.

Please vote NO on the Red Barn proposal and save our beautiful Red Barn and its history for all!

Respectfully,
Angie Quinn

From: [REDACTED]
To: [web: Clerk](#)
Subject: Full Board of Directors and District Clerk - Board Contact Form
Date: Thursday, June 7, 2018 1:45:58 PM

Name *	Cris McReynolds
Select a Choice *	Full Board of Directors and District Clerk
Email *	[REDACTED]
Location: (i.e. City, Address or District Ward)	La Honda
Daytime Phone Number (if you wish to be contacted by phone)	[REDACTED]

Comments: *

June 7, 2018

To the Board of Directors, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District,

We are frequent visitors to a number MROSD preserves and we are also close-by neighbors to the La Honda Creek Preserve and the Red Barn property. Over time, we've followed with great interest the acquisition of the McDonald Ranch property and the development of the Master Plan for the La Honda Creek Preserve. Also, we have appreciated the opportunity to review the plans as they have developed and to provide input as they evolve.

At this juncture, as the plans for the Red Barn access to the upper La Honda Creek Preserve are up for approval by the MROSD Board of Directors, we feel compelled to again voice our opinions and perspectives.

When the Master plan for the preserve was published in August 2012, the Red Barn was identified as a logical access point for the upper part of the preserve. However, after a great deal of further analysis and planning by the MROSD planning staff and consultants, it appears that there are significant potential issues that call into question the suitability of the site for this purpose:

USAGE LEVEL/CAPACITY

There seem to be no good models within the MROSD network of preserves for predicting the level of daily usage for this access point, particularly on weekends. With increased levels of congestion on Highway 92, Highway 84 has seen greatly increased usage as a main artery for access to the coast from the Peninsula. And while the vast majority of parking and access points for other preserves provide for "destination usage" (that is, users go there for access for dispersive activities such as hiking, biking, or horseback riding), it is likely that the Red Barn site would see a lot of "drop-in" visits (that is, people will often stop on a whim to take a look, or a selfie, and then move on). Not surprising, the number of parking spaces in the current Red Barn access plans has increased significantly over the last from 20 or so in the original plans to 75. And it's still not certain that would be enough.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY

As the amount of traffic on Highway 84 has increased over time, so has its use as a bicycle corridor and an amateur raceway for motorcycles and exotic/rally cars. It seems that the number of accidents and fatalities has grown steadily over the last 6 years, since the original Master Plan was published. A significant increase in the level of entries and exits at the proposed access point (due to the drop-in phenomenon) along a stretch of road known for high speed travel, but limited sightlines, will only

exacerbate the safety problem. On top of that, without zero tolerance and strict enforcement of “No Parking” regulations, overflow parking out on Highway 84 would create a recipe for disaster. One might assume that visitors would have enough common sense not to park along the road, but that seems to be in short supply on crowded weekends. Unless MROSD can get the cooperation and commitment from enforcement agencies for such strict enforcement, traffic and safety remains a significant concern.

POTENTIAL WETLAND ISSUES

The Master Plan identified an opportunity for restoration of a pond adjacent to the Red Barn, citing recolonization opportunities for endangered species living proximate to the property. While the pond was supposedly filled in by the previous property owner, in subsequent years there has been ample evidence that there is water flowing to the site and that it is still “wet”. The current site plan provides for that area to be paved over, to accommodate parking spaces and vehicle access. Is that really the best use for that potential resource?

CONSISTENCY WITH THE MISSION OF PRESERVATION

The 2012 Master Plan highlighted the cultural and historical significance of the Red Barn site. Throughout the years it has served as a constant and visible reminder of our heritage, for local residents and visitors alike. While the first versions of the site plan included a few elements that would try to preserve that heritage (fencing, corrals, more open access to the Red Barn), the latest version eliminates almost all those elements. In an effort to address the issues of uncertain capacity/usage levels, and safe access on/off of Highway 84, there is now pavement, traffic lanes, and barricades. Are the core principles of MROSD being compromised in order to shoehorn this proposed plan?

The MROSD planning team has clearly worked hard to take the original guidance from the Master Plan and turn it into a workable, detailed, implementable site plan. They have put in long hours and have spent a great deal of money on consultants in order to develop alternatives, seeking stakeholder input along the way. But those are SUNK COSTS at this point. Many of the MROSD Board Members have had experience running successful businesses and other enterprises—they know that one should not put inordinate weight on sunk costs in making current determinations as to how to best move forward. Circumstances change, and as new information and insights come to light, that should weigh most heavily in such decisions.

We urge the MROSD Board to consider other alternatives for providing access to the upper portions of La Honda Creek Preserve. Some ideas:

- Rather than one large parking and access point to accommodate all types of visitors (destination and drop-in), establish a number of smaller, destination type access points, more in line with the current MROSD model.
- Limit Red Barn site access to visitors who have parked and entered via other access points as above, and perhaps establish much more limited reservation-only access for educational groups at the Red Barn site itself.
- Leave the turnout on Highway 84 that is adjacent to the Red Barn as a site for drive-by picture taking.

While the above alternatives may not fit into the budget as outlined in the Master Plan, it was our expectation that in voting for Measure AA in 2014, we would be enabling MROSD to have the funds to continue to pursue the best solutions in the development and management of its preserves. Again, we thank you for providing us with opportunities to provide our opinions and input, and for your willingness to consider it in your decision-making processes.

Sincerely,

Cris and Pam McReynolds
Williams Ranch

██████ La Honda Road
Woodside, CA 94062

From: [General Information](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Fw: Visitor Feedback [#141]: -
Date: Monday, June 4, 2018 8:54:06 AM

Please see email below.

Thank you,

Jordan McDaniel
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Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
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From: General Information
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2018 8:11 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Visitor Feedback [#141]: -

Hi Art,

Thank you for your email. I am forwarding your message to our District Clerk.

Thank you,

Jordan McDaniel
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From: Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 4:58 PM
To: General Information
Subject: Visitor Feedback [#141]: -

Name	Art Jurado
Email *	[REDACTED]
Preserve *	La Honda Creek
Comment *	I am unable to attend meeting of June 12th, 2018 at La Honda Elementary School. Please consider my input to and

in regards against proposed access driveway along Red Barn Area. As a frequent traveler along Hwy 84 that section is very dangerous for cross traffic and driveways. Please consider another access point of entry along this busy corridor.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [web; Clerk](#)
Subject: Cecily Harris - Ward 7 - Board Contact Form
Date: Monday, May 21, 2018 12:13:34 PM

Name * Barbara Hooper

Select a Choice * Cecily Harris – Ward 7

Email * [REDACTED]

Location: (i.e. City, Address or District Ward) La Honda

Daytime Phone Number (if you wish to be contacted by phone) [REDACTED]

Comments: *

Dear Director Harris–

I appreciated that you attended and heard public comments at the MROSD Board Meeting on May 9th in Redwood City which focused on the Red Barn Access proposal. Would you be available to meet prior to the MROSD June 12th meeting in La Honda to review the proposal?

I am deeply concerned about Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's (MROSD) proposal to install a driveway and build a parking lot for 70+ vehicles in front of the Red Barn on an already hazardous stretch of Highway 84.

I've submitted my most recent public comments to clerk@openspace.org, which will be passed on to you, from the May 9th MROSD Board Meeting which include my "traffic study" and "driveway access" documents that illuminate my concerns about the potential for increased accidents with the proposed new ingress and egress of vehicular traffic onto Highway 84.

I hope that you will take the time (if you haven't already) to sit at the Red Barn "pull-out" on Highway 84 on a weekend afternoon to witness the traffic hazards already present at that location.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue. I hope to hear back from you about a convenient time for us to meet.

Regards,

Barbara Hooper

phone: [REDACTED]

La Honda homeowner and lifelong San Mateo County resident

From: [REDACTED]
To: [web; Clerk](#)
Subject: Nonette Hanko - Ward 5 - Board Contact Form
Date: Monday, May 21, 2018 12:12:18 PM

Name * Barbara Hooper

Select a Choice * Nonette Hanko - Ward 5

Email * [REDACTED]

Location: (i.e. City, Address or District Ward) La Honda

Daytime Phone Number (if you wish to be contacted by phone) [REDACTED]

Comments: *

Dear Director Hanko-

I appreciated that you attended and heard public comments at the MROSD Board Meeting on May 9th in Redwood City which focused on the Red Barn Access proposal. Would you be available to meet prior to the MROSD June 12th meeting in La Honda to review the proposal?

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Regards,

Barbara Hooper

phone: [REDACTED]

La Honda homeowner and lifelong San Mateo County resident

From: [REDACTED]
To: [web; Clerk](#)
Subject: Curt Riffle - Ward 4 - Board Contact Form
Date: Monday, May 21, 2018 12:10:30 PM

Name *	Barbara Hooper
Select a Choice *	Curt Riffle - Ward 4
Email *	[REDACTED]
Location: (i.e. City, Address or District Ward)	La Honda
Daytime Phone Number (if you wish to be contacted by phone)	[REDACTED]

Comments: *

Dear Director Riffle-

I appreciated that you attended and heard public comments at the MROSD Board Meeting on May 9th in Redwood City which focused on the Red Barn Access proposal. Would you be available to meet prior to the MROSD June 12th meeting in La Honda to review the proposal?

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Regards,
Barbara Hooper
phone: [REDACTED]
La Honda homeowner and lifelong San Mateo County resident

From: [REDACTED]
To: [web; Clerk](#)
Subject: Jed Cyr - Ward 3 - Board Contact Form
Date: Monday, May 21, 2018 12:09:04 PM

Name * Barbara Hooper

Select a Choice * Jed Cyr - Ward 3

Email * [REDACTED]

Location: (i.e. City, Address or District Ward) La Honda

Daytime Phone Number (if you wish to be contacted by phone) [REDACTED]

Comments: *

Dear Director Cyr-

I appreciated that you attended and heard public comments at the MROSD Board Meeting on May 9th in Redwood City which focused on the Red Barn Access proposal. Would you be available to meet prior to the MROSD June 12th meeting in La Honda to review the proposal?

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Regards,

Barbara Hooper

phone: [REDACTED]

La Honda homeowner and lifelong San Mateo County resident

From: [REDACTED]
To: [web; Clerk](#)
Subject: Yoriko Kishimoto - Ward 2 - Board Contact Form
Date: Monday, May 21, 2018 12:04:43 PM

Name * Barbara Hooper

Select a Choice * Yoriko Kishimoto - Ward 2

Email * [REDACTED]

Location: (i.e. City, Address or District Ward) La Honda

Daytime Phone Number (if you wish to be contacted by phone) [REDACTED]

Comments: *

Dear Director Kishimoto-

I appreciated your comments during the MROSD Board Meeting on May 9th in Redwood City which focused on the Red Barn Access proposal. Would you be available to meet prior to the MROSD June 12th meeting in La Honda to review the proposal?

I am deeply concerned about Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's (MROSD) proposal to install a driveway and build a parking lot for 70+ vehicles in front of the Red Barn on an already hazardous stretch of Highway 84.

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Regards,

Barbara Hooper

phone: [REDACTED]

La Honda homeowner and lifelong San Mateo County resident

From: [REDACTED]
To: [web; Clerk](#)
Subject: Pete Siemens - Ward 1 - Board Contact Form
Date: Monday, May 21, 2018 12:03:26 PM

Name *	Barbara Hooper
Select a Choice *	Pete Siemens - Ward 1
Email *	[REDACTED]
Location: (i.e. City, Address or District Ward)	La Honda
Daytime Phone Number (if you wish to be contacted by phone)	[REDACTED]

Comments: *

Dear Director Siemons-

I appreciated your comments during the MROSD Board Meeting on May 9th in Redwood City which focused on the Red Barn Access proposal. Would you be available to meet prior to the MROSD June 12th meeting in La Honda to review the proposal?

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Regards,

Barbara Hooper

phone: [REDACTED]

La Honda homeowner and lifelong San Mateo County resident

From: [REDACTED]
To: [web: Clerk](#)
Subject: Larry Hassett - Ward 6 - Board Contact Form
Date: Monday, May 21, 2018 11:36:30 AM

Name * Barbara Hooper

Select a Choice * Larry Hassett - Ward 6

Email * [REDACTED]

Location: (i.e. City, Address or District Ward) La Honda

Daytime Phone Number (if you wish to be contacted by phone) (415) 713-4857

Comments: *

Dear Director Hassett-

We were sorry to see that you weren't able to attend the MROSD Board Meeting on May 9th in Redwood City as the meeting was focused on the Red Barn Access proposal which is located in Ward 6. Would you be available to meet prior to the MROSD June 12th meeting in La Honda to review the proposal?

I am deeply concerned about Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's (MROSD) proposal to install a driveway and build a parking lot for 70+ vehicles in front of the Red Barn on an already hazardous stretch of Highway 84.

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Regards,

Barbara Hooper

phone: [REDACTED]

La Honda homeowner and lifelong San Mateo County resident

From: [Barbara Hooper](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Cc: [Barbara Hooper](#)
Subject: Concerns about MROSD Red Barn Access proposal - with attachment
Date: Monday, May 21, 2018 10:40:17 AM
Attachments: [Barbara Hooper public comment - MROSD Board Meeting - May 9, 2018.pdf](#)

TO: MROSD Board Members: Pete Siemons, Yoriko Kishimoto, Jed Cyr, Curt Riffle, Nonette Hanko, Larry Hassett, and Ceciliy Harris

I am deeply concerned about Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's (MROSD) proposal to install a driveway and build a parking lot for 70+ vehicles in front of the Red Barn on an already hazardous stretch of Highway 84.

I've attached my most recent public comments from the May 9th MROSD Board Meeting which include my "traffic study" and "driveway access" documents that illuminate my concerns about the potential for increased accidents with the proposed new ingress and egress of vehicular traffic onto Highway 84.

I strongly suggest that each of you take the time to sit at the Red Barn "pull-out" on Highway 84 on a weekend afternoon to witness the traffic hazards already present at that location. Thank you for your consideration of this issue. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,
Barbara Hooper
phone: [REDACTED]
La Honda homeowner and lifelong San Mateo County resident

Barbara Hooper's public comment at MROSD Board Meeting – May 9, 2018

Thank you for the invitation to attend the MROSD Board Meeting on May 9, 2018 in Redwood City. The following includes the feedback about the Red Barn Access proposal that I shared in my **2 minutes** during public comment, as well as other comments and documentation that I didn't have time to include.

- 1) As a San Mateo County resident, I am a strong advocate of MROSD and hike on the MidPen trails regularly.
- 2) However, I am **not** in favor of the Red Barn access proposal, and **here's why!**
 - a) First: It does not follow MidPen's mission and vision.
 - b) Second: It would increase traffic hazards on already dangerous Highway 84.
 - c) Third: Area would become a "tourist attraction" rather than a PRESERVE.
- 3) **FIRST – MidPen Mission & Vision**
 - a) MROSD commits to **preserving the rural character of the region**. An unsafe driveway located on Hwy 84 and 70+ parking spaces do NOT maintain and showcase the coast's rural character and agricultural heritage.
 - b) MidPen has not followed through with its promise to **collaborate with the community**. There are local objections (as noted in the board packet) but MROSD is still moving forward with the Red Barn access.
- 4) **SECOND - Traffic concerns**
 - a) I did a *traffic study* for ONE hour on Saturday, May 5th, from 2:15-3:15pm, at the pull-out on Highway 84 in front of the Red Barn.
 - b) **OBSERVATIONS** – 300+ vehicles – (see **Traffic Study**, page 2)
 - i) 252 cars & trucks, 34 motorcycles, 15 bicycles
 - ii) Although passing is *prohibited*, I observed the following risks and hazards:
 - (1) 6 cars/motorcycles passing other vehicles
 - (2) A car making a u-turn was almost hit by oncoming traffic
 - (3) FIVE (5) Porsches "racing" above the posted speed limit
 - c) **MidPen Traffic Study MAP doesn't represent accurate impact** - (see **Driveway Access**, page 3)
 - i) The potential for increased accidents with new ingress and regress of vehicular traffic into Highway 84 east and west bound is a recipe for disaster.
 - d) MidPen Board members and staff need to do personal *traffic studies* at **Red Barn pullout on Hwy 84**
 - i) To *see* and *experience* the traffic flow at "prime time" on weekends so they can better understand the **risks and hazards** that would **increase** as bikes, motorcycles, and cars intersect at more locations.
 - ii) Note: MidPen traffic studies have NOT taken into consideration illegal traffic violations that occur daily.
- 1) **THIRD - Preservation**
 - a) The definition of "preserve" is: maintain, conserve, protect, and care for.
 - b) I am requesting that MidPen **PRESERVE** the La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve and not turn the Red Barn into a "tourist attraction."

Traffic Study

Barbara Hooper - Traffic Study

Saturday, May 5, 2018

2:15pm - 3:15pm

weather: overcast, partly cloudy, breezy

Traffic Detail

vehicle type	direction	quantity
cars and trucks	eastbound	112
cars and trucks	westbound	140
motorcycles	eastbound	18
motorcycles	westbound	16
bicycles	eastbound	3
bicycles	westbound	12
Total vehicles		301

cars: 252

motorcycles: 34

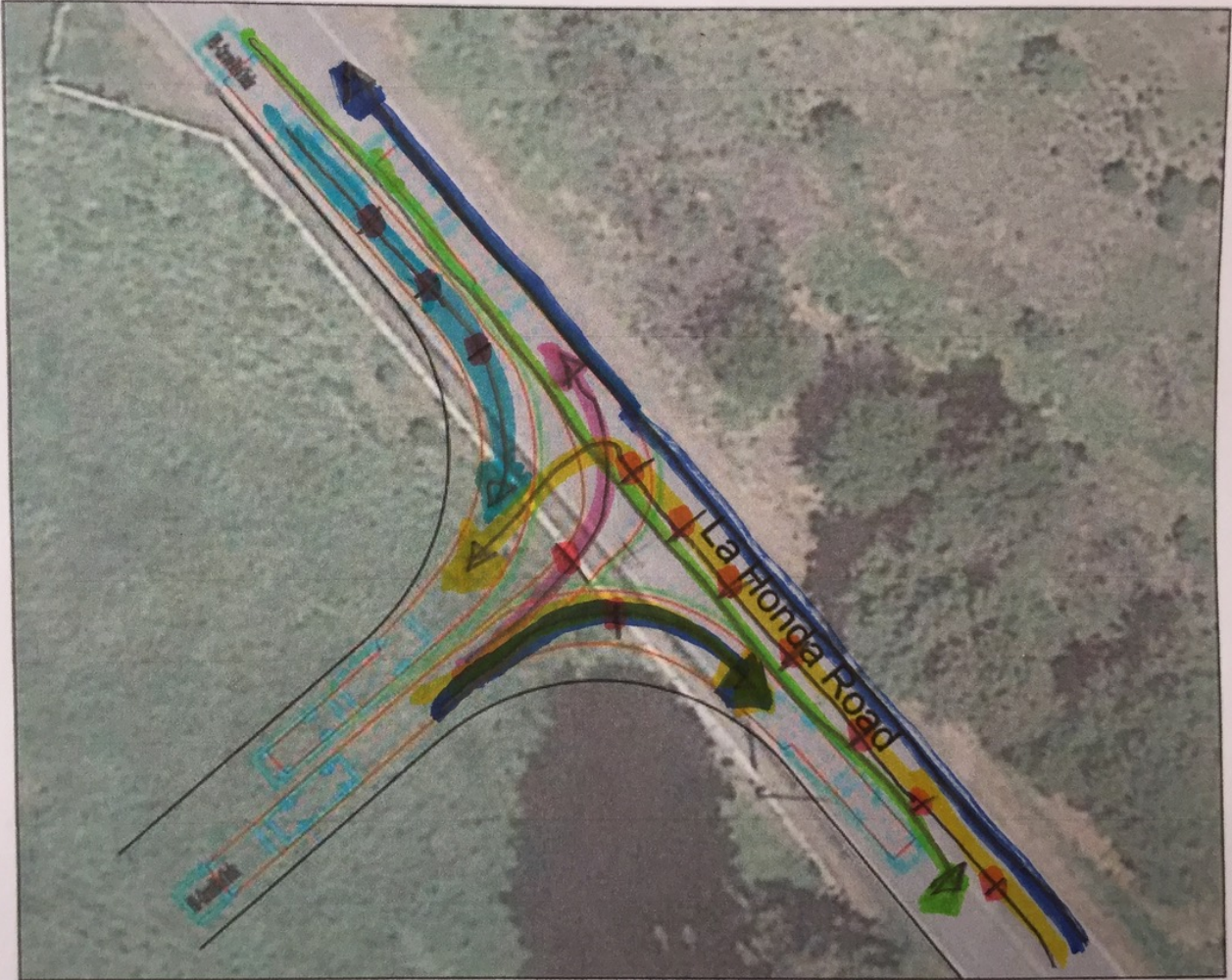
bicycles: 15

Observations

Note: passing is prohibited

1. two (2) cars passed a bicycle going eastbound
2. a motorcycle passed a car traveling westbound
3. a car passed another car going westbound
4. a car traveling **westbound** used the RB dirt turnout to implement a 3-point turn to reverse his direction and travel **eastbound** and was nearly hit by a car heading west
5. Two (2) more motorcycles passed a car heading west on the curve after the Red Barn
6. Five (5) Porsches racing over the speed limit (with less than a car's length distance between each)
7. An art teacher held a plein-air landscape painting class for 3 students.

Red Barn Driveway Access



Legend

Dark blue = eastbound traffic on Hwy 84

Yellow = eastbound traffic turning left into driveway

Green = westbound traffic on Hwy 84

Light blue = westbound traffic turning left into driveway

Pink = traffic turning left leaving Red Barn onto eastbound Hwy 84

Grey = traffic turning right leaving Red Barn onto westbound Hwy 84

red dots indicate cars waiting to turn and backing up traffic

Note: cars, trucks, motorcycles and bicycles may be entering and exiting the driveway.

From: [General Information](#)
To: [Clerk](#); [Jane Mark](#); [Leslie Chan](#)
Subject: Fw: Red Barn Access comments - MROSD Board Meeting - May 9, 2018
Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 12:33:27 PM
Attachments: [Barbara Hooper public comment - MROSD Board Meeting - May 9, 2018 .pdf](#)

Copying Jennifer Woodworth.

Thank you,

Jordan McDaniel
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From: Barbara Hooper [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 12:05 PM
To: Leslie Chan; Jane Mark; General Information
Cc: Barbara Hooper
Subject: Red Barn Access comments - MROSD Board Meeting - May 9, 2018

Dear Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Representatives:

Thank you for the invitation to attend the MROSD Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 in Redwood City. The following pdf document (3 pages) includes the feedback about the Red Barn Access proposal that I shared in my **2 minutes** during public comment, as well as other comments and documentation (Traffic Study and Red Barn Driveway Access) that I didn't have time to include.

I appreciate the opportunity to voice my concerns to MidPen and hope you will take them into consideration as you move forward with the La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve access planning.

Regards,
Barbara Hooper
[REDACTED] Cuesta Real
La Honda, CA 94020
[REDACTED]

Barbara Hooper's public comment at MROSD Board Meeting – May 9, 2018

Thank you for the invitation to attend the MROSD Board Meeting on May 9, 2018 in Redwood City. The following includes the feedback about the Red Barn Access proposal that I shared in my **2 minutes** during public comment, as well as other comments and documentation that I didn't have time to include.

- 1) As a San Mateo County resident, I am a strong advocate of MROSD and hike on the MidPen trails regularly.
- 2) However, I am **not** in favor of the Red Barn access proposal, and **here's why!**
 - a) First: It does not follow MidPen's mission and vision.
 - b) Second: It would increase traffic hazards on already dangerous Highway 84.
 - c) Third: Area would become a "tourist attraction" rather than a PRESERVE.
- 3) **FIRST – MidPen Mission & Vision**
 - a) MROSD commits to **preserving the rural character of the region**. An unsafe driveway located on Hwy 84 and 70+ parking spaces do NOT maintain and showcase the coast's rural character and agricultural heritage.
 - b) MidPen has not followed through with its promise to **collaborate with the community**. There are local objections (as noted in the board packet) but MROSD is still moving forward with the Red Barn access.
- 4) **SECOND - Traffic concerns**
 - a) I did a *traffic study* for ONE hour on Saturday, May 5th, from 2:15-3:15pm, at the pull-out on Highway 84 in front of the Red Barn.
 - b) **OBSERVATIONS** – 300+ vehicles – (see **Traffic Study**, page 2)
 - i) 252 cars & trucks, 34 motorcycles, 15 bicycles
 - ii) Although passing is *prohibited*, I observed the following risks and hazards:
 - (1) 6 cars/motorcycles passing other vehicles
 - (2) A car making a u-turn was almost hit by oncoming traffic
 - (3) FIVE (5) Porsches "racing" above the posted speed limit
 - c) **MidPen Traffic Study MAP doesn't represent accurate impact** - (see **Driveway Access**, page 3)
 - i) The potential for increased accidents with new ingress and regress of vehicular traffic into Highway 84 east and west bound is a recipe for disaster.
 - d) MidPen Board members and staff need to do personal *traffic studies* at **Red Barn pullout on Hwy 84**
 - i) To *see* and *experience* the traffic flow at "prime time" on weekends so they can better understand the **risks and hazards** that would **increase** as bikes, motorcycles, and cars intersect at more locations.
 - ii) Note: MidPen traffic studies have NOT taken into consideration illegal traffic violations that occur daily.
- 1) **THIRD - Preservation**
 - a) The definition of "preserve" is: maintain, conserve, protect, and care for.
 - b) I am requesting that MidPen **PRESERVE** the La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve and not turn the Red Barn into a "tourist attraction."

Traffic Study

Barbara Hooper - Traffic Study

Saturday, May 5, 2018

2:15pm - 3:15pm

weather: overcast, partly cloudy, breezy

Traffic Detail

vehicle type	direction	quantity
cars and trucks	eastbound	112
cars and trucks	westbound	140
motorcycles	eastbound	18
motorcycles	westbound	16
bicycles	eastbound	3
bicycles	westbound	12
Total vehicles		301

cars: 252

motorcycles: 34

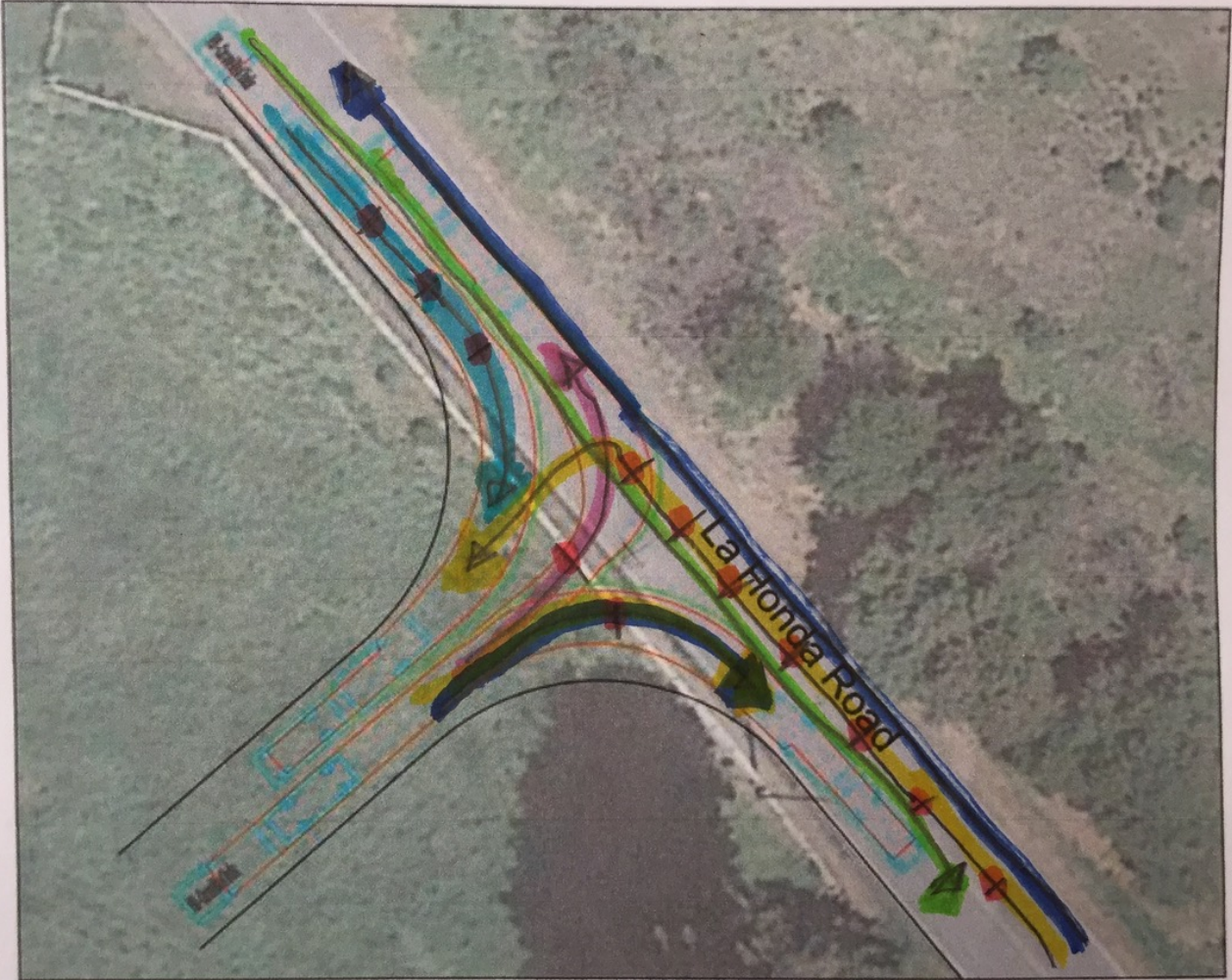
bicycles: 15

Observations

Note: passing is prohibited

1. two (2) cars passed a bicycle going eastbound
2. a motorcycle passed a car traveling westbound
3. a car passed another car going westbound
4. a car traveling **westbound** used the RB dirt turnout to implement a 3-point turn to reverse his direction and travel **eastbound** and was nearly hit by a car heading west
5. Two (2) more motorcycles passed a car heading west on the curve after the Red Barn
6. Five (5) Porsches racing over the speed limit (with less than a car's length distance between each)
7. An art teacher held a plein-air landscape painting class for 3 students.

Red Barn Driveway Access



Legend

Dark blue = eastbound traffic on Hwy 84

Yellow = eastbound traffic turning left into driveway

Green = westbound traffic on Hwy 84

Light blue = westbound traffic turning left into driveway

Pink = traffic turning left leaving Red Barn onto eastbound Hwy 84

Grey = traffic turning right leaving Red Barn onto westbound Hwy 84

red dots indicate cars waiting to turn and backing up traffic

Note: cars, trucks, motorcycles and bicycles may be entering and exiting the driveway.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [web: Clerk](#)
Subject: Larry Hassett - Ward 6 - Board Contact Form
Date: Saturday, June 9, 2018 9:23:14 AM

Name *	George Cattermole
Select a Choice *	Larry Hassett - Ward 6
Email *	[REDACTED]
Location: (i.e. City, Address or District Ward)	San Gregorio
Daytime Phone Number (if you wish to be contacted by phone)	[REDACTED]
Comments: *	Howdy Larry - I would like to talk to you about the Red Barn parking lot proposal. Need you phone number. George Cattermole

Visitor Feedback [#141]: -

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District <no-reply@wufoo.com>

Wed 5/30/2018 4:58 PM

To: General Information [REDACTED]

Name	Art Jurado
Email *	[REDACTED]
Preserve *	La Honda Creek
Comment *	I am unable to attend meeting of June 12th, 2018 at La Honda Elementary School. Please consider my input to and in regards against proposed access driveway along Red Barn Area. As a frequent traveler along Hwy 84 that section is very dangerous for cross traffic and driveways. Please consider another access point of entry along this busy corridor.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [web; Clerk](#)
Subject: Larry Hassett - Ward 6 - Board Contact Form
Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 8:03:19 AM

Name *	Lynnette Vega
Select a Choice *	Larry Hassett - Ward 6
Email *	[REDACTED]
Location: (i.e. City, Address or District Ward)	La Honda
Daytime Phone Number (if you wish to be contacted by phone)	[REDACTED]
Comments: *	<p>Mr. Hassett**</p> <p>You are the only person on the MROSD Board from our area and I sincerely hope that you're present at tonight's meeting. We have over 700 signatures opposed the the present Red Barn parking lot plan and we urgently need your support. Putting a parking lot in that area is not only a hazard for drivers to and from the coast but an assault on a cherished iconic landmark. To "preserve and protect" does not equate to putting in a 70+ car, 2 bus and 10 motorcycle parking lot!!</p> <p>Lynnette Vega</p>

From: [General Information](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Fw: Plans to develop the Red Barn
Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 7:08:59 AM

Please see below.

Thank you,

Jordan McDaniel
Public Affairs Administrative Assistant
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From: General Information
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 7:08 AM
To: Karen Schreiber
Subject: Re: Plans to develop the Red Barn

Hi Karen and Rob,

Thank you for your email. Allow me to forward your message to our District Clerk for review and collection.

Thank you,

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From: Karen Schreiber [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 6:39 PM
To: General Information
Subject: Plans to develop the Red Barn

Hi,

I can't attend the MidPen meeting tomorrow, June 12th at La Honda Elementary School. I am work ing Davis every Monday and Tuesday

Here are my comments about the project. My husband and I live in Palo Alto and drive from Sandhill to Portola Road up and over Highway 84 to the beaches south of Highway 84 at least once a week.

Depending on the time of day and day of the week, bicyclists, motorcyclists and cars are on a single lane. Cars and motorcycles often cause danger to themselves and the bicyclists passing around them and going over into the opposite lane. There are also cars driving at excessive speed.

Adding 75 parking spaces near a curve entering into the Red Barn area will add extra cars on an already busy, dangerous single lane road leading to or from Highway 1. There are unreported traffic violations already such as passing, u-turns, excessive speeds etc. This does not even address the issue of damage from excessive number of people visiting the natural habitat and historic site.

There are already alternative Red Barn access points:

Trails from La Honda Creek OSP parking lot on Sears Ranch Road to the Red Barn area THAT ARE ALREADY PLANNED

An alternative public access could be from the parking lot at the Driscoll Event Center with shuttle buses. This could be tied to permit-only parking and reservations for a docent-led access to the Red Barn thus preserving the natural habitat and the historic site and preventing excess traffic on a single lane road used by bicyclists, motorcycles and cars.

Sincerely,
Karen and Rob Schreiber

From: [General Information](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Fw: Red Barn Project
Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 7:08:49 AM

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From: General Information
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 7:06 AM
To: Lilia Lopez
Subject: Re: Red Barn Project

Hi Lilia,

Thank you for your email. Allow me to forward your message to our District Clerk for review and collection.

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From: Lilia Lopez [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 3:58 PM
To: General Information
Subject: Red Barn Project

To Whom it May Concern:

I realize this is late in the game but I need to voice my opposition to the proposed parking lot for access to the Red Barn project. We've not had an opportunity to get involved as we've been dealing with some family issues.

I live west of the Red Barn - it is my neighbor. The entrance to my house is just around the bend on 84. Unless there are plans for bumps on the road, then expect many more accidents. We have weekly bicyclists and

motorcycles flying through the down hill and swerving off onto the pavement in front of my driveway most weekends. There is currently a space in front of my house that we use to get off the road safely before our driveway as cars are flying down the road and don't see that we're turning onto our driveway. Way too many close calls to remember, and now with limited parking spaces, those cars will be parked in front of my house! This is going to create a big hazard for us. I can't imagine trying to exit my driveway with cars covering my viewpoint so that I can charge into highway 84 without being hit. It's hard enough as it is now, and this will make it so much worse.

I'd like to know if the "traffic study" was conducted on the weekends, and in the summer months. The hot days bring everyone in from outside our town and on the road to cooler weather and eventually the beach. If it was, then it should be on record that this will be a hazard to our neighborhood. Access to the red barn can be reached via a hike where it doesn't create the mess this will make for it's surrounding neighbors.

Regards,

Lilia Lopez
[REDACTED] La Honda Road
Woodside, CA 94062
[REDACTED]

From: [General Information](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Fw: Concept for Red Barn
Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 7:03:32 AM

Please see below.

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From: General Information
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 10:01 AM
To: Faye
Cc: dhorsley@smcgov.org; senator.hill@sen.ca.gov
Subject: Re: Concept for Red Barn

Hi Faye,

Thank you for your email. Allow me to share your message with our District Clerk for review.

Thank you,

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From: Faye [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 8, 2018 5:57 PM
To: General Information
Cc: dhorsley@smcgov.org; senator.hill@sen.ca.gov
Subject: Concept for Red Barn

Dear MROSD,

I am writing because of the concerns with the plans that you would like to adopt for the Red Barn area of La Honda Creek OSP. This property was historically a working ranch, dating back to the 1890's. MROSD has taken over possession of this property, for several decades, and has basically closed it to public use. More recently MROSD has acquired the Driscoll Ranch property, which is adjacent to La Honda Creek OSP and also has closed this property,

except for permit use.

Historically these properties allowed equestrian access, through various staging areas. La Honda equestrians can't access via Sears Ranch Road, the Red Barn access has been closed for decades and acquisition @ Driscoll Ranch has only recently been opened, but again, only via permits.

The rationale for all these equestrian closures has been 'safety'; safety for kids @ the La Honda Elementary School with Sears Road access, short lines of sight for Red Barn access and not enough ranger to patrol Driscoll Ranch for trailer parking.

Yet historically local La Honda equestrians have been accessing La Honda Creek since 1890's, well before the school was even built without any safety issues. With regards to the Red Barn access; you have stated safety & short lines of sight for banning horse trailers from the proposed Red Barn Parking lot. However this same safety rationale for horse trailers doesn't seem to apply for school buses..yet the buses are just as long as many of the horse trailers.

MROSD mission on the coast is the preservation of the rural heritage of the coastline; banning equestrians and their historical use on these lands seems to be counter to your mission statement. Equestrians have access to MROSD managed Rancho San Antonio OSP, where equestrians co-exist with kids visiting the little farm there. Therefore I don't see why equestrian access needs to be banned @ Sears Ranch Road nor @ the Red Barn. The horses/equestrian trails can easily be fenced from the children if absolutely necessary. And again, since buses are being allowed in the Red Barn area, so should equestrian trailers. Kids love to see/touch horses...MROSD wants kids/adults to use the rural lands that they manage; why not offer the public another enticement for the public to come outdoors.

Faye and Emmet Brophy
Emerald Hills, CA

cc: SMC Board of Supervisor Don Horsely
Ca Senator Jerry Hill

From: [General Information](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Fw: Red Barn Project
Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 7:03:14 AM

Please see below.

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From: General Information
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 10:00 AM
To: Robert Dooley
Subject: Re: Red Barn Project

Hi Robert,

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Thank you,

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From: Robert Dooley [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 8, 2018 12:23 PM
To: General Information
Subject: Red Barn Project

From: [General Information](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Fw: La Honda Red Barn Project
Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 7:03:03 AM

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From: Susan Shankle [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 12:17 PM
To: General Information
Subject: Re: La Honda Red Barn Project

Thank you, Jordan! —Susan

On Jun 11, 2018, at 9:59 AM, General Information <info@openspace.org> wrote:

Hi Susan,

Thank you for your email. Allow me to share your message with our District Clerk for review and collection.

Thank you,

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From: Susan Shankle [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 10, 2018 8:54 AM
To: General Information
Subject: La Honda Red Barn Project

I strongly oppose the current plan for developing the Red Barn area near La Honda.

One alternative that is not getting sufficient attention is to **simply leave the beautiful and iconic Red Barn alone**. Just because a developer comes up with a plan does not mean it has to be implemented. I live in San Mateo and my neighborhood successfully prevented our local park from becoming overdeveloped. Think: who started the discussion about so much increased traffic around the Red Barn? Was it an entity that stood to benefit? We need to think twice about how we really want our open spaces to be. San Mateo County offers dozens of trails and open spaces for people to enjoy. Compromising the Red Barn and spending millions of dollars to develop it is not a good use of money and resources. I am a 26-year resident of San Mateo and a lifelong Bay Area citizen, as well as a taxpayer, business owner and voter.

Please leave well enough alone.

Thank you,
Susan Shankle
26-year San Mateo Resident
Lifelong Bay Area Resident
Citizen, Taxpayer, Business Owner and Voter

From: [General Information](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: Fw: Red Barn Parking Lot/Hwy84 Plan
Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 7:02:53 AM

Please see below.

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From: General Information
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 9:58 AM
To: Maryann Phillips
Subject: Re: Red Barn Parking Lot/Hwy84 Plan

Hi Maryann,

Thank you for your email. Allow me to share your email with our District Clerk.

Thank you,

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From: Maryann Phillips [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 9, 2018 9:35 AM
To: General Information
Subject: Red Barn Parking Lot/Hwy84 Plan

I'm absolutely disgusted that anyone would consider paving over a beautiful area (red barn) on Hwy 84 as well as developing a driveway. I beg you to check in with the local and state Fire, EMT and Law Enforcement on that particular area of Hwy 84. it is EXTREMELY DANGEROUS and has far too many accidents and near misses already. Please listen to the people, placing a driveway here is DEADLY. I really hope you can find an alternative to your current plan that will not endanger lives.

Thank you

Maryann McLennan

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [web; Clerk](#)
Subject: Cecily Harris - Ward 7 - Board Contact Form
Date: Monday, June 11, 2018 11:09:03 PM

Name * Rick DeBenedetti

Select a Choice * Cecily Harris – Ward 7

Email * [REDACTED]

Location: (i.e. City, Address or District Ward) [REDACTED] Portola Road Woodside 94062

Comments: *

Not sure how this entire project has gone sideways. The Rocky Martini Ranch and Red Barn has been part of San Mateo history for so many years. When my parents moved to Woodside in 1955, I can remember going to the Rocky Martini Ranch for the Jr. Rodeo. Growing up in 4-H it was a ranch to look for steers to bring to the County Fair. All my life I have gone by the Red Barn and white fences knowing that it represented ranching in western San Mateo County. When Mid-Pen took it over I always thought it would be preserved so that people would learn about the ranching history that flourished West of Skyline. Over the years I have attended meeting after meeting listening to Mid Pen Staff say how they wanted to save the "iconic red barn and white fences" so that people would appreciate the rural history. How Mid Pen would allow equestrians to trailer and ride the La Honda Creek Preserve. They have taken away trailer parking off of Sears Ranch Road and now they want to remove trailer parking at the Red Barn. That it is to dangerous for trailers to exit onto Hwy 84 yet they a now proposing tour buses to park there and exit onto Hwy 84. How safe is that going be? Wouldn't horse trailers, horses and people riding horses add to the iconic look of the historic Red Barn and the rich history of the Rocky Martini Ranch and other ranches of the La Honda Creek Preserve?

Please support equestrian use and trailer parking at the Red Barn parking lot.

Rick DeBenedetti

From: [REDACTED]
To: [web; Clerk](#)
Subject: Curt Riffle - Ward 4 - Board Contact Form
Date: Monday, June 11, 2018 10:47:22 PM

Name * Rick DeBenedetti

Select a Choice * Curt Riffle - Ward 4

Email * [REDACTED]

Location: (i.e. City, Address or District Ward) [REDACTED] Portola Road, Woodside 94062

Comments: *

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Please help to preserve the Red Barn and Rocky Martini history. Please support equestrian use and trailer parking at the Red Barn parking lot.

Rick DeBenedetti

What are you most looking forward to about the Red Barn Visitor Area?	What do you see as the greatest strengths of the proposed design?	What do you see as opportunities for improvement in this design?	How did you hear about the Red Barn Visitor Area project?	Zip Code	Would you	Name	Last	Date Created
Increased focus on education and interpretation in an area rich with history.	Increased access.	As a working Park Ranger, I would strongly suggest rethinking the location of the driveway. The high rate of speed with which vehicles, especially the motorcycle and sports car clubs, travel this road should be a major concern. Please consider the public safety aspect of your plan. CHP, Rangers, and Sheriffs will have their hands full if you do not.	Word of mouth	94022				2018-06-09 08:19:40
I would like to send a cautionary note about the design. I am a sport bicyclist who has ridden 84 for four decades. That stretch of 84 is particularly fast for a good cyclist--speeds easily exceeding 35mph. With the protection of lycra clothing and a plastic helmet, in the mix of cars entering and exiting the parking area, I can assuredly forewarn you of cyclist fatalities in this location.	see above note	see above note. Move parking to the town of La Honda	Word of mouth	94025	Yes	Gary	Holmgren	2018-06-10 14:32:16

An accessible path connecting to more open space hiking options.	See the above	I am very concerned about the parking lot entrance. Traffic goes so fast on 84 on the weekends. I'm afraid that people heading south/west on 84 coming around the corner from the Rocking Martini gate won't have enough time to stop if traffic is stopped on the highway. I would also prefer not to see the parking lot on that side of the barn, because the field vista is one of the nicest aspects of the barn and its surroundings. Is it possible to put the parking lot on the other side of the barn so when you're driving South/west on 84 one sees the barn first, and the lot will be more hidden?	Social Media	94020				2018-06-11 07:48:59
I am opposed to development in this location. Leave the open space undisturbed in this area. A parking lot and heavy use of cars, rv's, buses,what a nightmare view and disturbance of peace. Driving past this will be slow and hazardous. Bad development!! local resident 30 years.	weak proposal	opportunity for slow passage on Hiway 84	News Article	94062		Nancy D	Mercury	2018-06-11 10:03:18

<p>As La Honda Resident of 25 years, my husband and I are dreading the idea of our beloved historical icon being turned into a giant parking lot. Turning the Red Barn into a tourist attraction with little regard for preserving ecologically sensitive habitats/wetlands in the area is not what we voted for. Our entire area is increasingly being overrun by Valley tourists to the point where we are afraid to go anywhere. Noise pollution, congested roads, accidents have become intolerable on weekends. Adding yet another tourist attraction is going to make this worse.</p>	<p>I am strongly opposed to the proposed design (with giant parking lot at the Red Barn. From the perspective of people who care about the environment and are local to the area, there is no strength in this proposal. This is a terrible idea that will destroy the site and throw it to the wolves.</p>	<p>Connect trails with the existing parking space at Sears Ranch in La Honda. Monitor this for a while and expend only if necessary. Hold off with any expansion before an environmental impact review has been completed. Make that review public. Provide Trash service. It is not practical to rely on people to carry out their own trash. The amount of trash we pick up routinely in hiking areas and along the road does not bode well for the La Honda Creek preserve. Be more sensitive to local concerns. Tourists leave after the day, we live here.</p>	<p>Social Media</p>	<p>94020</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Eva</p>	<p>Knodt</p>	<p>2018-06-11 14:12:54</p>
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