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Subject: [EXTERNAL] 5680 Blue Lakes Road Major Use Permit
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5680 Blue Lakes Road, Upper Lake, CA (APN: 003-007-03)
Major Use Permit (UP 22-24) Appeal

Supervisor Crandell,

Just yesterday it came to my attention that a Major Use Permit for an Event Center at the above location had been denied and an appeal was on the Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda for December 17, 2024. I will not be able to attend this meeting but am very familiar with this area and have several concerns, if this is approved.

My wife and I have been going to the Narrows Resort for approximately 20 years, the first 10 years were for the Trout Derby where we rented a cabin and the last 10 years were with a group of RVing friends that very between 3 and 7 RVs for 2 separate weeklong trips, one in the Spring and the other in the Fall of each year.

Five years ago , Craig and Angie Carter purchased the Narrows Resort and have spent a lot of time and money making it into a very nice family resort. During the Spring, Summer and Fall they have a Friday evening group Campfire in the parking area where guests go for a quite family setting and on Saturday nights there is an outdoor movie on the lawn. Us and most of the other people that go to the Narrows are looking for a quiet and relaxing place to spend a few days or a week.

Below are my major concerns:

Noise:

It is my understanding that the Use Permit would allow up to 250 people per event, with at least one Event allowed each weekend. The Events would allow amplified music between the hours of 7:00 am and 10:00 pm.

If you have been in the area, you are aware that this location is in a valley and directly across the road from the Narrows Resort. I believe that this noise would have a major impact on Narrows Resort. I do not know of any way to mitigate this noise issue.

Traffic:

If you have ever been on Blue Lakes Road, you know that it is a very narrow winding one lane road with very few places to pass oncoming vehicles with a steep uphill slope on the South side and a very steep downhill slope on the North side of the road. Many places do not even have guardrails. 250 people per event would be at least 100 additional vehicles plus the Band, supply trucks and Food venders on this road.

Much of this road has been repaved in the past 2 years, following the undergrounding of utilities. The first ½ mile from Highway 20 has not been repaved and is in very poor

condition. On the parts of the road that have been repaved, it is still very narrow with a width of less than 12 feet between the fog strips.

The location of this Event Center is approximately 1 mile from Highway 20 if coming in from the West end and about the same distance if coming in from the East side through the small town of Blue Lakes.

If the Event Center is approved, Blue Lakes Road would have to be turned into a One Way Road either Westbound or Eastbound. Whichever end was the entry, a Left Turn lane would need to be added to Highway 20 to avoid rear end accidents involving people stopping to turn left going into the Event Center.

I hope that when you and the other Board Members that are hearing the Appeal, will consider the negative impacts on the Narrows Resort and the residence living on Blue Lakes Road and the town of Blue Lakes.

Thank you,

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