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Buckingham Estates Subdivision Proposal; SD 04.02, IS 04.08

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Hello, Emily,

Please consider the comments below to be the Sierra Club Lake Group’s response to your Request for Review of the Buckingham Estates Subdivision Proposal; SC 04-02, IS 04-08.

Thank-you. and please contact me if you have any questions or comments about this.

Juliana Vidich, Sierra Club Lake Group Chair

SIERRA CLUB LAKE GROUP COMMENTS on Buckingham Esfates Subdivision Proposal; SD 04-02, IS 04-08:

A significant issue is whether or not the roads. Westlake and Eastlake Drive, can handle the increased traffic. Both of them, but particularly on the hill going up Westlake, can be nearly blocked if cars are parked on the road. Planners should look very carefully at the traffic analysis. and should consider requiring the subdivider to widen Westlake and the two cross roads, Orchard and Peninsula.

Another issue is the upgrade to the water system to handle the extra load. The water smells like algae from spring to late fall. The increased capacity for the subdivision should allow for improvements to the current water system.

Still another issue is the absence of any street lights in the subdivision. Lights should be required at the intersections of the cross roads and Eastlake and Westlake Drives. However. since Buckingham enjoys wonderful nights for star gazing due to the lack of street lights, only properly designed lights that reduce the amount of light pollution should be used.