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From: Virginia Boyce <[REDACTED]>
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To: CurrPlanwebmail
Subject: Public Hearing Comment: Big Sur Land Trust Park & Rec Facility (Sherwood, Kern, Bernal)

Good Afternoon Mr. Wiles,

First, I would like to congratulate you on this plan, I love it. A natural resource in the center of the City is a wonderful idea and hopefully a resource the local school districts will be able to engage additional learning opportunities for its students in the future.

Second, the Salinas Union High School District would like to address concerns to the Site Plan review of the BSLT Parks & Recreational Facility Carr Lake project. The proposed project is adjacent to the District's Sherwood Place facilities which include Mt. Toro High School, Salinas Adult School, and Salinas Education Center. The concern we have is centered around community members accessing our properties during school hours from the end of the roadway that is Sherwood Place and at the secondary road access which is currently approximately 120' from the Natividad curb.

On the southern sides of Sherwood Place we have installed sufficient fencing. On the northern sides of Sherwood Place where the Carr Lake and Salinas Adult School classrooms are located as well as the end of Sherwood Place Road there are gaps in protecting the properties due to natural features and City's ownership of the road.

In review of the plans, we did not notice that there is any proposed fencing to protect our properties from the current use, farmland, from these two access points of the plan. I did notice 100' easements to protected portions of the proposed wetlands, but am unable to ascertain how that will impact our properties. Considering the distance those fencing requirements address, I suspect they will most likely not impact nor protect our site.

Third, the General Plan revisions only address not extending Bernal and Kern streets. Were any additional considerations for the Sherwood Place roadway made that we need to be aware of? It appears from the plans that no room for expansion of that roadway will be allowable in the future and the current termination point will remain as is indefinitely.

With the current use of the property as farmland we have experienced intrusions relegated to the homeless population in the area, during the evening hours. With the new proposed use, our concern will be greater with paths/trails that traverse from populated areas into the school site during normal school hours when visitors are most likely to visit and hike the park (many with pets) from those access points.

My questions are:

- 1) Is the City going to require adding fencing to the plan where there are gaps at the school's property and b) what is the current proposed plan for fencing bordering our property; if none, can it be required of the plan?

2) With your determination of the permanent termination of the Sherwood Place roadway, will fencing be allowed to expand across both sides of the road to prevent access onto our properties at the termination point? Note: If we are not allowed to do that, then the District will incur extensive new fencing costs around the properties on the northern side of Sherwood Place and would hope for some sort of redress as this is not in our current Five-Year Plan and would need to be added. We will be presenting our Five-Year Plan in July.

Hopefully, these are quick and easy questions to address and I can avoid the public comment requirements.

Sincerely,

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