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To Manager Spittler, all Planning Commissioners, all City Council,
Dan Takasugi, Ken McNab.

Attachment 18

Please do not approve the remake of Silver Rose Resort. It would cause a traffic gridlock on Silverado Trail and also downtown with a big parking problem for our residents and resort guests alike.

Silver Rose Resort's new plans are to completely tear down the 20 year old resort and replace it with a new 85 room resort, 21 single family homes, 270-seat dining restaurant and banquet center, larger winery, deli, gift shop and spa. They would all compete with our downtown establishments who are not at full capacity now. These problems would also apply to Enchanted Resort and Highway 29.

Water for all three proposed new resorts would take one-third (1/3) of our water supply according to Dan Takasugi, Director of Public Works Dpt.

Half of our water supply is North Bay Aqueduct water and this year our allotment has been cut to 50% of what Calistoga's contract states. I believe that contract was for 20 years. I don't know if we could lose that NBA water in a new contract.

As far as our original source of water from behind Kimball Dam is concerned, I also wonder how much less water we will receive there because some of that water will be a constant flow to supply the fish in Napa River through that new by-pass.

I was a member of Calistoga Water Advisory committee which brought NBA water to Calistoga to alleviate a bad drought which restricted only our Calistoga residents with just enough water for the lowest possible use only inside our homes. It would be very difficult or impossible to find new water sources in our upper valley areas as our deep wells are usually hot and all are mineral laden. Homes and vineyards now extend into upper creeks and canyons.

I hear rumors that we need another holding pond for our sewer system. If so, it would require buying very expensive vineyard lands. Our residents can not afford higher water and sewer rates made because of resort expansions.

Anyone concerned, please be at the Planning Commission meeting at 5:30 April 18, at the Community Center.

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