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Dear Mr. Mortimer,

Regarding the subject proposed CUP, we'd like to add additional comments opposing this project.

1. We trust that the county is undertaking a review of the CEQA guidelines relating to developments near historical resources. If you would be interested to visit our property or the adjoining property where the original homestead of Charles Ruch is located, we'd be happy to show you the important historical resources that need to be considered. There is an original rock house that Charles Ruch built in the early 1900s (he was known to have dug the original wells in the area known as Ruch's Wells). Here's a video that describes Ruch's significance to the history of water in the Message Basin: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Z8u2C72> (start at 22:50 or go to the section about Ruch's wells and our properties).

I've posted a short excerpt from CEQA below:

CEQA § 15264.5 Determining the Significance of Impacts to Archaeological and Historical Resources.

<https://www.ecowatch.com/california/ceqa/15264.5-Determining-the-Significance-of-Impacts-to-Archaeological-and-Historical-Resources.html>

(1) A resource listed in, or determined to be eligible by the State Historical Resources Commission, for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources (Pub. Res. Code § 5024.5, Title 14 CCR, Section 4855 et seq.)

(2) A resource included in a local register of historical resources, as defined in section 5020.1(b) of the Public Resources Code or identified as significant in an historical resource survey meeting the requirements section 5024.1(g) of the Public Resources Code, that is presumed to be historically or culturally significant. Public agencies must treat any such resource as significant unless the preponderance of evidence demonstrates that it is not historically or culturally significant.

(3) Any object, building, structure, site, area, place, record, or manuscript which a lead agency determines to be historically significant or significant in the architectural, engineering, scientific, economic, agricultural, educational, social, political, military, or cultural annals of California may be considered to be an historical resource, provided the lead agency's determination is supported by substantial evidence in light of the whole record. Generally, a resource shall be considered by the lead agency to be historically significant if the resource meets the criteria for listing on the California Register of Historical Resources.

2. We've learned that the flowline of the water pipes to serve a recreational property would likely be in violation of the water pipeline regulations. The water pipeline regulations require that the water pipeline be installed with a minimum depth of 48 inches. As a natural historic site, the Impington is ALWAYS concerned about fire safety. The Impington structure is made entirely of wood, with no steel, concrete or other metal. Having trees along Impington and nearby nearby is absolutely not appropriate, but also, without the proper fireline through the forest's water pipes. The Impington, as a natural historic site, is irreplaceable. Please consider how the development could potentially impact it - fire, flood water (which ran through the water in low water ages), dust, lightning and more are ALL very concerning.

3. The Message Basin Historical Society is concerned about this development and will be submitting comments to you very soon.

Our invitation to visit the Impington is sincere, and we hope you'll make the drive because it's worth it! A one-of-a-kind structure would be interesting to see, but also for you to know the value of the historical resources in this area.

Thank you for your time.

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