



May 23, 2024

Rancho Murieta Community Services District  
15160 Jackson Rd  
Rancho Murieta, CA 95683

RE: Rancho Murieta North Expansion/Opposition

Dear RMCS D Board Members:

I am writing to express strong opposition to the significant expansion proposed for Rancho Murieta by Carol Ward Anderson and other investors. We oppose this effort because of the lack of water for the homes in the project.

We have owned property directly across the Cosumnes River from some of the proposed development, including Village D which is directly across the river from our ranch for almost 100 years. It is an important part of our ranch, that is where my house is located and our family gravesites, including my grandparents and parents.

Like many of the farms and ranches in this area our ranch relies on the Consumnes to irrigate land on our ranch, which we have properly permitted with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). Adding the additional development without sufficient water in the Consumnes River harms our ability to irrigate our lands which we use to feed and water our cattle during spring, summer and fall months.

We would ask before this development moves forward in any way that comprehensive studies be completed and evaluated to fully understand how it will impact water availability and use inside and outside of Rancho Murieta for all those in the Consumnes watershed that rely on this important and limited resource. Our concerns include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. All studies and the SWRCB warn of future interruptions on the river. Murieta cannot store enough water to guarantee a satisfactory margin of safety.
2. Development above Clementia will pose huge shifts in the drainage in the Clementia watershed. Our ranch is at the base of that watershed and this is of huge concern to us.
3. This plan can lead to RM placing additional pressure on the river as it draws additional raw water. The river is already fragile and likely oversubscribed. Putting in more homes and infrastructure without a better understanding of its impact on water availability puts the greater community at risk.

Our family has worked hard to be good neighbors to the Rancho Murieta Community and we are friends with many of the longtime families that have lived in the Rancho Murieta/Sloughhouse community that surrounds Rancho Murieta. This includes Carol Anderson Ward and her family. They are good people. I respect and appreciate what Carol and her family have done for the Rancho Murieta/Sloughhouse area. Unfortunately, this proposed development is not good for the community. If it moves forward, we will have no choice but to protest this effort to incorporate unappropriated water into your 2024 water plan

I respectfully ask you to vote against any measure that would allow this new proposed use.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Stan Van Vleck

*President, Van Vleck Ranch*

cc: Mimi Morris, RMCS D General Manager  
Amelia Wilder, RMCS D Secretary

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