

From: [George Nickols](#)
To: JaniceRutherford@bos.sbcounty.gov
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods
Date: Friday, September 4, 2020 12:39:45 PM

I urge you to vote no on the Church of the Woods proposed project. There are so many negatives about this project but the one that concerns me most is evacuation safety in a natural disaster. Forest fires are a reality and will become more so with global warming. I fear for the safety of my family if they need to evacuate with thousands of others on the two lane highway.

Thank you,

Rheva Nickols
26563 Hwy 189
Twin Peaks

From: [Jason Shefts](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the woods
Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 6:23:16 AM

I Vote NO.

Jason Shefts

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From: [Tina West](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods
Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 9:06:06 AM

Dear Ms. Rutherford,

I am writing once again to urge you to vote "NO" on the Church of the Woods Project. I have live in the mountains since 1976 and have seen many projects started and then halted scarring the land. There is an abundance of reasons to vote "No" on this project, from environmental to traffic concerns.

Thank you for your time,

Tina West

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From: [Jeff Cooper](#)
To: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods
Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 6:21:51 PM

VOTE NO!!!
THANK YOU!!!

From: debbithues@aol.com
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods - Sonrise project in Lake Arrowhead
Date: Friday, September 4, 2020 12:43:59 PM

I am writing to say that I vote NO on this project.

This will cause significant disruption of watershed, wildlife and drainage to the Lake.

Clear cutting of forest for this MEGA church when a satisfactory Church is here now in Arrowhead is simply a step way too far.

7 stoplights required!

There are NO STOPLIGHTS in Lake Arrowhead!

17 acres of clear cutting forest that stands on Little Bear Creek! Totally unnecessary!

Other options like a school no longer being used has been offered and rejected for no good reason would not cause such devastation.

I am not the only one who feels this way I have spoken with countless full time residents like myself who feel the same.

Please hear us when we say NO to this proposed church project.

I will be attending the FINAL PUBLIC HEARING on September 15 hoping to have my (and others) voices heard.

Thank you.

Debbi Thues
27685 Saint Bernard Lane
PO BOX 1734
Lake Arrowhead Ca 92352

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note9, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

From: [Young, Donna](#)
To: [Rowe, Dawn](#); [BOS District Secretaries](#)
Cc: [McBride, Gary](#); [Blakemore, Michelle](#); [Hernandez, Leonard](#) - CAO; [Alexander-Kelley, Penny](#); [Rahhal, Terri](#); [Duron, Heidi](#) - LUS; [Nieves, Tom](#); [Brizze, Bart](#); [Searles, Jason](#); [Michl, Susan](#) (CAO); [Andrade, Eva](#); [Sonick, Chrystale](#); [Toothaker, Sarah](#); [Biggs, Lupe](#); [Monell, Lynna](#); [Garzaro, Denise](#)
Subject: BOS Correspondence Re: Church of the Woods
Date: Monday, September 21, 2020 8:47:21 AM
Attachments: [Church of the Woods Sonrise Project.msg](#)
[image001.png](#)
[Sonrise in the Woods Rimforest CA.msg](#)
[Sonrise in the woods project.msg](#)

Good morning:

Attached please find email correspondence regarding the Church of the Woods Project received by the Clerk of the Board on 09/18-19/20 from:

1. Larry and Linda Lane – Lake Arrowhead, CA
2. Lyle B. Barkley
3. Daniel S. Jahelka

Donna A. Young

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Subject: BOS Correspondence Re: Church of the Woods aka Sonrise in the Woods
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 8:22:30 AM
Attachments: [Endorsement of Sonrise in the Woods.msg](#)
[image001.png](#)
[Sonrise in the Woods Project.msg](#)

Good morning:

Attached please find email correspondence regarding the Church of the Woods Project received by the Clerk of the Board on 09/29/20 from:

1. Everett Davis
2. Alise Horak Davis

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Subject: BOS Correspondence Re: Church of the Woods aka Sonrise in the Woods
Date: Thursday, September 24, 2020 8:40:52 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Sonrise in the Woods Project.msg](#)
[Sonrise in the Woods.msg](#)

Good morning:

Attached please find email correspondence regarding the Church of the Woods Project received by the Clerk of the Board on 09/23/20 from:

1. Karla Banninger – Twin Peaks, CA
2. Amanda Hawley – Lake Arrowhead, CA

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Subject: BOS Correspondence Re: Church of the Woods aka Sonrise in the Woods
Date: Friday, September 25, 2020 8:16:49 AM
Attachments: [Church of the Woods Project LAKE ARROWHEAD.msg](#)
[Sonrise in the woods IN FAVOR LETTER.msg](#)
[image001.png](#)

Good morning:

Attached please find email correspondence regarding the Church of the Woods Project received by the Clerk of the Board on 09/24/20 from:

1. Jennifer Banninger
2. Shawn Bontjes

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Subject: BOS Correspondence Re: Church of the Woods
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2020 7:53:37 AM
Attachments: [Church of the Woods Sonrise Project support for approval.msg](#)
[image001.png](#)
[Sonrise in the Woods Project.msg](#)

Good morning:

Attached please find email correspondence regarding the Church of the Woods Project received by the Clerk of the Board on 09/16/20 from:

1. Greg Morgon – Blue Jay, CA
2. Wayne and Diane Oestreich – Lake Arrowhead, CA

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From: [Colleen rose](#)
To: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Against Church if the woods expansion
Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 6:50:53 PM

I am against expanding church of the woods as this is putting local residents at risk in a disaster. Putting wildlife at risk. We do not need a 300 parking space in our community!

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From: [Linda Berry](#)
To: janice.rutherford@sbccounty.gov
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 7:58:14 AM

Subject: Church of the Woods, Lake Arrowhead

Attention: Janice Rutherford and Heidi Duron

I strongly oppose and ask you to VOTE NO on the new Church of the Woods development proposal along Hwy 18..

It would be a disaster to see the 17 acres of trees, natural creek, animal habitat and natural forest destroyed. The increased traffic and additional stop lights will impede traffic flow and the impact on the environment will be detrimental to those of us that live on the mountain. Please put a stop to this location!

Yours truly,

Linda Berry
Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352
909-337-1444

From: [Berry"s](#)
To: [Supervisor Janice Rutherford](#); [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 8:04:48 AM

Subject: Church of the Woods, Lake Arrowhead

Attention: Janice Rutherford and Heidi Duron

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Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352
909-337-1444

From: [CAROL CHAMBERLIN](#)
To: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 6:43:16 PM

I vote No, No, as it will mess up our beautiful mountain. Stop lights, no way.
Carol Chamberlin

From: kbrunk0541@charter.net
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods
Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 1:47:56 PM

Please stop this project. It is way too large for the mountain community. Installation of 7 new signals will create traffic jams.

Clearing of 17 acres of forest and watershed creek area is not helpful to a mountain area and the wildlife.

There is already too much traffic for a 2 lane road on weekends and during an emergency the road would become impassible.

I am sure the church can find another piece of property that would not disrupt an entire community.

Karen Brunk
Lake Arrowhead resident and registered voter

From: [Beverly James](#)
To: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods Land Development
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 6:14:53 PM

PLEASE VOTE No!

Approval of this project would reign devastation on the area's natural resources with environmental consequences that will have to be dealt with for years and years. Logic, respect, and thoughtfulness must be exercised for the successful management of our forested lands.

Line Rd.

CA 92320

**Beverly James
830 W. County**

Calimesa,

Former teacher at Lake

Arrowhead Elementary

From: [Kathleen Lewis](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods Land Development
Date: Thursday, September 3, 2020 1:04:17 PM

Good day Supervisor Rutherford,
I am writing as a full time resident here in Lake Arrowhead concerned regarding the subject development.

From what I have read, the environmental impact to our mountain will be disastrous. I realized that Church of the Woods purchased and owns this property, however, the carbon footprint this will create is something that this mountain just cannot sustain.

I understand their cause and desire to enhance recreation, worship and fellowship within the Church, however, is it not possible to consider another space that will not cause new destruction to existing forest? Perhaps the school on Grandview in Twin Peaks that remains vacant. Many buildings there to repurpose, larger parking area, ballfield, etc. If the county can offer incentives to assist with this consideration we could save our mountain, wildlife and limit the continuous building that goes on. We will also put to use an existing large school and land that is sitting idle for years.

Please consider voting no on this project. Please offer up any concessions to repurpose existing developments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Kathy Lewis
843 Sonoma Drive, PO Box 2332
Lake Arrowhead, CA 92317

From: [Jo Stringfield](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods impacts on Rim Of The World/Hwy 18
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 8:30:15 PM

Dear Supervisor Rutherford:

I am writing to you about my concerns of the development of Church of Woods. I have lived in the San Bernardino mountains over 35 years. I've seen increase in full time residents and traffic. Many driving up and down the mountain to work. Winter months are challenging for drivers.

I have been here during fires when we had to be evacuated and escorted down the mountain. It was like a parade of vehicles, stop and go on two lane roads. And, not knowing when you would be allowed back home.

Adding stop lights would not make the two lane road safer in fog and snow. It would cause impacts to local traffic. If there was a earthquake or other natural disaster, evacuation safety would be almost impossible for our Sheriffs and CHP.

There will be impacts to clearing acres of forest, watershed, polluting, danger to wildlife and the wildlife corridor. This can never be undone.

There is a reason this project has drugged on for so long. The environment impacts are still there.

Please vote NO on this project.

Sincerely,
Jo Stringfield Jo.stringfield@gmail.com
PO Box 1715
Crestline, CA. 92325

From: [Phil Burwell](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods Final Public Hearing September 15, 2020
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 7:13:27 PM

Good evening Supervisor Rutherford and Planning Director Duron

Hope you are both doing well with the circumstances we are all experiencing, as well as you in your respective positions, ranging from Covid-19 to unfortunate fires locally and throughout the west!

The purpose of my correspondence is in respect to the pending approval or denial of the Church of the Woods project in Lake Arrowhead. While in concept, I am in favor of the Church of the Woods proposal to provide the community with spiritual and recreation centers, I cannot ignore the location of the project. I am no expert and cannot dispute the extended and lengthy Environmental Impact Studies suggesting the project can be completed, with the extensive work required to expand Highway 18, to include installation of multiple traffic signals, I cannot support this project. Additionally, as I attempt to conceptualize the removal of a canyon of trees and amount of dirt to fill in the area to become the Church of the Woods campus and recreation area is difficult.

I trust you have received numerous input in regard to this subject, but as one of many of your constituents, I urge you to **Vote No** on the final determination in respect to this matter.

Thanks for your time in reviewing my views and have full confidence you will act in the best interest of the community as a whole. Please feel free to contact me as needed.

Sincerely,

Phil Burwell
909.213.9061

From: [seth McHenry](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods Development
Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 1:21:12 PM

Born and raised up here for 32 years. I vote NO.

From: [Us](#)
To: janice.rutherford@sbccounty.gov; [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 7:52:23 AM

Subject: Church of the Woods, Lake Arrowhead

To: janice.rutherford@sbccounty.gov
Cc: Heidi.Duron@lus.sbccounty.gov

I strongly oppose and ask you to VOTE NO on the new Church of the Woods development proposal along Hwy 18..

It would be a disaster to see the 17 acres of trees, natural creek, animal habitat and natural forest destroyed. The increased traffic and additional stop lights will impede traffic flow and the impact on the environment will be detrimental to those of us that live on the mountain. Please put a stop to this location!

Best Regards,

Linda Berry
Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352
909-337-1444

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Timothy McGrath](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 6:49:18 AM

Vote yes!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Dick Manning](#)
To: janice.rutherford@sbccounty.gov
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 10:15:55 PM

I strongly oppose and encourage you to VOTE NO on the Church of the Woods proposal. It would be a shame to see the 17 acres of trees & natural forest destroyed. The increased traffic and additional stop lights will impede traffic flow and the impact on the environment will be detrimental to those of us that live on the mountain.

Best Regards,

Richard Manning
218 Chippewa Lane
Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352
909-486-4869

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Corey Wolverton](#)
To: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the woods
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 4:46:37 PM

I vote NO on the church of the woods project.

From: [gbenadom](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods Project
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 4:07:51 PM

I am very opposed to this project. Please vote NO on this project. I have been a part time resident of Lake Arrowhead since 1956 and I do not appreciate the destruction this project will cause, especially the clearing of 17 acres of forest and the risks of pollution to Little Bear Creek. I don't even want to imagine the traffic lights that are proposed!!

Please vote NO to this project. Thank you.

Georgia Benadom
777 Shelter Cove Drive
Lake Arrowhead

Sent from my iPad

From: [Cheyenne Muller](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#); [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods project
Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 3:57:43 PM

Hello, my name is Cheyenne and I live right across the street from where Church of the Woods plans to build their mega church with multiple recreation fields. Personally I am a Christian, and appreciate everything our great churches do for our community. However, the building plans for this place will destroy 17 acres of forest and wildlife. They plan to add stop lights that will congest our roadways and highways 18, and 189. There is a huge wildlife corridor located in these woods that are home to countless species of forest animals. The construction of this mega church will threaten to pollute Little Bear Creek which is a huge water source for wildlife and provides water to Lake Arrowhead. We fear it will also compromise evacuation safety in an event of a natural disaster. (WILDFIRE) Please vote NO on this project. While I do know Church of the Woods has done great things for our community over the years, I believe they can continue to do so without causing so much destruction to our forest. Thank you for your time!

From: [George Nickols](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods project
Date: Friday, September 4, 2020 7:07:00 PM

I urge you to vote no on the Church of the Woods proposed project. There are so many negatives about this project but the one that concerns me most is evacuation safety in a natural disaster. Forest fires are a reality and will become more so with global warming. I fear for the safety of my family if they need to evacuate with thousands of others on the two lane highway. Please do not let this project go through.

Thank you for your attention to my concern,

Rheva Nickols
26563 Hwy. 189
Twin Peaks, CA

From: [MH. Kreutzer-Lindsey](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#); [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of The Woods Project
Date: Friday, September 11, 2020 6:51:00 PM

I'd like to say that I am against the project proposed by the Church of the Woods building a compound at Highway 18/Little Bear Creek site.

I realize that they own this land, and that if they satisfy the conditions set forth by the County of San Bernardino Building and Safety that they are within their rights to construct an approved plan. Yet, it is rarely considered, is this a good plan?

At times, I believe that if someone could satisfy the conditions, they could build the Eiffel Tower on the side of a cliff on Highway 18 as a tourist attraction, no matter how dangerous road conditions might be nor how intense weather conditions may become that will ultimately make it a true life threatening hazard.

The building site that Church of the Woods has selected is one such hazard. I have lived in this community for over 65 years. I learned to drive in the fog on these roads. I was raised in Running Springs during the 60-70's, spent 18 years in some of the heaviest snowfall in our areas history, then I moved to Twin Peaks and married a Rim High teacher and endured intense weather into the 1990's. I attended Rim High School, just down the street from the proposed building site, and know several young students who lost their lives to car accidents due to fog and snow conditions on that stretch of Hwy 18.

We are all grateful to Lucy Kelley, who instituted the traffic hazard signal that now exists at the Daley Canyon /Hwy 18 intersection as well as the one at the lower end of Rim High School's lower field entrance, that particular intersection was the site of the death of Bobby Smith, the only son of one of the main Rim High School's secretaries (Mrs. Peggy Smith). He was riding his motorcycle home from school and was hit by a Rim Bus...in the fog, a tragic event. Bobby was just one year older than me in high school, we all felt so bad for his Mom. She continued to work at Rim High for years afterwards, can you imagine her pain?

The proposed entrance for the Church of the Woods site is worse than that of Rim High School. It is very close to the Daley Canyon intersection, the only intersection from Hwy 18 to Blue Jay, and in many ways is blind. The thought of parents bringing their children to this site in winter, to scheduled events, is inconceivable and the thought of the increase in traffic in this area during normal weather makes me pause, I will certainly look for an alternative route, it will just not be possible to get through this area.

We are already living with the scars in our landscape from the Rob Roy Project on Grass Valley Road that ran out of money after destroying a beautiful piece of land and what is happening in Blue Jay's trailer park, all ripped up, the trees all cut in half and no progress. We as a community have to endure what you as a governing agency allow - and this is going to be one of the worst.

If there is anything you can do - please - find a way.

From: [Sally Freeberg](#)
To: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods project
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 10:51:45 PM

This project is too massive for this spot! It is going to negatively affect the forest as well as our mountain communities.

Vote no!

Sally and Tom Freeberg

From: [Jason Shefts](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the woods land development
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 7:39:50 PM

NO. I VOTE NO.

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From: [Jack Witt](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 6:05:00 PM

Supervisor Rutherford,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opposition to the Church of the Words project in Rim Forest on Highway 18. This project has been on my radar for years. It is hard to fathom how anyone would vote in favor of such a project. It is antithetical to all that we love about the mountains. It is too large. It requires too much destruction of the natural environment. It sets an awful precedent for over development in the mountain communities. I am sure you have reviewed the plans countless times. I would point out the obvious problem is that this project requires grading and tree removal too great to be tolerated. It disrupts a natural water source for Agua Fria, Blue Jay and Lake Arrowhead. It places a huge, out of scale, commercial development where no other development exists, which makes me fearful it will result in bigger development along Highway 18. It is projected to need 7 stop lights in the general vicinity of the development. I am not sure that many stop lights are appropriate on a state highway, let alone a state highway that is regularly shrouded in a thick blanket of fog. All you have to do for comparison is check the light at Lake Gregory Drive and Highway 18 to know how hard it is to see the lights in fog, and to know how dangerous stop lights can be in those conditions. There is a case to be made that the stop lights make the intersections more dangerous than if they were not there, but that is for another letter.

I have lived in Crestline for over 40 years. I have seen many changes. Some good. Some not. This project is firmly in the not column. As I have stated, this project is in the wrong spot. It requires too much disruption. It is over-sized. It destroys Little Bear Creek Watershed. This project should be denied.

I hope you agree, and can see fit to vote against Church of the Woods, once and for all.

Thank you again.

Jack Witt

jaquitt@Gmail.com

P.O. Box 193

Crestline, CA 92325

From: [Royce Morales](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#); [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods Sunrise project
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 5:44:15 PM

Please vote NO on the Church of the Woods project that would seriously impact our forrest community as well as the environment in so many ways!

We are longtime residents of the area and are very concerned as to what will occur from this Sunrise project. Is it any wonder it has been resisted since 2003?

Thank you,

A Rimforest constituent,

Royce Morales 

From: [Gabriella Parker](#)
To: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods Sonrise Project
Date: Friday, September 4, 2020 8:29:37 AM

To whom it may concern,

The Sonrise project is not only unnecessary but highly opposed by San Bernardino mountain residents. The impacts of building in our national forest will be detrimental to not only wildlife but will also disrupt locals. The proposal site impacts local traffic and would require 7 new stoplights, requires clear cutting 17 acres of forested Little Bear Creek Watershed, disrupts a County identified wildlife corridor, risks polluting Little Bear Creek which provides most of the water into Lake Arrowhead, and will severely compromise safety in a natural disaster. As a resident of Lake Arrowhead it is heartbreaking to see a project with so little regard to locals and to protecting our forest and wildlife. I urge you to vote NO on allowing this project to move forward on Sept 15.

Best regards,

-Gabriella Parker, concerned resident

From: [Jone Bouman](#)
To: [Nieves, Tom](#); [Rutherford, Janice](#); [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods Rimforest Project
Date: Saturday, September 5, 2020 10:34:55 AM

Dear Tom, Janice and Heidi,

I am contacting you today to ask that you please vote NO on the proposed Church of the Woods project. A large percentage of the local community is **not** in favor of this proposal and frankly I'm confused as to why and how it has reached this point with so many of us opposing building on this site.

The negative impact it would have on the surrounding environs and homeowners is unacceptable. This project *only* benefits the members of this particular church and certainly not the overall community. The idea that anyone other than Church of the Woods membership would utilize this center is ludicrous and unfounded. It will NOT become some sort of gathering area for general local youth to "Hang-Out" as they suggest. And the sweeping disadvantages to the majority of those of us living here are numerous.

Please let me know exactly when and where the next public hearing will take place and whether this information is readily and easily available to those of the community who would like to attend and make our voices heard. As well, I would appreciate an understanding of how supervisors, council members, and the commission made the decision up to this point to unilaterally approve this project; a project which is advantageous exclusively to Church of the Woods and in no way to the community and environment as a whole.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Jone Bouman
27079 CA-HWY 189, Blue Jay, CA
818.421.3623

From: [donna.johnson](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#); [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods proposed project
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 2:05:48 PM

Please VOTE NO on this project. Protect our forest, wildlife, and safety.

Thank you!

Donna Srery Johnson
295 Cottage Grove Road
Lake Arrowhead 92352
909-485-1489

From: [Bill Payne](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods Proposed Project @ Lake Arrowhead
Date: Saturday, August 22, 2020 3:28:22 PM

My wife and I vehemently OPPOSE the Church of the Woods proposed development project (Sonrise) which is scheduled for a Final Public Hearing on September 15, 2020.

Lake Arrowhead is a peaceful, tranquil place, and has resisted, time and time again, overbuilding and destruction to its fragile habitat.

Impacting local traffic by requiring 7 new stoplights, clear cutting 17 acres of forested Little Bear Creek watershed, disrupting a County-identified wildlife corridor, risks polluting Little Bear Creek. This creek provides most of the water into Lake Arrowhead, and will severely compromise evacuation safety in the event of a natural disaster.

We trust you will vote the will of the majority of residents and your own good sense by voting NO of this issue.

William L. and Mary H. Payne
500 Grass Valley Road,
LakeArrowhead, CA 92352
626.252.9505 and bill.payne10@gmail.com



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From: trukchuk@charter.net
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods Proposed Project (Sonrise)
Date: Sunday, August 30, 2020 4:23:58 PM

Dear County Supervisor Janice Rutherford,

I am Charles Clarke, a concerned property owner and full-time mountain resident since 1980. I wish to VOTE NO, on the subject "Church of the Woods, Proposed Project (Sonrise)". If you and your staff would please register my "VOTE NO", regarding this proposed project, at the FINAL PUBLIC HEARING, on September 15, 2020, I would appreciate your help very much.

If there are any questions for me to answer, please contact me by return Email -- Thank You for your help in this important matter.

Best Regards,
Charles Clarke

From: [tim west](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods Project
Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 7:52:11 AM

Hello.

My wife Tina, and both of my adult children have communicated throughout this process. Apparently our previous communications have been ignored. We don't see a need to delineate our myriad of concerns once again. Ignored or downplayed several times already, we are saddened that this email remains necessary.

We cannot believe that it remains necessary to further contact elected or appointed officials about the inappropriateness of this development.

The project is a life-changing one for us and will negatively impact our lives and future family members in many ways. We cannot think of ANY positive impacts on our families or our mountain community. Those that get excited about concrete and traffic may be excited in a positive way. We are NOT.

Please sound a resounding "NO" to this proposal.

...and maybe restore some faith that those for whom we voted actually care and listen.

Register FOUR votes AGAINST, please!

Very Sincerely.
Tim West and family
Blue Jay

From: kumar.palaniappan@yahoo.com
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Lake Arrowhead Church of the Woods
Date: Saturday, August 29, 2020 6:54:40 AM

Vote **YES** on Church of the Woods Sonrise project on September 15, 2020.

Lake Arrowhead Resident Annamalai Palaniappan

From: [P & S Huckaby](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#); [Murray, Lewis](#)
Subject: I oppose COW Project
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 9:12:30 AM

Dear Rep. Rutherford,

I am writing in opposition to the Church of the Woods project. I urge you to vote no to their planned development. There are other suitable areas that are already clear cut and graded. This proposal right on Highway 18, with 7 stoplights is not necessary. I drive by that location every week and I love seeing that beautiful hillside of lush forest. It would be heartbreaking to see all that disappear, and for no reason. I have enjoyed the beauty of these mountain forests for 51 years when I spent my honeymoon up here in Green Valley Lake. My husband and I decided to move up here full time in 1999 and have loved it, even though four times we have been evacuated due to forest fire.

After the Paradise Fire up north two years ago where 88 people were trapped and unable to evacuate in time, I feel we can no longer move in the direction of over-development up here on the mountain. We can no longer ignore climate change. Right now there are massive hurricanes in the Gulf, and there are 1.8 million acres that have burned in wildfires here in the west. The escape routes off the mountain are inadequate and these huge development projects endanger people's lives unnecessarily.

I urge you to please vote no to this project.

Thank you.

Respectfully yours,
Sandi Huckaby

From: [Heather Sargeant](#)
To: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Fwd: The Church of the Woods proposed project (Sunrise)
Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 2:59:10 PM

Heidi, I spelt your name wrong the first time. Hope this reaches you.
heather Sargeant

From: heathercsoo@aol.com
To: Janice.Rutherford@bos.sbcounty.gov
Cc: Heidi.Duran@lus.sbcounty.gov
Sent: 9/1/2020 2:35:03 PM Pacific Standard Time
Subject: The Church of the Woods proposed project (Sunrise)

Dear Supervisor Rutherford, I am appealing to you to vote NO when the final public hearing on the Church of the Woods project comes before you on September 15, 2020.

I have lived full time in Twin Peaks since 1983. In the intervening years I have on many occasions taken Bear Springs Road from Twin Peaks to Rim Forest, and been made aware of how the traffic problem on Hwy 18 has grown exponentially. Many days I have to wait five or ten minutes just to be able to find an opening to cross over onto the highway. The proposed Church of the Woods project is very close by on Hwy 18, and we are told will require seven new traffic signals. This is preposterous. Rim Forest is well know for having thick fog along the highway at times, which adds another dimension of danger to all this traffic.

Having lived through two evacuations due to forest fires, I know how urgent it is to get out from our narrow windy roads when the call comes.

For those of us who are long time home owners, there is nothing to benefit this project in our area. Cutting down a beautiful forested area, building huge parking lots, damaging Little Bear Creek, a blue line stream that feeds Lake Arrowhead, is unnecessary and unwanted.

This was a bad project from the beginning, and even though it has been redesigned several times, it will destroy the wildlife corridor forever, if any of it gets built.

I trust you will not ignore the pleas of many of us locals who are totally against this inappropriate development. We have been fighting this project for 17 years, and will continue to oppose it in the future.

Please vote NO on September 15 th.

Heather Sargeant

From: [Ken Brafman](#)
To: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Fwd: COTW
Date: Sunday, September 6, 2020 1:26:59 PM

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From: **Ken Brafman** <kjbrafman@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Sep 6, 2020 at 1:20 PM
Subject: COTW
To: <janice.rutherford@bos.sbcounty.gov>

Hello Ms. Rutherford,

Thank you for your representation, and for your advocacy for Crestline over the years. Please vote NO to the Church Of The Woods project. The negative impact it would have on our community outweighs the benefit to a chosen few.

Ken Brafman

Crestline

909-589-0605

From: [Frederic Wall](#)
To: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Fwd: Church of the woods project
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 11:10:00 AM

From: freddy38@aol.com
To: Janice.Rutherford@bos.sbcounty.gov
Cc: HeidiDuron@lus.sbcounty.gov
Sent: 8/24/2020 11:04:51 AM Pacific Standard Time
Subject: Church of the woods project

Dear Supervisor Rutherford,

I am a 20 year resident of Lake Arrowhead and I oppose the proposed Church of the woods project due to the negative impact it will have on our local traffic at Daley Canyon Rd. where it intersects Hwy 18, and also the negative impact on nature, the loss of trees, wildlife, the water pollution risks and also the impact on evacuation safety in an emergency. I ask that you vote NO on this project to help preserve our natural community.
Thank you.

Frederic G. Wall
PO Box 276
Blue Jay CA 92317

From: [COB - Internet E-Mail](#)
To: [Rowe, Dawn](#); [BOS District Secretaries](#)
Cc: [McBride, Gary](#); [Blakemore, Michelle](#); [Hernandez, Leonard - CAO](#); [Alexander-Kelley, Penny](#); [Rahhal, Terri](#); [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#); [Nieves, Tom](#); [Brizze, Bart](#); [Searles, Jason](#); [Michl, Susan \(CAO\)](#); [Andrade, Eva](#); [Sonick, Chrystale](#); [Toothaker, Sarah](#); [Biggs, Lupe](#); [Monell, Lynna](#); [Garzaro, Denise](#)
Subject: FW: We Support the Sonrise in the Woods Lake Arrowhead Project
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 11:14:56 AM
Attachments: [Sonrise in the Woods.pdf](#)
[image001.png](#)

Good morning:

Attached please find email correspondence regarding the Church of the Woods Project received by the Clerk of the Board on 09/14/20 from Gregg Kell.

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From: Gregg Kell <gregg.kell@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 10:54 AM

To: COB - Internet E-Mail <COB@sbcounty.gov>

Subject: We Support the Sonrise in the Woods Lake Arrowhead Project

Please review the attached letter and possibly consider during your decision.

Respectfully,
Gregg Kell

909-693-3815

From: [COB - Internet E-Mail](#)
To: [Rowe, Dawn](#); [BOS District Secretaries](#)
Cc: [McBride, Gary](#); [Blakemore, Michelle](#); [Hernandez, Leonard](#) - CAO; [Alexander-Kelley, Penny](#); [Rahhal, Terri](#); [Duron, Heidi](#) - LUS; [Nieves, Tom](#); [Brizze, Bart](#); [Searles, Jason](#); [Michl, Susan](#) (CAO); [Andrade, Eva](#); [Sonick, Chrystale](#); [Toothaker, Sarah](#); [Biggs, Lupe](#); [Monell, Lynna](#); [Garzaro, Denise](#)
Subject: FW: Church of the Woods Project on Highway 18 - BOS Correspondence
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 2:21:41 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good afternoon:

Attached below please find email correspondence regarding the Church of the Woods Project received by the Clerk of the Board on 09/14/20 from Mark Gilliland.

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From: Mark Gilliland <gilliland.markb@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 1:54 PM

To: Supervisor Hagman <Supervisor.Hagman@bos.sbcounty.gov>; Supervisor Gonzales <SupervisorGonzales@sbcounty.gov>; Supervisor Lovingood <SupervisorLovingood@sbcounty.gov>; Supervisor Rowe <Supervisor.Rowe@bos.sbcounty.gov>; Supervisor Rutherford <Supervisor.Rutherford@bos.sbcounty.gov>; COB - Internet E-Mail <COB@sbcounty.gov>

Subject: Church of the Woods Project on Highway 18

Dear Supervisor,

I need you to know I AM IN FAVOR of this project. This will be such a benefit to the community, and the surrounding area. The impact of having additional ballfields for the youth - in connection with Rim of the World Recreation - will be primary. But to have a place for the mountain youth to play and connect is vital for the health of this community and the culture here.

Once again, I am in favor and ask that you please vote "Yes" - in favor of this project of Church of the Woods called Sonrise in the Woods.

Thank you,

Mark Gilliland
PO BOX 1254
395 Emerald Drive
Lake Arrowhead, Ca 92352
909-733-2436

From: [COB - Internet E-Mail](#)
To: [Rowe, Dawn](#); [BOS District Secretaries](#)
Cc: [McBride, Gary](#); [Blakemore, Michelle](#); [Hernandez, Leonard](#) - CAO; [Alexander-Kelley, Penny](#); [Rahhal, Terri](#); [Duron, Heidi](#) - LUS; [Nieves, Tom](#); [Brizzee, Bart](#); [Searles, Jason](#); [Michl, Susan](#) (CAO); [Andrade, Eva](#); [Sonick, Chrystale](#); [Toothaker, Sarah](#); [Biggs, Lupe](#); [Monell, Lynna](#); [Garzaro, Denise](#)
Subject: FW: Church of the Woods Project on Highway 18 - BOS Correspondence (Laurie Plemel)
Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 9:36:51 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good morning:

Attached below please find email correspondence regarding the Church of the Woods received by the Clerk of the Board on 09/15/20 from Laurie Plemel of Blue Jay, CA.

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From: Laurie Plemel <lauriep92317@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 8:19 AM

To: Supervisor Hagman <Supervisor.Hagman@bos.sbcounty.gov>; Supervisor Gonzales <SupervisorGonzales@sbcounty.gov>; Supervisor Lovingood <SupervisorLovingood@sbcounty.gov>; Supervisor Rowe <Supervisor.Rowe@bos.sbcounty.gov>; Supervisor Rutherford <Supervisor.Rutherford@bos.sbcounty.gov>; COB - Internet E-Mail <COB@sbcounty.gov>

Subject: Church of the Woods Project on Highway 18

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you today in support of the Church of the Woods project on Highway 18. This will not only be a place of worship for our community but will be a place for children to come and use the recreational facilities. I am urging you to vote yes to this project!

Thank you for your consideration,

Laurie Plemel
PO Box 932

Blue Jay, CA 92317

From: [COB - Internet E-Mail](#)
To: [Rowe, Dawn](#); [BOS District Secretaries](#)
Cc: [McBride, Gary](#); [Blakemore, Michelle](#); [Hernandez, Leonard](#) - CAO; [Alexander-Kelley, Penny](#); [Rahhal, Terri](#); [Duron, Heidi](#) - LUS; [Nieves, Tom](#); [Brizzee, Bart](#); [Searles, Jason](#); [Michl, Susan](#) (CAO); [Andrade, Eva](#); [Sonick, Chrystale](#); [Toothaker, Sarah](#); [Biggs, Lupe](#); [Monell, Lynna](#)
Subject: FW: BOS Correspondence Re: Sonrise in the Woods Project
Date: Monday, October 5, 2020 8:12:42 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good morning:

Attached below please find email correspondence regarding the Church of the Woods Project received by the Clerk of the Board on 1/0/04/20 from Richard Miller II.

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From: Richard Miller II <flyguy181@hotmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, October 4, 2020 3:01 PM

To: COB - Internet E-Mail <COB@sbcounty.gov>

Subject: Sonrise in the Woods Project

Good afternoon,

I'm a 42 year resident of Rim Forest/Lake Arrowhead, and I'd like to comment on the Sonrise in the Woods project. I see the project as a wonderful addition to our community. I have a young family, and I can't wait to be able to share in the facilities that Sonrise will have to offer. I know that there are some negative opinions about the project, but I'm not sure that these people are very well educated about the church and the project. Here are some points to ponder:

- Church of the Woods is not a, "megachurch". Some local residents seem to be concerned that many thousands of people are going to be travelling up the mountain in order to attend. The proposed number is actually 600 people, most of whom are already mountain residents.

There is a concern that the project will be generating several stop lights along the highway 18. In fact, Caltrans already intends to place the lights. Church of the Woods, however, would be responsible for paying for some of the lights with this project. Quite an advantage to the taxpayers!

- The Church has owned the property for over 16 years. They've jumped through the many hoops, even giving some of the land use back to the county.
- The property is zoned, "commercial". I think if those in opposition really considered how a church project with beautiful landscaping would look compared to another gas station, Rite Aid, etc, they might have a different view point.

I do appreciate your influence, and I would request with heartfelt conviction that you would help this project to succeed on this mountain where I've lived my entire life. Thank you so much in advance!

- Richard Miller II

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To: [Rowe, Dawn](#); [BOS District Secretaries](#)
Cc: [McBride, Gary](#); [Blakemore, Michelle](#); [Hernandez, Leonard - CAO](#); [Alexander-Kelley, Penny](#); [Rahhal, Terri](#); [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#); [Nieves, Tom](#); [Brizzee, Bart](#); [Searles, Jason](#); [Michl, Susan \(CAO\)](#); [Andrade, Eva](#); [Sonick, Chrystale](#); [Toothaker, Sarah](#); [Biggs, Lupe](#); [Monell, Lynna](#); [Garzaro, Denise](#)
Subject: Correspondence Re: Son Rise in the Woods (Amanda Aberg)
Date: Friday, September 11, 2020 2:50:14 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good afternoon:

Attached below please find email correspondence regarding the Church of the Woods Project received by the Clerk of the Board on 09/10/20 from Amanda Aberg.

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From: Gary & Amanda Aberg <abergfamily@charter.net>

Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2020 2:39 PM

To: COB - Internet E-Mail <COB@sbcounty.gov>

Subject: Son Rise in the Woods

Dear Supervisor,

I beg you to approve the Son Rise in the Woods project. This endeavor will benefit our community in many ways. It will provide extra ballfields and soccer fields available for community use. These are in very short supply up here! It will provide a youth center with a gymnasium and youth activities for the whole mountain community youth. It would feature a walk climbing wall and volleyball courts. Our community is growing and resources up here are very outdated. This would be a fantastic addition to our mountain community! Please support our mountain communities by approving this project.

Thank you,

Amanda Aberg

From: [Young, Donna](#)
To: [COB - Internet E-Mail](#); [Rowe, Dawn](#); [BOS District Secretaries](#)
Cc: [McBride, Gary](#); [Blakemore, Michelle](#); [Hernandez, Leonard - CAO](#); [Alexander-Kelley, Penny](#); [Rahhal, Terri](#); [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#); [Nieves, Tom](#); [Brizzee, Bart](#); [Searles, Jason](#); [Michl, Susan \(CAO\)](#); [Andrade, Eva](#); [Sonick, Chrystale](#); [Toothaker, Sarah](#); [Biggs, Lupe](#); [Monell, Lynna](#); [Garzaro, Denise](#)
Subject: Correspondence Re: Church of the Woods
Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 9:25:14 AM
Attachments: [Letter for support for Son Rise in the Woods.msg](#)
[image001.png](#)
[RE Church of the Woods Project.msg](#)

Good morning:

Attached please find correspondence regarding the Church of the Woods Project received by the Clerk of the Board on 09/07/20 and 09/08/20, respectively, from:

1. Frank & Cynthia Overby
2. Frederick B. Axelrod, MD – President/CEO/Medical Director, LifeStream

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Subject: Correspondence Re: Church of the Woods Project (Rod Akins)
Date: Friday, September 11, 2020 1:40:28 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good afternoon:

Attached below please find email correspondence regarding the Church of the Woods Project received by the Clerk of the Board on 09/11/20 from: Pastor Rod Akins, Church of the Woods.

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From: Rod Akins <rodakins@msn.com>

Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 9:39 AM

To: Supervisor Janice Rutherford <Janicerutherford@public.govdelivery.com>; Supervisor Hagman <Supervisor.Hagman@bos.sbcounty.gov>; Supervisor Gonzales <SupervisorGonzales@sbcounty.gov>; Supervisor Lovingood <SupervisorLovingood@sbcounty.gov>; Supervisor Rowe <Supervisor.Rowe@bos.sbcounty.gov>; Supervisor Rutherford <Supervisor.Rutherford@bos.sbcounty.gov>; COB - Internet E-Mail <COB@sbcounty.gov>

Subject: Church of the Woods Project

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for your service! I obviously want the County to approve Church of the Woods project!

1. It will be a positive benefit for our whole mountain community.
2. This is a well-designed campus that is environmentally sensitive and

has gone through 16 years of scrutiny. The EIR document is very thorough and fair.

3. Youth on our mountain need a safe place to gather, engage in healthy activities with a youth center, recreation venues and find spiritual hope.
4. Children lack playgrounds up here and we will provide quality play areas for families to enjoy.
5. A combination soccer and baseball field will meet a pressing need for mountain teams and fun activities.
6. Our property is zoned IC (Industrial/Commercial) and a church will have less impact on the environment than other commercial projects.
7. The "anti-development groups" want to stop all projects on our mountain. We want to make positive progress and offer our community improvements that serve all people and care for our beautiful nature. You can develop and be environmentally sensitive.
8. Our church ministers to many across this mountain and the location on highway 18 will allow greater influence and accessibility.
9. We are happy to allow many public organizations to use our facilities now and that will continue (Various clubs, fife and drum, CBS, Boy Scouts, Blood Drives and others).

Please approve this project and allow us to show people the love and hope that is so needed in our world today.

Thank you,

Rod Akins

Pastor Rod Akins
Church of the Woods
1410 Calgary Drive
P.O. Box 2000
Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352
909-337-5483

From: [Tom Chamberlin](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of Woods project
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 10:57:10 PM

I want to voice my objection to their plan in Rim Forest.
Thank you,
Tom Chamberlin

From: [Charlotte](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of Woods Peoject
Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 9:39:54 PM

I vote NO

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Joseph Miller](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#); [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#); [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: More on Church of the Woods
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 1:28:48 PM

I believe I have made it clear that I VOTE NO on this project.

If the church wanted to sponsor a wildlife sanctuary on this land, I would be all for it.

But, of course, churches don't give a damn about destroying the environment for the purpose of indoctrinating children into a belief system that is anti-evolutionary and anti-science and teaches that God provided the entire biotic system for mankind to exploit without consequences.

PLEASE SAVE OUR FORESTS AND WILDLIFE FROM THIS DISTRUCTION.

From: [Janith Johnson](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods Sunrise project
Date: Sunday, September 6, 2020 6:30:10 PM

As a 40+ year resident of Crestline, a retired architect, and a life-long worshipper of Mother Nature, I would like to voice my strong opposition to the above-referenced project.

I have reviewed the various arguments from all parties and have concluded that, in addition to the inevitable damage to the forest, the wildlife, the watershed, and our traffic, the out-sized scale of this project is wholly out of compliance with the environment as it currently exists. We have one traffic signal on the mountain today—how 'sensitive' and responsible is it to approve just one project that may eventually necessitate many multiples of that?

Why does this project include amenities such as nature trails, wildlife sanctuaries, and a rock-climbing wall, when these things already exist here, provided freely by Mother Nature herself? What progress is made by bulldozing well-established native forest trees and replacing them with something that 'harmonizes with the local ecosystem?

We do not need or want to turn our rural forest community into a hilltop suburbia. We do not need or want a private entity to provide amenities that are readily available at our local schools, community centers, and national forest lands. We do not need or want one single religious organization dominating with their agenda in our community hierarchy.

I strongly urge you to vote NO when approval for this project comes up for a final vote.

Thank you.

Janith E. Johnson
PO Box 193
Crestline CA 92325

From: [Gina Richmond](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods "Sonrise" Project
Date: Saturday, September 5, 2020 2:28:39 PM

Ms Rutherford,

I am OPPOSED to this project because it is not appropriate for this location.

Our mountain community is a very unique place, most of the mountain residents have moved here to get away from the urbanized sprawl found in the nearby San Bernardino valley and Mojave desert.

I do not attend this church, I don't know of anybody who does, yet they are planning to remove 17 acres of forested land, disrupt wildlife corridors and risk polluting the watershed that feeds Lake Arrowhead. This is too big of a price to pay for an oversized Christian facility that will only attract a narrow group of like minded people.

We already have several large church facilities in this area. The nearby Calvary Chapel conference center, located on SH 189 in Twin Peaks is frequently empty, especially now since the economy has taken a downward turn due to COVID19.

Structures, pavement, and roads will change the temperature of the surrounding area- creating a heat island, where the temperatures can become 1-7 degrees hotter than the surrounding area. I am writing this email at a time when southern California is reaching record-breaking high temperatures. Increasing the surrounding temperatures will also increase the risk of extreme fire behavior right alongside a major evacuation route.

Please stop this wanton destruction of our beautiful forested lands!- oppose this project!

A *Very* concerned full-time mountain resident,

Gina L Richmond
Twin Peaks

From: [Jill Lawler](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods Project
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 2:02:09 PM

Please vote NO on this project. I am a full-time Lake Arrowhead resident since 1982 and I believe this project is not suitable for this parcel of land. The traffic on Highway 18 on weekends is insane and very unsafe. Adding to this with a mega church is a terrible idea. We have very few forest areas left within the Lake Arrowhead community, another reason why this project is unsuitable. We have many many Christian camps on acreage here in the mountains that are currently hurting financially due to COVID-19. Church of the Woods could relocate to one of these existing properties as a solution.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Whitney Lawler

Retired Teacher, Rim of the World HS

Lake Arrowhead, CA

Sent from my iPhone

From: ocguildner@charter.net
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods Project
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 2:18:49 PM

Vote NO on Church of the Woods Project.....

Connie Guildner
27069 St. Highway 189
PO Box 2708
Blue Jay, Calif 92317

From: peggymcmillan@charter.net
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods Project
Date: Friday, August 21, 2020 9:45:36 AM

Please don't let them destroy and congest our beautiful mountain. VOTE NO on this project!

From: [Ron](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods Project
Date: Friday, August 21, 2020 9:29:48 AM

Good morning

As a 25 year resident of lake Arrowhead I urge you to vote NO
on the Church of the Woods project.

Thanks you

Ron McMillan

Sent from my iPhone

From: [richard](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods project
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 2:42:00 PM

Supervisor Rutherford:

I am writing to ask you to vote no on the Church of the Woods project. The location of this project is a safety hazard and an aesthetic scar to the mountain communities. The traffic delays that will be

created by the volume of cars and the traffic lights on one of a few evacuation routes off this mountain should in itself be enough to disapprove this project particularly since the fire danger is always present. Even IF the proximity to

the rim allows the road to be widened, the additional traffic and lights will cause delays. The destruction of the forest in this area seen from a road that is a major route for tourists, may negatively impact businesses. I am not sure

anyone is certain how the filling in of a creek that feeds Lake Arrowhead is going to impact the lake itself. These liabilities far outweigh any possible benefits for the mountain communities. The current church seldom fills to capacity

but yet a church almost twice the size is requested. We already have sports facilities for locals. And participants from down the hill don't need to come up here to use sports facilities since they already have them down the hill. They

come up here for the mountain experience which includes forests that this project will destroy. Although temporary, the disruption from the construction and trucks to remove the necessary trees and hill sides could last for a

significant period of time and again create a safety hazard on an evacuation route. I do not understand how this project in anyway will help the mountain communities. And if approved, I imagine Church of the Woods will suffer a

lengthy PR issue with community members. Although Church of the Woods may have good intentions, this is obviously the wrong location for this project. It seems a different location away from a major evacuation route would

be more appropriate. Consider the old Grandview elementary school location for example. PLEASE vote NO on this project.

Sincerely,

Richard Bozzo
P.O. Box 875
Blue Jay, Ca. 92317
909-283-8088

From: [James Pickard](#)
To: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Church of the Woods project proposal
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 3:54:53 PM

Dear Planning Director,

Please deny approval of the Church's proposal to destroy 17 ac.of forest to build denominational project in the Crestline area. Why build a temple in the forest when the forest itself is the temple?

Cedarpines Park prop. owner.

James Pickard.

From: [John Keith](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: RE: Church of the Woods proposed project site
Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 9:50:56 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

From: John Keith
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 9:46 AM
To: Janice.Rutherford@bos.sbcounty
Cc: Heidi.Duron@lus.sbcount
Subject: Church of the Woods proposed project site

To Whom it May Concern:

I vote NO on this project.

John Keith, General Manager
Copp Roofing & Construction, Inc.
JohnKeith@CoppRoofing.com
Office: (909) 336-4074 Ext. 12



From: [Renee Lewis](#)
To: [aschere](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#); [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Subject: Re: Church of the Woods, Sonrise
Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 3:00:44 PM

I agree with you.

On Tue, Sep 1, 2020 at 11:48 AM aschere <aschere@aol.com> wrote:

Dear Supervisor Rutherford,

I fervently request that you VOTE NO on the current proposal.

There are so many problems with the plan that we cannot risk approval. We cannot allow further pollution and local expenses for improvements.

Please continue to be mindful of our future.

Thank you.

Richard and Adrienne Schere

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From: [aschere](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: re: Church of the Woods, Sonrise
Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 11:48:54 AM

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Richard and Adrienne Schere

From: marydippell@gmail.com
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: RE: Church of the Woods Project
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 3:04:18 PM

Dear Supervisor Rutherford,

We are vehemently opposed to the Church of the Woods project going forward. This would completely decimate the wildlife's habitat, interrupt and pollute the Little Bear Creek, which provides most of the ***drinking*** water into Lake Arrowhead, and will also demolish 17 acres of pristine forest land. Jim and I moved to the mountains to enjoy the peace and quiet, the wonderful wildlife and the beautiful forest with very little traffic. This will all change if this project goes forward.

Please vote no and save our forest, which we have so very little left of.

Sincerely,

Mary and Jim Dippell
Twin Peaks

From: [K.R](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Public Hearing September 15, 2020
Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 9:40:23 AM

Dear Ms Rutherford and Ms Duron:

As a Crestline resident, I ask that you please vote against the Church of the Woods project proposal. I believe this project will negatively affect our mountain communities with severe overdevelopment of the forested land and by adding constant heavy traffic that will overwhelm the mountain roads.

Thank you.

Katherine Rossler

P.O. Box 6907

Crestline CA 92325

From: [Joseph Miller](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: PROPOSED CHURCH OF THE WOODS LAND DEVELOPMENT
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 1:12:13 PM

I strongly object to the proposed Church of the Woods land development plan. I am a 20+ year resident and have lost 13 trees to bark beetles as millions of trees were cut down during the bark beetle infestations. I lost more trees as additional hundreds or thousands of trees have been cut down at the behest of SCE, a great many needlessly in my area. During the my first 10 years here it was common to see raccoons, coyotes, around my yard and even bears in my own driveway. This year I have seen no raccoons, only one very skinny coyote. I haven't seen a bear in at least 5 years.

Even the squirrels seem abnormally small for this time of year.

In short, our wildlife is being decimated. That, combined with the traffic congestion and noise pollution this project will bring will drive down area property values and lower your tax base. The result for the county will be replacing a decent tax base with a huge development that being church-owned will not be taxable. A huge development like this belongs somewhere else. The quality of life in this area will be destroyed. There are already NUMEROUS church camps in the greater Lake Arrowhead area. These primarily serve non-residents.

Are you really going to choose them over the local residents, wildlife, quality of life, and the environment of this area? If so, I will certainly do my part to ensure you are replaced by someone who truly cares for the people, wildlife and environment of this area.

Joseph B. Miller
P.O. Box 651
Rimforest, CA 92378

From: jmullendor@aol.com
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Please Vote NO on Church of the Woods Project
Date: Saturday, August 29, 2020 9:42:59 AM

Greetings!!

I have been a resident of the San Bernardino County mountains for over 40 years. During this time I have personally witnessed the reduction of forest resources and habitat due to wildfires, bark beetle infestation, and development. As wildlife habitat and forest resources have diminished, traffic and congestion has increased. As noted in the latest Draft Revised Environmental Impact Report, the proposed Church of the Woods project would result in significant, unavoidable, and cumulatively considerable impacts on traffic, noise and biological resources. The biological resources of this area and the absence of the kind of traffic and noise that can be found in more urban areas are the very characteristics that make the San Bernardino County mountains unique and an important asset to the Inland Empire. The preservation of these qualities should be a top priority in any decisions affecting this area. Thank you.

Jennifer Mullendore
(909) 844-4352

From: [James Wellner](#)
To: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#); [Supervisor Gonzales](#); [Hagman, Curt](#); [Lovingood, Robert](#); [Rahhal, Terri](#); [Rowe, Dawn](#)
Subject: Opposition to proposed development / Blue Jay, CA
Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 7:05:00 AM

>> I am outraged that the proposed Church of the Woods project has gotten this far without responsible authorities stopping it in its tracks. It's ironic that in order to create a space to worship God the church has to demolish, pave and blacktop what God has divinely created. There are many places for worship that already exist on the mountain. The proposed project is a commercial enterprise (recreational resort) that will be using public utilities without being taxed appropriately and it will be tapping an already limited water supply. The environmental impact of the project and its ripple effects are; traffic congestion, water shortage, natural runoff disruption, as well as wildlife habitat destruction. In other words, the health and safety of the existing community and the environment would be degraded. Moreover, the benefit to the existing community would be minimal and those benefits would be outweighed on a broad scope by the negative effects and cost to the public at large.

>> The land is a piece of the mosaic that is part of the Lake Arrowhead water shed. Allowing the project to go through would extinguish acres of land from bio integration.....it would create a dead zone of land. Common sense would prevent the project from going forward in its currently proposed form.

J.S.Wellner
Lake Arrowhead, CA

From: [Rhetta Alexander](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Oppose Church of the Woods Sonrise project
Date: Sunday, September 6, 2020 11:08:11 AM

Dear Supervisor Rutherford,

I am writing to urge you to VOTE NO on the Church of the Woods (Sonrise) project for the following reasons:

1. It requires 7 new stoplights endangering evacuations in event of an emergency among other traffic problems,
2. It will clear 17 acres of forested Little Bear Creek Watershed destroying pristine forest land,
3. It will disrupt a County identified wildlife corridor,
4. It risks polluting Little Bear Creek which provides most of the water into Lake Arrowhead, and,
5. It will severely compromise evacuation safety in a natural disaster.

California wildfires are increasing in size, intensity and speed. Building such a large complex in this location puts everyone (residents, visitors, first responders) in extreme danger.

Please, VOTE NO on the Church of the Woods (Sonrise) project.

Rhetta Alexander
26563 Hwy 189
Twin Peaks, CA 92391

From: [Telia Sechrist](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: No to the new development
Date: Friday, September 4, 2020 9:19:16 AM

I was told about the development that the church of the woods wants to do near Rimforest and my husband and I both are not ok with that. We vote no. Thank you
Telia and Ryan Sechrist

From: [Janice Smith](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#); [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: NO On Church ofWoodsProject
Date: Friday, August 21, 2020 3:29:27 PM

I wish you could be here now on a typical summer Friday to witness the HEAVY Flow of traffic coming THRU Rimforest in both directions on Highway 18.
maybe YOU should experience it sometime or on a Sunday. .when people are leaving the mountain.
Respectfully , Janice Smith 1152 Scenic WAY Rimforest 92378

From: [Nancy McDonald](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: No on Church of the Woods project
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 5:12:29 PM

Attn: Janice Rutherford

As a thirteen year vacation homeowner in Lake Arrowhead, a native Californian, a 50 year resident of Pasadena, a non-environmentalist, a church goer...I strongly urge you to vote NO on the proposed project off Hwy 18 and Daley Canyon Rd.

It is too much...not appropriate for the tranquil setting loved by so many!

The thought of a 300 space parking lot is much like the village for commercial use! We all love the lack of stop lights and lack of development that is so common in other parts of our state.

I don't ask you to 'turn back the clock', just to keep what is so precious to so many.

Thank you for your consideration of my views.

Nancy McDonald
nancymcd91105@aol.com

From: [Jim Goulet](#)
To: [Supervisor Janice Rutherford](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: No on Church of the Woods move
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 1:36:09 PM

I am apposed this project. We love the open spaces and lack of traffic lights. I have attended Church of the Woods in the past. They are good people but this move is to disruptive the the area. Please do not give final approval.

James Goulet
28194 Grenoble
PO Box 35823
Lake Arrowhead

From: [David Ries](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [David Ries](#); [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: SEPT. 15,2020 PUBLIC HEARING
Date: Friday, September 4, 2020 12:40:43 AM

Hello, As a concerned citizen and San Bernardino Mountain resident since 1975 I urge you to vote against the proposal of the "Church of the Woods Project" which I believe will have an overall negative impact on our beloved mountain community. Thank you for taking my voice into consideration as you place your vote.

David Ries, P.O. Box 789 Crestline, CA.

From: gsw hiz13@gmail.com
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Sonrise Project
Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 1:45:05 PM

I vote no on this project

From: [Garrett Salazar](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#); [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Voting NO
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 4:28:09 PM

Voting NO on church of the woods land development project

From: [Garrhett Hill](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#); [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Vote NO
Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 12:53:41 PM

I would like to vote NO against the Church of the Woods Land Development Project.

From: [Cathy Clarke](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Vote No on the Church of the Woods proposed development project
Date: Sunday, August 23, 2020 1:48:51 PM

Dear Supervisor Rutherford,

I am writing to urge a vote of "No" on the proposed Sonrise development project by the Church of the Woods. The proposed site will require clear cutting 17 acres of forested Little Bear Creek Watershed with the risk of polluting Little Bear Creek. This important watershed provides most of the water into Lake Arrowhead. Professor Jennifer Alford of CSU San Bernardino has warned of the potential downstream water quality impacts to Lake Arrowhead, a drinking water source. A research team funded by the Cal State University system has observed temporary spikes in nutrient and bacteria levels in the area's creeks, even in the absence of the proposed extensive development! This risk of polluting the mountain area's drinking water is absolutely alarming.

There are many other serious consequences to the proposed development, as detailed in reports by the Sierra Club, the Audubon Society, and the Save Our Forest Association.
Please, please vote No on this proposed development project.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

Catherine F. Clarke
Los Angeles and Crestline CA

From: [Sarah Brennan](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Vote No on Sonrise Rimforest
Date: Saturday, August 29, 2020 1:09:28 PM

To the attention of my representative:

As a resident of rimforest it breaks my heart to hear that this project is still being allowed to continue. I hope that this please does not go ignored. This retreat in no way shape or form benefits this area. We are a quiet residential town with a vibrant eco system. One that is so unique it is in fact known as a sky island. Much like the Galapagos islands this area of the ridge is home to species and variety that do not exist together anywhere on the mountain in a fine and intricate balance. One that can be absolutely eradicated with the wrong decisions. The nature corridor that would be destroyed by man-made fields houses at least 3 pinnacle predators with established territory borders and migration paths there. As well as countless nests there are at least 1 threatened and 1 endangered species as well. We cannot replace our forest, or the water systems that are crucial to the survival of all of the living beings of this mountain.

I add that that hwy 18 as well as our small community is in no way capable of supporting this entity or its size in regards to traffic, fire evacuation, resources, and law enforcement. This project will destroy more than it will ever bring. Sonrise is hostile in their disregard for homeowners and have already begun bullying residents. They are not part of this community and are unwelcome here. Please do what is right for our forest and my home. Please stop Sonrise.

Sincerely,
Sarah Brennan
26577 Lakeview, Rimforest

From: [Cornelia Clarke](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Vote No on proposed Church of the Woods development
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 1:38:14 PM

Dear Supervisor Rutherford,

I am writing to urge a vote of “No” on the proposed Sonrise development project by the Church of the Woods. The proposed site will require clear cutting 17 acres of forested Little Bear Creek Watershed with the risk of polluting Little Bear Creek. This important watershed provides most of the water into Lake Arrowhead. Professor Jennifer Alford of CSU San Bernardino has warned of the potential downstream water quality impacts to Lake Arrowhead, a drinking water source. A research team funded by the Cal State University system has observed temporary spikes in nutrient and bacteria levels in the area’s creeks, even in the absence of the proposed extensive development! This risk of polluting the mountain area’s drinking water is absolutely alarming.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cornelia Clarke

Los Angeles and Crestline

From: [Lori Phillips](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Vote No on Church of the woods project
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 11:01:23 AM
Attachments: [Vote No - Church of the Woods.pdf](#)

Good morning,

Please see attached appeal for you to vote No on this massive development.

Respectfully,

Lorinne J. Phillips

27123 Hwy 189

Blue Jay, CA

Email: lglorip@gmail.com

From: [Ted Engard](#)
To: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Vote no on Church of the Woods Project
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 7:22:43 PM

Dear Ms. Duron:
Please vote NO on the proposed Church of the Woods project.

The impact to our mountains, their resources, the forests, and the residents far outweigh the need for this project.

Thank you,
Ted Engard
48-year-resident
183 Golfcourse Rd.
Lake Arrowhead

From: [Daniel Meers](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#); [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Vote no on church of the woods
Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 3:52:13 PM

Please vote no on church of the woods project. There is no reason to destroy forest, habitat, and watershed for an unneeded project. As well, this will affect residence in Rimforest (where I am a homeowner) traumatically. Noise, traffic, and emergency issues will no doubt plague my neighborhood. Please vote no.

Daniel Meers
909.754.8731

From: [Connor Keith](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: VOTE NO
Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 12:01:41 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Janice and Heidi,

I would like to vote NO to stop church of the woods land development. Thank you.

Warm Regards,

Connor Keith
Copp Roofing & Construction, Inc.
Connor@CoppRoofing.com
Office: (909) 336-4074 / ext. 16



From: [Nicole Caldwell](#)
To: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Voting No
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 7:16:00 PM

I'm voting NO on the Church of the Woods Land Development!

From: [James Freitag](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: The Church of the Woods
Date: Sunday, August 30, 2020 9:38:25 AM

Please vote no on this project. The traffic and disruption of watershed does not fit with our quiet peaceful natural environment.

Jim Freitag Display Fabricators

From: [Frank Gradillas](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: The Church of the Woods Proposed Project (Sonrise)
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 3:18:08 PM

I received a mailer in my PO Box here in Rimforest, CA.
We are long time residents of the mountains and are opposed to this project.
We VOTE NO.
Thanks.
Kerry Gradillas

From: [Frank Gradillas](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: The Church of the Woods Proposed Project (Sonrise)
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 3:14:25 PM

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Thanks.
Frank Gradillas

From: [Dale Price](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: The Church of the Woods Project
Date: Monday, September 7, 2020 9:51:32 AM

Please Vote No on the above-referenced project!

From: engs@juno.com
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: The Church of the Woods project
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 1:56:42 PM

Vote NO on this project.

Bill Engs W6TCY
909-280-3685
It's a Climate Crisis

From: [Jason Shefts](#)
To: Janice.rutherford@bos.sbcounty.hov; [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Stop The Church of The Woods
Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 6:17:50 AM

I Vote No.

Jason Shefts

CWI/ATR & FACILITY SUPERVISOR

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From: [Vivian Crowe](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: stop Church of the Woods development
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 8:12:52 AM

Please stop the planned development of our mountain lands by Church of the Woods. We have lived here since 1978 and rely on our resources to sustain us. In the case of an evacuation our lives would be in jeopardy by the increased numbers.

From: [Rita Stachowski](#)
To: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Sonrise,STR,Evac route
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 3:21:13 PM

Don't keep on destroying our mountain with cement buildings, parking lots, etc. Around Lake Arrowhead there were two beautiful green forested areas that are now all cemented in for housing----abandoned & destroyed for our wildlife! Keep Lake Arrowhead PRIVATE! Only the HOMEOWNERS can use the LAKE. NOT Short Term Renters, who only rent the house NOT the boats and leave their TRASH out so the 'critters' can spread it all over!!!! What we do need is an EVACUATION ROUTE for the north side of the lake ----- upgrade HWY173 down into Victorville. With sooo many people trying to get down on HWY 18 & the Fire Trucks coming up would be completely impossible! Anybody ever think of that???

Rita Stachowski, Lake Arrowhead

From: [Gayl Grotewold](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Sonrise Project
Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 1:57:06 PM

I vote no on this project

From: [Tamara Gayle](#)
To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Sunrise in the Woods
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 10:26:44 AM

Hello Ms. Rutherford and all concerned in this matter,

I am Tamara Gayle and I purchased my home at 1177 Scenic Way in Rimforest October 2016 and live here full-time. In the time that I have been here, I have seen a lot of wildlife in my "backyard" including black bear, coyote, raccoons and several variety of birds, all to my great joy. I bought my home believing it backed to San Bernardino National Forest and naively thinking that meant it was state owned land as this was my first residence in California. Imagine my surprise when I first found out that Church of the Woods actually owns the land and that they were planning on placing a football field directly behind my house!

Since that first introduction to this dismaying reality, Church of the Woods has altered their plans and I appreciate the fact that the area directly behind my house is to remain in its natural state. However, their plan is still not made in the best interest of this mountain community and its people, wildlife and forest. I don't know if you have actually visited this land so I describe it here: it is very hilly and steep in many locations filled with ancient oaks, Western redcedar, white fir and many other variety of trees. It provides a wildlife corridor through the communities of Rimforest, Twin Peaks and Blue Jay. It is also the location of Little Bear Creek and provides natural water drainage during the Winter months away from Highway 18 and down to Lake Arrowhead.

Church of the Woods will annihilate 15 acres by clear cutting and flattening the terrain. And I believe they want to do this not for the benefit of the residents of this mountain but for their grandiose desire to be a "destination" facility that will be a money maker for themselves. Why else would they want to build a 600 person occupancy (greater than the current population of Rimforest) "Worship Center," soccer field, basketball & volleyball courts, youth center with large gym, and a coffee and juice bar?!? All of these amenities they say are lacking on the mountain for the residents actually are already in existence and in use. What they are proposing is not needed nor wanted by the majority of the people who live here. If they have truly outgrown their current church, there are other already existing properties available, such as Grandview Elementary School, they may purchase to increase their "worship" capacity.

And speaking of their 600 + person occupancy, what if, God forbid, we have a fire nearby and all of their "worshippers," people on the playing fields and in the gym have to evacuate quickly? Currently in their plans they have 3 single lane driveways that all exit South directly onto Highway 18. Add to that all of the people who actually live in Rimforest, Twin Peaks, Blue Jay and Lake Arrowhead who may also have to evacuate in the same direction and you know that will be a very slow evacuation that will result in the loss of human life.

The facility they are proposing is obviously meant to attract a large number of people who will all be driving on Highway 18 to get there. As a tax exempt religious group, I'm assuming Church of the Woods will be contributing very little financially for the traffic signals that will be needed nor will they be contributing for the upkeep of Highway 18. Their "Sonrise in the Woods" will be a detriment that will not contribute financially to the well-being of this community nor the County at large.

On a personal note, I don't want to see or hear them nor do I want my property value brought down by their presence. My home is my sanctuary. One of their members told me that she lives in Lake Arrowhead and doesn't always like the music played at the concerts during the Summer. However, she purchased that home knowing that it is near a commercial / tourist area - I did not.

I see no need whatsoever for them to create a "church campus" that is apparently meant to draw in lots of people and the money of those same people. I do not see what they are proposing to be of any benefit to this community. The money they have to build this would be better spent in charitable ways. This "campus" they are proposing sounds more like a resort. Actually, a resort would be preferable because at least that would be contributing tax dollars to our county for road maintenance, forest management, fire protection, etc.

So, in closing, and in case there is any doubt in your mind, I DO NOT want this project to proceed.

Sincerely,
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From: [Jessica Stewart](#)
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Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Subject: Sunrise Church of the woods
Date: Friday, August 28, 2020 4:05:15 PM

Good Afternoon Supervisor Rutherford,

I wanted to express my concerns with the Sunrise church of the woods project. I am a resident of Rimforest and I live on the edge of the forest where the project is planned. Our family has lived here since 2010. This area is so full of life. In the past 2 weeks we have viewed Coyotes, 1 bobcat, 2 black bears and hear an owl daily that we can never find. They come to drink from the stream that will be covered by parking lots and excessive playing fields. The population in Rimforest is only 400. The area already has 2 other church conference centers that sit empty most of the time. These other complexes did a good job of building into nature and around the wildlife areas. This project does nothing to preserve the forest or the community plan in this area. It is far too massive. Sunrise intends to level the entire area to build playing fields that will not be available to our local leagues or schools. They say it will be open to the public but I can guarantee this will not be the case when the parking lots are filled with snow players in the winter and the fields are filled with broken sleds and feces.

The need 7 stop lights installed. The entire crestline, lake arrowhead, Rimforest, Twin Peaks area currently only has 1 stop light. A 2nd was installed recently on the way to Running Springs. Rimforest has 4 seasons. In the next 2 weeks fall will Roll in and with it comes the fog. The fog here is so thick you cannot see the stoplight until you are underneath it. I have literally had to put my window down to see look down at the road to make sure I was on the right side of the highway. The fog comes in any day it is overcast in the Valley... It is often and the stop light becomes dangerous. In the winter the fog freezes as do the roads. People slide down icy roads and through the stop light. It only gets worse in the winter.

The 3rd concern I have is the homes in the area. If you have ever driven though crestline you can see homes desperately trying to keep their homes from eroding off of the hillside because of the road built below (Lake Gregory Blvd or Lake Dr. No one will respond to my question of how they will keep this from happening to the homes above the newly graded area. This area is extremely steep and needs the trees to keep the soil from eroding. The newly planted landscaping is not going to help to keep our homes and the land around them from sliding. There is also a flood Zone running through the area below the project. The water run off is going to put extreme pressure on the stream that runs through Agua Fria. These homes and business have already suffered flood losses without this additional run off. The stream is not adequate all the way down the road to handle any more than it already does.

This project is too massive and changes the natural landscape too much. I think it will have major negative impacts on the entire mountain community and I hope that you vote no on this project. I appreciate you taking the time to review my concerns. Please vote no.

Jessica Stewart, CISR

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To: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Cc: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 12:46:56 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

I wish to VOTE NO on the Church Of The Woods Land Development. Not only would this be detrimental for our community but detrimental for our infrastructure.

I wish to formally VOTE NO. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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From: [sylvia.gallentine](#)
To: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 4:53:09 PM

I vote NO Land Development for Church of the Woods in Lake Arrowhead California I am trying to find out where the meeting will be held if you could reply and let me know I'd appreciate it thank you so much sincerely Sylvia Gallentine

From: [richard luczynski \(via Google Docs\)](#)
To: [Duron, Heidi - LUS](#)
Cc: [Rutherford, Janice](#)
Subject: TO: Supervisor Rutherford
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2020 11:48:33 AM
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Subject: Public Comment Documents: CSUSB Water Research and Proposed Church of the Woods Project
Date: Thursday, October 8, 2020 12:33:54 PM
Attachments: [LAKE ARROWHEAD Tributary Water Quality Community Report Final 2019 2020.pdf](#)

Dear Clerk, Monell,

I hope you are well. I kindly request that you please distribute the following e-letter below and attachment related to the water quality research and the proposed Church of the Woods Project that will be under consideration by the Board of Supervisors on October 20, 2020.

At your earliest convenience, please confirm that you have received this information and that it has also been received by the Board of Supervisors.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,
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Dear Supervisors Rutherford, Lovingood, Rowe, Hagman and Gonzales,

I am contacting you regarding my water quality research funded by the Water Resources and Policy Initiatives (WRPI) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) related to water quality in Little Bear Creek; a headwater tributary to Lake Arrowhead located in the San Bernardino National Forest. As you likely know, this tributary traverses a watershed drainage a small, but diverse landscape that includes residential areas, the Blue Jay commercial district, and wildlife habitat utilized by endangered species before terminating into Lake Arrowhead. The upper reaches of this watershed are also the site of the proposed Church of the Woods (COTW) project site, making my research a prominent contribution to your assessment of this project as being fit for our community.

More specifically, my research assesses stream physiochemical trends bi-weekly at two sites along Little Bear Creek (upstream of Blue Jay (LBC1) and at the Blue Jay commercial district (LBC2)) and two additional tributaries entering Lake Arrowhead; Willow Creek and Orchard Creek. Testing has been conducted in both dry and precipitation events in situ since September

2019 to present for dissolved oxygen (DO), turbidity, nitrate (NO₃-), ammonium (NH₄+), conductivity, pH, temperature, and stream flow with EPA approved lab-based testing for *Escherichia coli* (EC), total coliform (TC) and enterococcus (ET) on a monthly basis. Additionally, all parameters are assessed more frequently during stormflow and snowmelt events which assist with determining, empirically, how current landscape characteristics and seasonal weather patterns influence headwater stream quality.

I have included my annual report *LAKE ARROWHEAD Tributary Water Quality Community Report 2019-2020* as an attachment to this email, however, I would like to highlight a few findings that speak to the current state of longitudinal water quality trends along Little Bear Creek prior to entering Lake Arrowhead:

1. Little Bear Creek Site 1 (LBC1) represents the highest percentages of sampling periods that exceed regulatory standards for E. coli and Enterococcus across all perennial tributaries.
2. Little Bear Creek Site 2 (LBC2) represents the highest percentages of sampling periods that exceed regulatory standards for NH₄+, NO₃-, TC and across all perennial tributaries.
3. Collectively, LBC1 and LBC2 represents the first and second highest percentages of sampling periods that exceed regulatory standards for NO₃-, TC, EC, and ET.
4. No sampling locations had means, medians or individual sampling periods that exceeded regulatory standards for temperature, conductivity, dissolved oxygen, pH or turbidity.
5. Multiple sampling periods with >1 metric/parameter exceeding regulatory standards simultaneously.
 - a. Although empirically and statically Little Bear Creek is the most impaired of the three perennial streams studied, other tributaries have individual sampling periods that exceed regulatory standards especially as they apply to NH₄+, NO₃-, TC, EC, ET.
- 6. Chronic spikes in nutrients, bacteria-based parameters** are associated with precipitation/stormwater runoff events and during prolonged dry periods, suggesting year-round impacts already exists.

These findings, using research methods widely accepted in the field of hydrology and in relation to TC, EC, ET are EPA certified lab methods, have raised my concerns regarding the proposed COTW project. My concerns take into consideration the current conditions of water quality, the approved Highway 18 Stormwater Project and impacts to human and ecological health. These points are further justified by an extensive peer review process as well as review of regional water board, state and federal water quality regulations persistent to the requirements United States Clean Water Act. Details are within the attached report, but for convenience I have, highlighted points below.

1. Exiting Stormwater Projects: Based on broad peer-reviewed literature, the approved stormwater project moving water from impervious surfaces in Rimforest, under Highway 18 and directly into Little Bear Creek will result in increases in pollution concentrations and eroded soils into this headwater tributary system and downstream, eventually entering Lake Arrowhead.

2. Application of BMPs: Bioretention areas and other related EPA recommended stormwater BMPs (grass swales, etc.) require constant management and monitoring to remain effective.

- a. Widely accepted literature (i.e. 30+ years) observes that BMPs do not improve water quality vs. a pre-development natural vegetated area. Instead they mitigate, to

a degree, development impacts.

3. Site Slopes: The steep slopes present on this landscape where stormwater will be diverted into Little Bear Creek, suggests increases in turbidity (suspended solids including eroded soil particles) in Little Bear Creek. Eroded soils coupled with impervious surfaces have been identified as primary contributors to increases in land-based pollution inputs entering surface water systems.

- a. Pollution inputs including, phosphorus, nitrate, ammonium, coliforms, *Escherichia coli*. and other **pathogens adhere to eroded soil particles** and are conveyed to surface waterways during stormflow events.
- b. Collectively, these inputs are associated with **Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)** that impact both human and ecological health. This is especially concerning during drought conditions characterized by high evaporation rates as these inputs become more concentrated in waterways.

4. High Quality Water Resources Essential to Community Resiliency; sustaining jobs and tourism.

- a. Social, Economic and Environmental Impacts need to be fully considered due to the widespread presence of mountain community household identified as “Disadvantaged” by the CA Department of Water Resources (DWR) and Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) in partnership with the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA). These are defined based on census demographic data and environmental quality; with disadvantaged communities representing annual household incomes that are less than 80 to 85 percent of the statewide annual median household income. Additionally, these communities reside in area that where public health is adversely impacted by impaired air, soil and water resources, such as those represented in Little Bear Creek.

5. Downstream Impact: In addition to impacts to Lake Arrowhead - Little Bear Creek also contributes to Deep Creek; a National Wild and Scenic River. There are two drainage points for Lake Arrowhead - one on the north shore near the UCLA center (Willow Creek) and to the far east, which is the continuation of Little Bear Creek. Both terminate into Deep Creek, which creates the headwaters of the Mojave River. There are numerous fishing and swimming points along Deep Creek and it is so heavily used the USFS shut portions of it down recently due to high use.

6. Inconsistent Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and BMP Applications within community, especially as they relate to the implementation of stormwater BMPs. The process used to determine juridical boundaries for the SkyPark, Santa’s Village Project included extensive oversight by multiple resources agencies, which is void in the assessment of hydrological impacts of the COTW project. SkyPark was required to develop Natural Resource Conservation Service approved and designed stormwater BMPs; a level of review and requirements that are omitted for the COTW project despite just being a few miles between site locations.

- a. SkyPark BMP Effectiveness Research Results: Trends across the BMP structure indicate that while the BMPs were effective in reducing some turbidity, they were ineffective in reducing nutrient loads to Hooks Creek. Consequently, the BMPs ability to effectively mitigate headwater impacts from stormwater flowing over impervious surfaces declined over time.
- b. This is an important finding when considering if the BMPs proposed by the COTW will mitigate impacts related to the proposed development because not only will the excavation of a substantial about of soil and removal of vegetation creates changes to groundwater flows needed to sustain both water quality and quantity entering

Lake Arrowhead year-round, it will simultaneously impact surface hydrology. The proposed BMPs have also not been proven, empirically, under similar site and climatic conditions, that they are/can be effective in mitigating downstream impacts in the short or long term. Additionally, it is highly likely, based on numerous peer-reviewed studies and assessments by hydrologists and biological engineers, that the county's proposed, and now approved, stormwater project entering Little Bear Creek will impact water quality as indicated in over 30 years of academic research based on real-world assessments of BMP effectiveness. Simply put, any alterations to the natural landscape create some degree of adverse impacts to downstream water resources.

7. Existing 303d Impaired Stream Systems: A map and related reports of the Clean Water Act list of 303d impaired streams in this mountain region and downstream (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/tmdl/integrated2014_2016.shtml) indicates that Sheep, Crab and to the NE Holcomb, all tributaries to Deep Creek, are all impaired. Additional pollution inputs from Lake Arrowhead via the perennial tributaries that are entering this surface body of water, increasing the impairments and harmful externalities to both public human and ecological health – two factors that the governing bodies of San Bernardino (and their supportive staff and departments) are elected for and required to protect.

Given the already approved stormwater project flowing into Little Bear Creek, it does not seem reasonable based on the implementation of verified scientific research methods in this creek system, even comparing it to other, less developed tributaries, that the COTW project will benefit the community across social, economic and environmental metrics because the location, landscape and hydrological alterations of the proposed COTW project, by design, will create adverse impacts to water resources that characterize the mountain communities.

I hope and trust that your backgrounds and commitment to public health and safety, in which the public entrusted you through the election process, will alert you to the danger in setting such precedent, not only in the communities located in a National Forest highly depended on tourism based on natural settings and pristine outdoor quality to support summer and winter activities, but how such decisions can impact communities across San Bernardino County including where you and your family live and or work. Supporting a poorly design project largely based on site location and no inclusion of a comprehensive hydrologic assessments that goes beyond a “one size fits all” approach to stormwater management will allow 1.5% (i.e. the 350 members of the COTW congregation) to impact 98.5% of residents across three mountain communities directly now and for generations to come.

Upon your review of the attached report, I would welcome the opportunity to discuss ways to support healthy watershed initiatives using natural resource conservation while also supporting innovative design that benefits all community members and visitors alike.

I welcome an open dialogue and hope that you will fully consider the existing, scientifically, empirically verified, realities of the adverse water quality conditions already present in this community prior to the approval and potential development of the COTW project.

Please feel free to reach out to me to discuss this further. I would also appreciate a note of acceptance that you received this information at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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