

Testimony of Penny Sarvis

Regarding the proposed Calaveras County General Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report

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My name is Penny Sarvis.

I live off Darby Lane between Murphys and Angels Camp, and have lived there 20 years.

I am a retired teacher and minister.

The section of the General Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report that concerns me is the part concerning greenhouse gas emissions.

The requirement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions comes from state legislation, particularly Assembly Bill 32, and does not actually derive from the General Plan. But it is addressed in the General Plan and DEIR.

The goal of meeting state requirements is stated in the General Plan.

*COS-4B Greenhouse gas emissions associated with vehicular travel, electric power generation, and energy use in compliance with applicable state goals and standards.*

The main policy for doing so is:

*COS 4.4 Develop and adopt a comprehensive strategy to assist in achieving emission reduction goals of AB 32.*

The implementation measures presented for achieving these goals do point to an overall strategy but do not provide enough specifics to guide or ensure follow through.

The two main measures provided are:

*IM COS-5B: Undertake a greenhouse gas emissions inventory to establish baseline levels of GHGs generated from all major emissions sources in the County consistent with the requirements of Assembly Bill 32 (California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006).*

*And, IM COS-5C: Develop a GHG reduction plan outlining the strategies, goals, and actions for contributing to the overall reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions consistent with AB 32.*

What are missing from these statements are timelines, steps, reporting procedures and methods that would ensure that the General Plan commitments concerning greenhouse gas emissions are actually followed through on in a timely and publically accountable way.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report gives a pass to all this lack of specificity. I am concerned because the General Plan at the implementation level for these policies is inadequate, and because the DEIR allows that inadequacy to go unaddressed and uncorrected.

Thank you.