



Let's Stand Together to  
KEEP NIPOMO RURAL!



## October 2023 Newsletter

### *Standing for Real Affordable Housing, Critical Infrastructure, and Environmental Preservation*

The Dana Reserve Specific Plan is inconsistent with several elements of the County General Plan, the Conservation and Open Space Element, and the South County Area Plan.

The Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), released to the public on August 4, 2023, cites 19 "Class 1 Impacts" that cannot be mitigated in six categories: Air Quality; Biology; Land Use Planning; Population and Housing; Transportation; and Growth Inducing impacts.

Unresolved issues are numerous, including details to solve community fire, law enforcement, [schools](#), [infrastructure](#), [water and traffic needs](#).

**What's the point** in the county making a Plan for reasonable growth, environmental and biological protections and safety, only to succumb to the potential tax dollars offered by a development of mostly high-end homes, that the county does NOT need? This project is environmentally destructive and toxic and will be for the 8-10 years of build out (and beyond), and only contributes to SLO South County looking more like urban sprawl and doing "business as usual" in an ever-increasing heated planet.

Let's design housing projects with access to nature and the outdoors. This is a powerful public health strategy that should be available to everyone. Green space has the power to actually lower air temperature -- and as climate change persists, extreme heat is a very real threat.

California is among the states that will share in more than [\\$1 billion in federal funding](#) to help plant trees, in an effort to mitigate extreme heat and combat climate change. *YET, SLO Co. plans to allow the destruction of more than 3,000 mature oak trees and the unique and ederally endangered habitat they support!?!?*

Trees, especially mature trees like the local oak woodlands proposed to be destroyed, filter out pollution, reduce energy consumption, lower temperatures, percolate water for underground aquifers, provide vital habitat for the greatest number of species of any terrestrial ecosystem in North America, and offer more access to green spaces in their communities.

Trees are one of the most efficient carbon sequestration agents on the planet, and oak trees are some of the best at it. A single oak tree can sequester up to 13 pounds of carbon per year, and a mature oak forest can store up to 50% more carbon than an equally-sized forest of other trees.

Research has found that areas with more pavement and fewer trees can be 10 degrees warmer because of the so-called "urban heat island effect." Experts warn that extreme heat is among the deadliest effects of climate change – killing more people each year than hurricanes, tornadoes and other weather hazard.

Read the entire article in the LA Times [here](#).

Also.....[The first step in using trees to slow climate change: Protect the trees we have](#) *Science News July 2021*

### ***Write your letters to all five Planning Commission members NOW!***

Your letters will be included in the final report to the Commissioners and Board of Supervisors!  
Write to [Yeighmy@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:Yeighmy@co.slo.ca.us)

**Plan to Attend the SLO Planning Commission Meeting**

**October 23+24th, 2023 9am 1055 Monterey St. SLO**

**IN PERSON 3 Minute Public Comment—WE NEED YOU THERE!**

**The Board of Supervisors will make the final decision at a later date. please write to them at [BoardOfSups@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:BoardOfSups@co.slo.ca.us)**

Visit the [NAC Website](#) to see the support we have garnered already. You can access letters of support to help you with your own letters and your 3 minute statement for the Planning Commission.

Also, contact Jeanie if you'd like her help in editing your letter or comment: [jeaniemiddleclass@charter.ne](mailto:jeaniemiddleclass@charter.ne)