

FRIENDS OF SQUAW VALLEY DEIR COMMENT WORKSHOP

"Every man holds his property subject to the general right of the community to regulate its use to whatever degree the public welfare may require it."

Theodore Roosevelt

Join the Friends of Squaw Valley at a community workshop to help voice your concern about the proposed Village at Squaw Valley. The forum will be at the **SV Public Service District community meeting room (305 SV Road) on Sunday, July 5, 2015, from 4 to 6pm.**

The Village at Squaw Valley Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) has been released along with the April 2015 revision of the Village at Squaw Valley Specific Plan (VSVSP). These draft documents seek discretionary entitlements for a proposed, conceptual, "program level" of planning that would guide future development in Squaw's village. Proposed over a 25 year time line, the plan calls for 1493 new bedrooms, over 200,000 square feet of new commercial space, housing for 300 employees, and a 90,000 square foot Mountain Adventure Camp (with a "pool system" and other unknown recreational amenities).

The purpose of the DEIR is to inform the public and identify (and mitigate where possible) the environmental impacts of the village plan. The document has determined that many effects would be "significant and unavoidable" (not able to be mitigated) if the project were approved, including adverse impacts to scenic vistas, traffic, noise, greenhouse gas emissions, and historic buildings. The DEIR also identifies some "alternatives" to the proposed project, including 50% reduced density (not height). The public comment period ends July 17.

Friends of Squaw Valley will be writing our own letter, prepared in collaboration with a CEQA practitioner and our board members. On July 5 we will review the DEIR and present areas where we agree or disagree with its content. We will listen to your concerns and help you write an effective comment letter that Placer County will acknowledge and respond to in the Final EIR.

Fellow residents, now is the time to have your concerned community voices heard! The future of Squaw Valley is at stake!

"Unavoidable impacts are not Acceptable in Squaw Valley"