

Martis Valley West proposal leaves planners with more questions

Placer County planning commissioners on June 9 took no action regarding the Martis Valley West project, saying there are too many lingering questions to make a recommendation.

More than 200 people attended the six-hour meeting at Granlibakken in Tahoe City.

The issue will be heard again at a future meeting at the lake, though no date was give.

Sierra Pacific Industries owns the land, with Mountainside Partners the developers. The 760 units proposed to be built are outside of the Lake Tahoe Basin. However, the development is close to Tahoe, near Brockway Summit. The Martis Valley West plan would transfer residential and commercial uses from the east parcel to the west parcel. A high-end resort style campground is proposed for the Tahoe side of the ridgeline immediately adjacent to the west parcel.

Most of the public who spoke opposed the project.

Traffic on Highway 267, fire safety and the ability to evacuate and potential impacts to Lake Tahoe were the commissioners main concerns.

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