

Letter: Commission didn't listen regarding Squaw

To the community,

Sadly, Placer County Planning Commission approved the huge **KSL Squaw Valley project** last Thursday by a 4-2 vote. Local Larry Sevison voted to approve.

Not one change was made to the behemoth project – 1,400-plus bedrooms, numerous 96-foot buildings, 18 homes at the base of the Shirley Lake trail, and a 96-foot building containing a water park.

The commissioner that made the motion didn't make a peep the entire 10-hour hearing ... he just made the motion to approve, ignoring scores of environmental impacts. Placer County's attorney claimed the county could ignore California Attorney General Kamala Harris' letter requesting a new environmental analysis due to traffic, greenhouse gas and impacts to Lake Tahoe. It was a shameful display.

We were told KSL offered to pay employees to attend and offered them more if they spoke. Teresa Duggan organized the KSL circus.

Next will be the Board of Supervisors. Write Jennifer Montgomery – jmontgomery@placer.ca.gov – and tell her to deny Squaw Valley and Martis Valley West. Our area is at gridlock during high season now; add Squaw Valley, Martis Valley West, Highlands 2, Joerger Ranch, The Railyard, Brockway Campground, Homewood, Boulder Bay, Coldstream ... it goes on and on. Our area will be ruined.

By the way, the water park will offer indoor skydiving ... really?

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