

SLT Whole Foods project faces appeal

A South Lake Tahoe resident is challenging the Planning Commission's May 11 decision to approve what is locally known as the Whole Foods project.

The City Council on June 6 will hear the appeal.

Donna Gilpin cites five reasons she disagrees with the decision; most having to do with the mitigated negative declaration. She believes more environmental review is needed before demolition and construction begin.

The project is formally known as the Bijou Creek Watershed Project. It involves tearing down the Knights Inn on Highway 50. Halferty, the developer, plans to build a Whole Foods 365. A lease is already secured. Halferty also has control of the corner at the highway and Ski Run Boulevard. Both parcels will have commercial development and be linked.

Also part of the plans is to improve the stream environment zone in the area and to put in filtration so less sediment reaches Lake Tahoe.

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