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- A. Rural Commercial Land use Recommendation (see map)
 - 1. Approximate 6 acres around store, café, and post office.
 - 2. Heliport.
 - 3. U. S. Forest Service Group Camp. (land North of county Road S 7 only)
 - 4. PMVFD Fire Station and five adjacent Parcels.
 - 5. The Jerry Woods Property (East side of Canfield Road across from store)
- B. Density Recommendation. Pre Forest Conservation Initiative (see map)

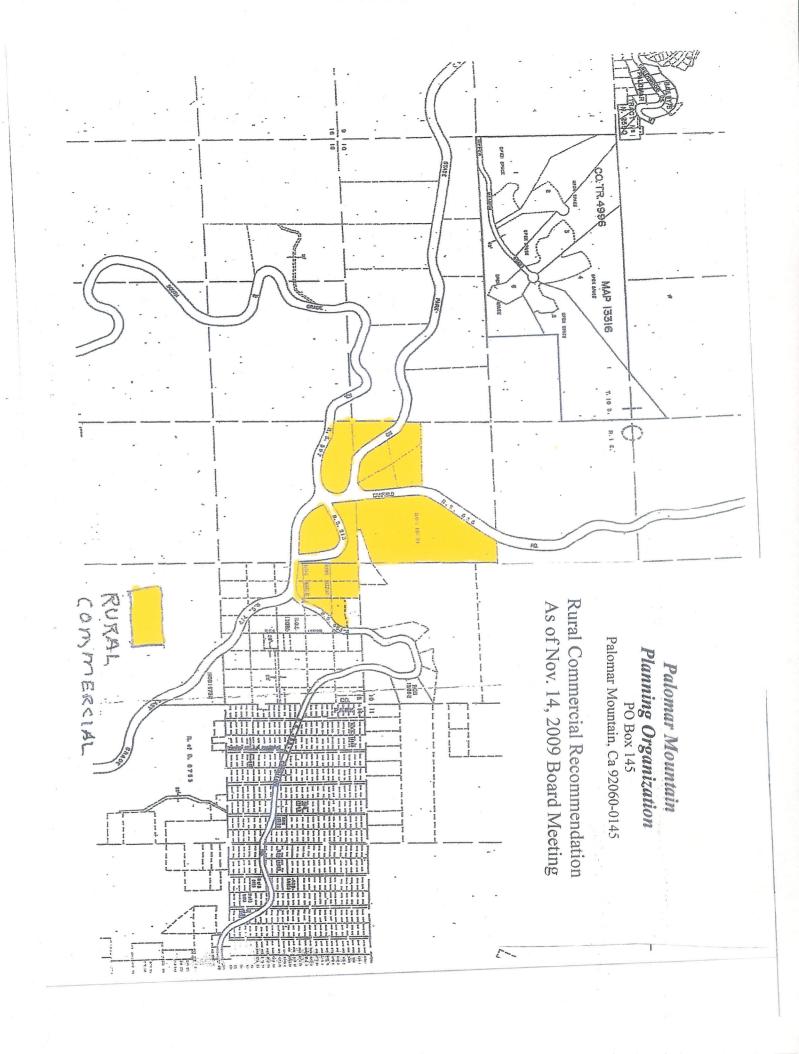
 (From the Bailey Subdivision to the Crestline Birch Hill Subdivision and the land in between them.)
- C. San Diego draft Environmental Impact Report Recommendation.

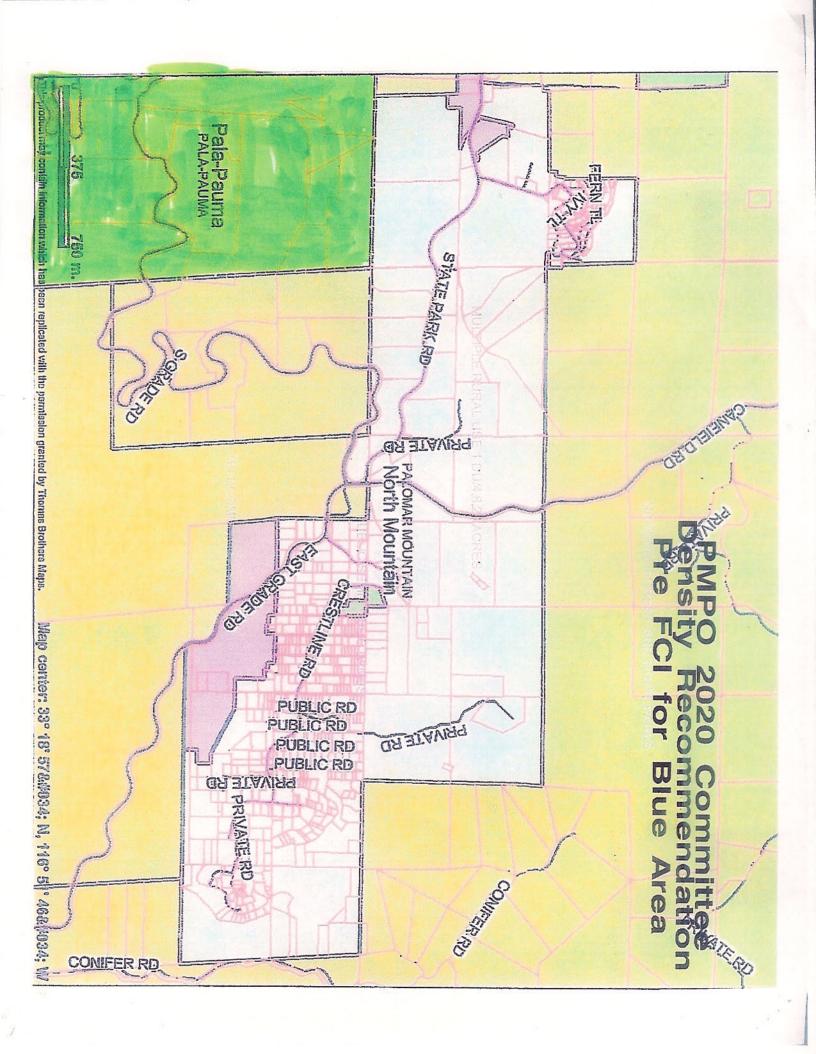
There was general discussion with regard to the EIR Report including Tom Burtons' analysis of the report. Particular attention was paid to chapter one of the Report, whereby the county anticipates future population growth on the Mountain to double within a very short time-frame. The group agreed that this assumption on behalf of the county was inaccurate and did not reflect the uniqueness of Palomar Mountain and its land owners.

CONCLUSIONS

The Committee unanimously agreed with the direction of the EIR, however they do note some factual errors. The counties' forecasted population growth for Palomar Mountain is believed to be inaccurate. The following three reasons for disagreeing with the county are sited.

- The water share availability on Birch Hill and Crestline roads will prevent the growth that the county anticipates.
- Not upgrading the mountain access roads will prevent the anticipated growth.
- The county not investing in Palomar Mountains' infrastructure and not providing an increased police presence will prevent the anticipated growth.





Appendix A

Draft EIR Table 1-1 (see EIR 1.00, page 1-41)
The entry for Palomar Mountain Public/Semi-Public Facilities is only 120 acres.
Has the County taken into consideration the following: Palomar Mountain County
Park, Palomar Observatory, Palomar Christian Conference Center, Yoga Center
Palomar Mountain Retreat, and the Girl Scouts Palomar Mountain Service Center?
The entry for Palomar Mountain Open Space is only 116 acres, which seems too low
to have included several projects with significant acreage of dedicated open
space.

Draft EIR Figure 2.7-2 and associated text (see EIR 2.07, pages 2.7-37 & 2.7-76) To our knowledge, Palomar Mountain has no Burn Dump Site, yet a Burn Dump site is reported here in the draft EIR. In fact, the only Dump Site on Palomar Mountain has been closed.

Draft EIR Section 2.9.1.2 Community and Subregional Planning Areas (page 2.9-13) The text reading "Other distinctive neighborhoods include Ranchita, Palomar Mountain, Mesa Grande, San Felipe and Oak Grove. Each has a very small, isolated area of rural commercial uses to serve the needs of local residents." seems accurate for Palomar Mountain, but rural commercial designations are not included in the Proposed Land Use Map shown in Figure 1-3 (see EIR 1.00, page 1-59).

Draft EIR Table 2.13-6 (page 2.13-42)
As mentioned in our recommendation, the draft EIR Proposed Housing and Population Growth increases of 115% (Table 2.13-6) for Palomar Mountain do not seem reasonable.

Draft EIR Section 2.14
Information on State Parks should be updated to include recent park closures.

Draft EIR Section 4.4

Neither the Proposed Land Use Map shown in Figure 1-3 (see EIR 1.00, page 1-59), nor any of the Project Alternatives discussed in EIR Section 4.4 and shown in map Figures 4-1, 4-2, 4-3 and 4-4 (EIR 4.0, page 4-83 through 4-86) provides any rural commercial planning designations to support the limited existing commercial services available for local residents (see also discussion of Draft EIR Section 2.9.1.2 Community and Subregional Planning Areas above), nor any semi-rural residential planning designations to accommodate even modest growth in population or housing (see also statements regarding Draft EIR Table 2.13-6 above).

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The PMPO agrees with the direction of the draft EIR, however they do note some apparent factual errors (see Appendix A, below). The County's forecasted population growth for Palomar Mountain, as described in draft EIR Section 1.13.3 (see EIR 1.00, page 1-28) is believed to be inaccurate. We do not believe that the population and housing will more than double as noted in draft EIR Table 2.13-6 (EIR 2.13, page 2.13-42) for the following three reasons:

- 1. The County not investing in Palomar Mountain's infrastructure and not providing an increased police presence will prevent the anticipated growth.
- 2. Not upgrading the mountain access roads will prevent the anticipated growth.
- 3. The water share availability on Birch Hill and Crestline roads will prevent the growth that the county anticipates.