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Demian Hardman, Planner II
Department of Conservation & Development
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Contra Costa County
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Dear Mr. Hardman:

RE: Creekside Memorial Park Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced document. As noted in the DEIR, in 2005 the City of San Ramon, along with Contra Costa County, City of Dublin, Pleasanton and Danville participated in the Tri-Valley Cemetery Sub-committee in supporting a cemetery in this location to serve the Tri-Valley. Although Measure W was not supported by our residents, Tassajara Valley, while not within our Urban Growth Boundary or Sphere of Influence, remains within our Planning Area, thus the City has a vested interested as to what development occurs.

The project includes the construction of an access road to the upper garden that includes entombment lawns with tombstones of varying heights and two roundabouts, each with memorial tombs/mausoleums. The DEIR on page 3.1-2 discusses views of the project from public roads and existing development, including the Windemere Community. While we appreciate the discussion, the DEIR does not discuss ways to mitigate views of the cemetery from Tassajara Ridge, specifically the visual impact on trail users. We believe that construction of the upper garden as proposed has the potential to impact our resident's enjoyment of the Tassajara Ridge Trail.

Acknowledging the need for cemetery space in the Tri-Valley, the City would encourage a modification to the Smaller Project Alternative that would eliminate the roundabout at elevation 890-feet and reduce the entombment area to the 890-foot elevation, to the area as shown on the Preliminary Project Landscaping and depicted in Attachment A. We feel with the modifications to the Smaller Project Alternative adequate entombment areas could be accommodated while preserving the experience of the Tassajara Ridge Trail for our residents.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Should you have any questions, or need further clarification, I may be reached at (925) 973-2566.

Sincerely,

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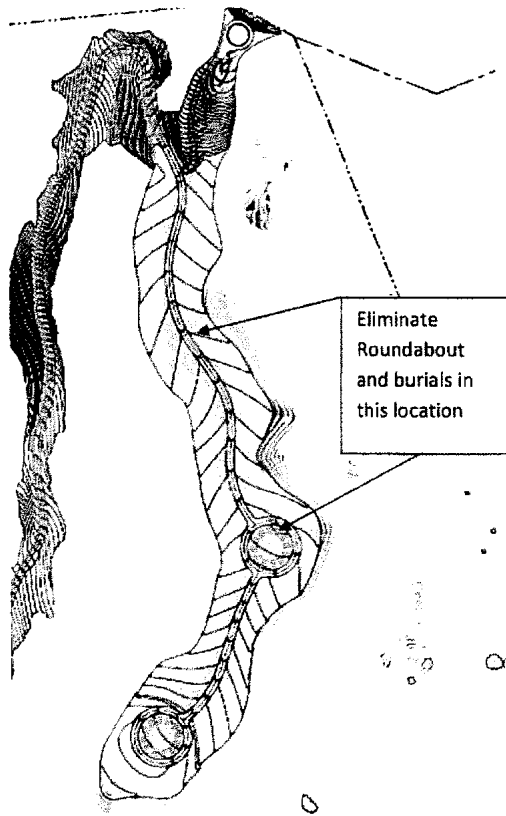
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Attachment

Modified Smaller Project Alternative

cc Member of the City Council
Greg Rogers, City Manager
Phil Wong, Planning/Community Development Director

ATTACHMENT A- Modified Smaller Project Alternative





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Enclosed please find the City of San Ramon regarding the above reference.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Debbie

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