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Comment Form

Hughson 2005 General Plan and EIR

Name/Affiliation (optional): John & Cindy Lundell
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Please use this form to provide input on the Draft General Plan and EIR. Comment forms should be returned to the City of Hughson by August 18, 2005. Forms can be returned by mail to: City of Hughson, Planning Department, 7018 Pine Street, Hughson, CA 95326, or faxed to: 209-883-9725.

Draft General Plan Comments

Land Use Element:

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Circulation Element:

Conservation and Open Space Element:

To Whom It May Concern:
Re: Hughson 2005 General Plan and EIR
From: John and Cindy Lundell

We are property owners located on the east side of Euclid Road, between Hatch and Fox. We own a small peach farm, just slightly over 18 acres. We would like to express our concern regarding the change from the previous city plan to the one which now includes our land as part of a green belt or buffer zone. As property owners, we were never notified of this change and we were only informed of this due to our attendance of city council meetings and our purchase of a master plan.

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We understand the concerns that the city and the council may have regarding growth in Hughson, but we don't see a green belt in this area as a necessary means to plan for future growth. We don't understand the need for a green belt in this area as we already have some natural boundaries in Geer Road, Santa Fe, and Hatch. It doesn't make sense as it is ag land against ag land.

On a personal note, a green belt for us would actually mean limiting our means of farming. We are currently in an area that is directly across the street from future development. As a small farmer, we will be squeezed into a situation in which farming, spraying, and fumigating would become even more difficult and costly. As we look to our future retirement, it would be impossible to rent out or sell our land to another farmer. Who would want to take on farming under such restrictions? We would also not have the option of selling for development. We would be stuck!

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Thank you for listening to our concerns. We respectfully ask that you remove the current placement of a green belt or buffer zone.