

Lopez, Maria [COB]

From: Stephanie Shamblin Gray <stephaniepuff@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 4:19 PM
To: Ross, Jamie
Subject: Re: Saddleback Meadows: Request to Deny Use Permit

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Apologies. Please see attached.





Stephanie
Sent from my Mobile Phone

On Apr 27, 2026, at 4:09 PM, Ross, Jamie <Jamie.Ross@cob.oc.gov> wrote:

Ms. Gray,

The pictures are not appearing within the email. Please re-send.

From: Stephanie Shamblin Gray <stephaniepuff@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2026 3:58 PM
To: Wagner, Donald <Donald.Wagner@bos3.oc.gov>
Cc: COB_Response <COB.Response@cob.oc.gov>
Subject: Saddleback Meadows: Request to Deny Use Permit

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Supervisor Wagner,

The below images were taken by me from my backyard on 28 Yellowpine in Trabuco Canyon on September 9, 2024. This was the start of the Airport Fire and it was terrifying to see and experience. Thankfully, our brave firefighters kept us and our homes safe in my Hidden Ridge neighborhood. If we would have had a mandatory evacuation, we would have all had to evacuate through a single residential street to exit onto El Toro Road which is only two lanes outside our neighborhood.

I respectfully ask that you deny the Use Permit for the Saddleback Meadows project which includes the development of 181 dwelling units. This is currently open space in a very high fire hazard severity zone. The environmental impact report for this project was prepared more than two decades ago. Since that time, there has been significant development in the area. Given the increased population in the El Toro/Santiago Canyon corridor since 2002 (over 1200 new homes), the primary evacuation route is inadequate and hazardous. Also, my understanding is that an adequate water supply is not clearly identified as of yet. As you know, water supply was a significant issue in the 2025 Los Angeles fires.

An updated environment impact report and/or additional studies need to be prepared to properly assess the needs and safety of residents in the surrounding areas related to this project. Please deny the Use Permit at this time. Thank you for your consideration.





Sincerely,

Stephanie Shamblin Gray