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Bret Tyler And Other Members Storey County Planning Commission

Dear Bret & Planning Commission Members:

I will be unable to attend the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for the Highlands on Friday, April 13, 2007.

Therefore, I am writing you to express my opinion regarding this very heated issue.

In a nutshell, I firmly believe that growth in Storey County is inevitable. I, also, enjoy the rural atmosphere of Storey County and yet I do not see that Cordevista back in the hills is going to ruin that for the rest of us. I would prefer to see a completely planned and contained community such as Cordevista rather than waiting and years down the road end up with small, unplanned communities popping up.

A major issue for the River District is the flooding of Long Valley Creek. As Manager of the Canyon GID, I have been working on getting that cleaned up and taken care of so we don't flood again as we did on New Year's Eve Day in 2005. The CGID suffered serious damages and not all of it was covered by FEMA and insurance. We were left \$45,000 in the hole.

Cordevista proposes to retain some of the water and help put a stop to the flooding in the River District. It is well known that water from the Highlands comes down Long Valley creek and contributes to the flooding of the River District. Perhaps the people from the Highlands would like to take responsibility and keep their water from rushing down Long Valley Creek.

As Manager of the Canyon GID I intend to see that everyone upstream from us does what they should so we don't flood. We have spent a fortune maintaining our section of the creekbed and others need to do their part. Whether it be Cordevista, the Highlands, whomever - I don't care - but it will be done! We will not take your water and go in the hole financially again.

I would like to suggest that people take a look at the positive things Cordevista can bring to Storey County.

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