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'Save the Laguna'

EDITOR: On behalf of the Citizens of Sebastopol, I want to thank the Sebastopol Planning Commission for recommending to the City Council that the DEIR for the Route "E" bypass proposal be reduced to the status of a feasibility study, and that the proposal be deleted from the General Plan.

The commission found the report to be a legally deficient document, and to be inaccurate in financial and technical areas. The commission also recognized that the DEIR adequately described the enormous damage to the environment and human habitation caused by such a project.

Also, I want to thank the many people who came to the hearings, and those who made well-informed comment on the weakness of the DEIR.

This is a small but significant victory for the protection of the Laguna and sets an example for other agencies that the Laguna area should be preserved as open space, wildlife habitat, farm and parklands.

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