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Mr. Thomas McCue  
Senior Planner  
Monterey Co. Planning & Building Inspection Dept. Office  
2620 First Ave.  
Marina, CA 93933  
Dear Mr. McCue,

Thank you for the notice concerning development in Del Monte Forest.

Reading the project description of the four primary elements, it is obvious that the forest will be decimated forever. The trees will be gone ,another eighteen golf course , new roads and multiple housing and this beautiful area will vanish.

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The two lane roads are becoming congested with trucks and cars already, with more houses, golfers and tourists four lane roads will be a necessity. Look at Pebble Beach hill gate entrance at four PM for evidence of serious congestion.

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To remove all the trees for another golf course is crazy. I hope the Coastal Commission can save them.

Politicians and public officials come and go, very few of them have the courage to say no. They are pressured by builders, developers, big corporations and lawyers, those who want to make money right now regardless of the devastation they actually wreak. I empathize with the Pebble Beach Corporation, they want to capitalize to the fullest extent on their investment. It should be noted that previous owners preserved the forest not exploited it. The present owners for the most part are not permanent residents. This area is dollar and cents cash register to them.

I sincerely hope that serious consideration of the EIR will result in saving the forest and scaling down the golf course and excessive development.

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Sincerely, *Alice M. Dutton*

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# Council adds use fee to Sunset ticket prices

## ■ Bach worries about box office impact

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A UNANIMOUS Carmel City Council decision Tuesday to impose a facility use fee on Sunset Center theatergoers is not sitting well with one major presenter.

Concerned the fee might hurt its box office, the Carmel Bach Festival board issued a statement Thursday saying it "has only started to recover somewhat from the extraordinary costs and loss of audience associated with having to move the festival in 2001 and 2002 to accommodate the renovation of Sunset Center."

But no one from the festival or any other user group opposed the fee when it was considered by the council Feb. 3.

During the hearing, acting Sunset Center General Manager Tom Bacchetti said the fee would offset the costs of operating the newly renovated theater. Based on figures proposed by the nonprofit corporation, Sunset Cultural Center, Inc., which might take over management of the center, Bacchetti said the facility use fee would add \$2 to tickets \$20 and higher and \$1 to tickets \$19.99 and under. The fee would be waived for school events with tickets priced lower than \$8.

"A facility use fee is not an uncommon device used by performing arts venues around the country," he told the

*Heard to be the case* EIR page 18A

## VAST P.B. EIR UNVEILED BY COUNTY PLANNERS

By PAUL MILLER

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and 795 acres on the east side of

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re EIR to protect wetlands, rare  
animals, possible archaeological  
water and air quality, and to reduce  
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on the EIR, which will be pre-  
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of the EIR can be downloaded  
county website, [www.co.mon-](http://www.co.mon-)  
phi, and can also be reviewed at  
libraries.