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Comments on Pebble Beach Development DEIR

I have enjoyed hiking and enjoying the plants and birdsong in the Morse Preserve and Van Winkle park for years and am disturbed by the proposed Pebble Beach Development plan.

a) I support an alternative that will retain the equestrian center at it's current location and avoid the impacts of substantial equestrian usage in the Morse preserve and HHNA. Because of these impacts:

Horse usage will impact the HHNA by spreading manure all along trails, spread non-native grasses and other weeds and create conflicts with hikers who come to enjoy the natural environment - for which it was dedicated - by encountering many horses, walking on hoofed up dusty trails, having to step around smelly piles of horse manure.

b) The proposed driving range at Area C is just not necessary. Spanish Bay Links is not allowed to hold championship play and does not need an immediately adjacent driving range. It will destroy a beautiful pine/oak woods that the DEIR documents as the best in Pebble Beach and is full of native understory plants. The driving range and academy could be located in the lower Sawmill quarry site.

c) I support an alternative that redesigns the employee housing Area B. The Employee Housing in Area B destroys too much Monterey pine forest contiguous with the rest of the Van Winkle woods. It is too close to a main hiking trail in the lower Van Winkle woods. The housing should be placed in the disturbed portions and clustered better. There are too many parking spaces (3.5 per a unit) and too much pavement. The seasonal wetland that is given a 100 foot buffer looks like a barren ditch with weeds covering it's steep manmade sides. The housing should be in this disturbed western portion of the parcel and the pine forest protected east of the disturbed portion.

d) Forest management and RMP's are not mitigation for loss of pine forest, but simply management of forests. You can't squeeze in more trees into a forest since the trees are already growing there. Habitat removed is gone forever. The proposal to cut down the forest in gap phasing has me very concerned. An impact will certainly be the spread of weeds throughout the forest and presently all Pebble Beach seems to do is spray something once and awhile, but never really followup to completely eliminate weeds. Acacias are now scattered throughout the forest and no effort to remove them seems to be occurring. The county must ensure that Pebble Beach adheres to resource protection by adequately funding a large weed crew, having a biologist on site to supervise the work and actually eliminate invasive weeds from the forest.

Sincerely, *Donna Burych*

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