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Addressing only issues within the CEQA process for the McKay Ranch subdivision hides the fact that the Planning Commission is making a political decision and ignoring the many valid issues that need to be addressed. The Planning Commission is a political body that is supposed to deal with the concerns of the people of our county. There are still valid concerns for many people about major problems with fire danger, wood smoke from wood stoves, greenhouse gas and neighborhood traffic concerns. These are human caused problems, as are all climate crisis problems. It is possible to truly limit the effects of human-caused climate change and restore the environment and we humans really can do that. But purchasing mitigation offsets for only 30 years is simply not enough to address these issues that will continue for much, much longer than 30 years. The climate crisis demands that we do everything we can to solve these problems. Pretending that the CEQA process is enough does not take care of the valid issues people have raised about this project. The Planning Commission needs to take action to truly alleviate these problems. — Emily Siegel LCSW, home address: 65 Cod St., Eureka 95503/ business address: 539 G St, Suite 107., Eureka 95501/ 707-845-2405