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Secretary of the Planning Commission
PO Box 347
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Re: **APN 006-150-004 3858 Crowley Lake Dr.**
Public Hearing Conditional Use Permit Schott & Reedy

Dear Secretary of the Planning Commission:

This letter will address our concerns about the proposed Conditional Use Permit under consideration of the Schott & Reedy property located at 3858 Crowley Lake Drive.

We are opposed to the exemption to the California Environmental Quality Assessment (CEQA). The process that CEQA provides is an important one and helps identify potential environment concerns. The aforementioned property is a special area with water and a habitat of wildlife that should be a concern to us all.

The overhead power lines proposed by SCE are a concern for the following reasons:

- Fire Danger. There is no doubt that overhead lines are a danger during high wind events. There are countless examples of downed power lines causing incredible damage to communities in California.
- Electronic Magnetic Fields are a real concern and the potential health concerns are only now coming to light and, while the possible health effects have not been conclusively identified, health officials recommend that policy makers and community planners implement very low-cost measures to reduce exposures when constructing new facilities and designing new equipment.
- Underground power lines have less chance of faults, require less maintenance, and the EMF emissions are lower and less of a concern than overhead power lines. We should take this opportunity to install underground power lines now.
- Residence and Shed on Property: I was shocked to learn that the residence has been placed on the property prior to the owners providing the required utilities to the property.
- Financial Distress: What criteria was used by Mono County to determine that the owners are financially distressed? Can a property owner and builder simply state that they are financially distressed and not provide any documentation to prove their claim? The cost of building in

California and Mono County are extremely high and we all want to avoid unnecessary costs, but we need to be realistic with our construction costs.

Clearly underground power lines are the preferred option and the Schott & Reedy owners should pay for the installation. It would have been nice for Schott & Reedy to have worked with the affected neighboring property owners and proposed a cost share option.

Very truly yours,

[\\signed\\mw\lw\\](#)

Mary Walker
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From: [Jes Schwartzkopf](#)
To: [CDD Comments](#)
Subject: FW: 3858 Crowley Lake Drive, APN: 060-150-004, Schott & Reedy, 3 over-head power poles
Date: Friday, September 30, 2022 1:13:55 PM
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From: Jes Schwartzkopf
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 1:04 PM
To: cddcomments@mono.ca.gov
Subject: 3858 Crowley Lake Drive, APN: 060-150-004, Schott & Reedy, 3 over-head power poles

Dear Secretary of the Planning Commission, I am not in favor of the placement of the 3 over-head power poles added on Crowley Lake Drive. I am also opposed to the CEQA Exemption. Why are the owners of this parcel asking for this now? Due to the extreme fire danger that has resulted from the overhead power lines in many areas, we too are "sitting ducks" for a severe fire threat. I think most Eastern Sierra residents in this area of Mono County have been holding their breath and realize we have "dogged bullets" with no major fires. Adding bigger poles, higher lines gives me the "heebie geebies". The owners of that lot had months to perform their own due diligence prior to closing an escrow, buyer beware, and did not have to buy the lot. If their investigations were not thorough enough, why should that ownness be put on the neighbors? For this to be surfacing now is not right, it seems this step should have been covered before a home was delivered to the lot, or before closing escrow. Thank you for listening and allowing comments, Jes Schwartzkopf

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To: [CDD Comments](#)
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Dear Secretary of the Planning Commission,

I am not in favor of the placement of the 3 over-head power poles added on Crowley Lake Drive. I am also opposed to the CEQA Exemption. Due to the extreme fire danger that has resulted from the overhead power lines in many areas, we are all at the mercy of unpredictable weather, and predictable wind events in our neighborhood that pose a severe fire threat. All residents in this area are on guard constantly and have been fortunate to dodge any fires. Adding bigger poles with higher lines seems out of scope for this area, along with the eye-sores and disruption to the beauty of our neighborhood. Those owners should have executed more due-diligence to the fact that it would be extremely difficult to bring power to such a lot. We should not have to suffer for their short-comings. Why should this issue be placed upon the neighbors? No busy else has held them accountable, and now it is up to you to make the right decision. For this to be happening now, after they had a home delivered to this lot is just un heard of and wrong. This should have been an issue on the3 docket prior to the close of escrow.

Thank you for allowing our comments and consideration.

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