

YUBA PANEL TO REVIEW HIGHLANDS

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The Yuba County Planning Commission will consider the final environmental impact report for the controversial Yuba Highlands project Wednesday evening.

The document, years in the works, must be approved by county officials before more than 5,000 homes can be built on the 2,900-acre site adjacent to Beale Air Force Base.

The EIR addresses the environmental impacts the project will have on the environment and how developers plan to mitigate the impacts.

Developer Gary Gallelli, of Gallelli & Sons LLC, is proposing the project.

The draft EIR has been completed. Comments from the public have been incorporated into the final EIR, which must go to the Board of Supervisors for certification.

The development sets aside 85 acres for businesses purposes, including a business park and neighborhood commercial space.

About 400 acres will be designated for recreational uses and a total of about 650 acres for open space scattered throughout the project site.

There is also an 18-hole privately operated golf course planned on 419 acres along the project's western border with Beale.

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