

**From:** Joe Mannina [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 17, 2025 11:51 AM  
**To:** Erin Walters <EWalters@losgatosca.gov>  
**Subject:** 178 Twin Oaks Comments From Surrey Farms Resident

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hi Erin,

I live in the Surrey Farms neighborhood where the 178 Twin Oaks project proposal is located.

As part of this new development, I would like to propose consideration for a new path to connect our Surrey Farms neighborhood to the paved trail surrounding the Kennedy Court neighborhood via a connection on both ends of Brook Acres Drive.

Walking my dog on Kennedy Road has become very dangerous over the past couple of years and a new path would provide many benefits for both neighborhoods including safety.

Thanks for your consideration.

Joseph and Julie Mannina

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Sunday, February 1, 2026 4:08 PM

**To:** Erin Walters <EWalters@losgatosca.gov>; James Watson <JWatson@losgatosca.gov>

**Subject:** Fw: New Ponds Proposed for Los Gatos at 178 Twin Oaks Drive

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Erin and James,

The purpose of this note is to update you about my concerns regarding the subject ponds.

First, I thank you for clarifying the Town's process which at present **does not** practice coordination with the Santa Clara County Vector Control. This response only heightened my concerns. It led me to seek the advice of Dr. Nayer Rahiri, District Manager, Santa Clara County Mosquito and Vector Control District. Please see my letter to her and her response below.

I want to call your special attention to the second paragraph of her letter:

**"Vector control can provide technical recommendations during the planning and design phase of construction projects to help prevent conditions that may support mosquito breeding, such as the creation of ponds or areas of standing water. We do not have enforcement authority, and our involvement must be initiated by the permitting agency or the city. If the City or project planners do not reach out to us for review, we are unable to require changes or impose conditions."**

Given the extraordinary complexity of the subject development and its reliance on ponds with standing water to control runoff, I strongly recommend that the Town's Planning Commission immediately make a formal request to Dr. Rahiri, for review and advice regarding the design and management of the proposed ponds.

This review should include not only the physical design and operation of the ponds, but also the proposed private ownership and management structure, as well as the need for easements to access the ponds by Vector Control. My neighbors and I are very concerned about the practicality of what has been proposed so far.

Please confirm whether the Town will make this request to Dr. Rahiri.

Sincerely Yours,

Christopher Bajorek, PhD

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Los Gatos, CA 95032

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**From:** Zahiri, Nayer <[nayer.zahiri@cep.sccgov.org](mailto:nayer.zahiri@cep.sccgov.org)>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 22, 2026 10:41 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: New Ponds Proposed for Los Gatos at 178 Twin Oaks Drive

Hello Dr. Bajorek,

Thank you for reaching out and for sharing your concerns regarding the new construction project in the City of Los Gatos and the potential for standing water that could become mosquito breeding sources in the future. We appreciate the community's vigilance on this important public health issue.

Vector control can provide technical recommendations during the planning and design phase of construction projects to help prevent conditions that may support mosquito breeding, such as the creation of ponds or areas of standing water. However, our role is advisory only. We do not have enforcement authority, and our involvement must be initiated by the permitting agency or the city. If the City or project planners do not reach out to us for review, we are unable to require changes or impose conditions.

For concerns related to stormwater management, water runoff, and environmental planning, we recommend contacting the appropriate City or County agencies that oversee project approvals and environmental health compliance. Specifically, you may wish to reach out to:

- The City of Los Gatos Planning Department
- Santa Clara County Department of Environmental Health
- Santa Clara County Watershed Protection Program

These agencies have the authority to review project plans, require mitigation measures, and coordinate with us as needed to address potential mosquito issues before construction is completed.

Please feel free to contact us if the City or permitting authority requests our input, or if you have additional questions about mosquito prevention and public health.

Thank you again for your concern and engagement.

Sincerely,

Nayer



**Nayer Zahiri, Ph.D. Entomology**

**District Manager**

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 22, 2026 9:39 AM

**To:** Zahiri, Nayer <[nayer.zahiri@cep.sccgov.org](mailto:nayer.zahiri@cep.sccgov.org)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] New Ponds Proposed for Los Gatos at 178 Twin Oaks Drive

Dear Dr. Zahiri,

I live in East Los Gatos, CA. I am writing this note on behalf of the 50 homeowners in our existing development. We are concerned about mosquito infestation from a planned extension of this community.

The purpose of this note is to seek your advice regarding the proposed housing development that plans to install several ponds to manage water runoff. The main concern centers on the design of these ponds which will cause standing water, which in turn could cause mosquito breeding and the concomitant spread of West Nile Virus disease. The largest of these ponds is to be located immediately next to the Hillbrook Elementary School. I believe it will be wise to have your organization review the design of these ponds before they are built.

The proposed development is planned at 187 Twin Oaks Drive, Los Gatos. It will consist of 12 homes plus Additional Dwelling Units on a steeply sloped parcel of land. The entire

development, including the ponds, is to remain private and to be managed by a homeowners' association. This plan is currently under review by the Town of Los Gatos Planning Commission.

The Town's planning staff indicated to me that they have no intention of having the proposed development reviewed by your team prior to construction. They plan to inform you after it is completed.

It seems to me that this would be putting the horse before the cart. We are especially concerned about the viability of the pond designs and the proposed management of the ponds.

I look forward to your advice how to best handle the review of the proposed ponds.

Sincerely Yours,

Christopher Bajorek, PhD

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Los Gatos, CA 95032

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**From:** Sameer Bidichandani [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2026 9:27 PM  
**To:** Erin Walters <EWalters@losgatosca.gov>  
**Cc:** Shabina Mirajkar [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** development on the hill that backs Surrey Farms in Los Gatos

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Sir / Madam,

Regarding the twelve-home subdivision proposed for development on the hill that backs Surrey Farms in Los Gatos.

As with previous submissions for development on this site, we remain concerned with:

**Health & Safety Issues:**

- fire, flooding, earthquake, and landslide hazards
- drainage and flooding of adjacent properties
- mosquito/disease abatement (due to retention ponds adjacent to our homes and Hillbrook School)
- pollution (light, air, water, noise)
- increased traffic through Surrey Farms and Kennedy corridor

**Irreparable Environmental Harm Issues:**

- harm to biological resources, protected species, and wildlife
- degradation of the hillside/ noncompliance with Hillside Development Standards and Hillside Specific Plan



-----Original Message-----

From: karri greenfield [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2026 12:27 AM  
To: Erin Walters <EWalters@losgatosca.gov>  
Subject: Twin Oaks proposed housing

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Ms. Walters,

I am a homeowner in the Surrey Farms neighborhood where the proposed housing on Twin Oaks is being discussed. My main concern is fire safety. I strongly encourage the town to consider a second entry and exit to the proposed property.

Thank you,

Karri Greenfield

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