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Tejon Mountain Village headed back to court

The Center for Biological Diversity is appealing an initial defeat of its legal challenge to approval of the luxury Tejon Mountain Village project to the 5th Appellate District in Fresno.

Center lawyers lost their fight against the resort community on the Tejon Ranch in Kern County Superior Court.

They claimed that Kern County improperly approved the project in violation of the California Environmental Quality Act.

“We strongly disagree with the judge’s ruling that this project complied with the law and are eager to prove our case before the court of appeal,” wrote Adam Keats, of the Center for Biological Diversity, in the groups’ Wednesday press release announcing their intention to appeal.

David Crowder, speaking for Tejon Mountain Village, said he isn’t surprised at the appeal but has not seen the document and cannot comment on any specifics.

“We feel that the Superior Court decision will be upheld,” he said.