Response to Comment Letter M

Pechanga Cultural Resources
Temecula Band of Luiseño Mission Indians
Anna Hoover
May 20, 2012

M-1

The Pechanga Band of Luiseño Mission Indians has been placed on the distribution list for the Proposed Project for public notices pertaining to CEQA documents and public hearings. The comments enclosed in this letter will be included in the public record.

M-2

This comment is introductory in nature and does not raise any specific environmental issues for which a response is required.
The Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment would continue to require regulatory measures such as consultation with local Tribal Governments and the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) for future equine uses under Tier Three and Tier Four. The County appreciates the willingness of Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians to work with County staff. The County is willing to consider any additional feasible mitigation measure.

The County concurs with this comment and acknowledges that the Proposed Project area includes land within the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians reservation.

This comment does not raise environmental issues for which a response is required.
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Comment noted. As noted in Response M-1, the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians has been placed on the distribution list for the Proposed Project for public notices pertaining to CEQA documents and public hearings.

The County appreciates the willingness of Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians to work with County staff.

This comment does not raise environmental issues for which a response is required. However, for clarification purposes, as stated in Section 1.4.4 of the DEIR, equine uses under Tier One would be allowed without a ministerial or discretionary permit, Tier Two would be allowed with a Zoning Verification Permit, Tier Three would be allowed with an Administrative Permit and Tier Four would be allowed with a Major Use Permit.

The County does not agree that zone changes and administrative permits are ministerial, as the commenter suggests. They are discretionary actions and would be required to comply with regulatory measures such as tribal consultation. The County agrees with the statement quoted in this comment from Section 2.5 of the DEIR.

The County concurs with this statement.
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M-11 This mitigation measure has been added to the Draft Ordinance for Tier 3 and Tier 4 discretionary zoning permit projects where an Administrative Permit or Major Use Permit is required. However, this is an infeasible mitigation measure for Tier 1 and Tier 2. The project objective of streamlining and simplifying to the process for smaller stables under Tier 1 and Tier 2 would not be met if a records search were required and an archaeological report were required.

M-12 See response to M-11, there would be no cost to Tier 1 and Tier 2 stables as the measure will not apply. Agree, the costs will be minimal under Tier 3 and Tier 4 stables when considering the size and scope of such projects.

M-13 This is not a cause for recirculation. Cultural sites are protected in other ways in the County. This added mitigation measure will provide some additional protections for future large scale projects under Tier 3 or Tier 4.

M-14 Comment noted. This comment does not raise environmental issues for which a response is required.

M-15 The County appreciates the willingness of Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians to work with County staff.
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County may want to discuss our intent behind the suggested mitigation and we would be happy to discuss any concerns with you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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