

Response to Comment Letter I103

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Comment Letter I103



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Dear Mr. Hingtgen

In 1990, David and I bought 10 beautiful acres of land in Boulevard California. We left LA County and all the traffic, smog, noise and dwindling places to ride horses. We found the perfect 10 acres with the best water in town, and lots of good horse riding from our property. Our property has over 20 oak trees and nesting area for several kinds of hawks and others birds. We enjoy the peace and quiet. There is a Bobcat that passes through now and then. And let us not forget the Mountain Lion, seen once in awhile. We have lots of Quail, Dove and Pheasants on our property that come and go. Best of all we have big areas for our horses to wander around and enjoy. We are VERY CONCERNED about all the new industrial business stuff coming to Boulevard.

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Our number one concern is WATER. We have a good well, with water that is cold and clear. If our neighbor Rough Acres, wants to suck up all their water for washing off panels, what will happen to my water?? We have asked to have our well tested. We are in a terrible drought period, ground water usage, for industrial purposes should not be allowed. Even with the good well that we have, we are very conservative about our water use. Our oak trees need natural ground water to grow and stay green. Spring fed areas are a must for plants and animals to survive.

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Concern #2 The Ribbonwood road and new access road (named cemetery road). Ribbonwood road only has a small amount of asphalt over a dirt road. This was never to be used by lots of traffic and big trucks! The most damage will occur when drivers are shifting down and making turns. This will tear up Ribbonwood road the most.

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This comment is introductory in nature and does not raise a significant environmental issue for which a response is required.

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Potential impacts related to groundwater use were considered and addressed in the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR); refer to Sections 3.1.5.3.4, Groundwater Resources, and 3.1.9.3.1, Water. See also common response WR1. The DPEIR found that the Proposed Project would have a less than significant impact on groundwater supply. As provided in Section 3.1.9.3.1, conditions will be placed on the Major Use Permit that will restrict the amount of water that is permitted to be withdrawn from on-site wells in order to prevent interference with off-site wells. As such, it is not anticipated that the wells of neighboring residents will be significantly impacted as a result of the Proposed Project. In addition, potential impacts to oaks were considered and addressed in Chapter 2.3, Biological Resources, of the DPEIR. The DPEIR found that the Proposed Project would have a less than significant impact on biological resources, including groundwater dependent habitat and vegetation, with the implementation of proposed mitigation. Mitigation

<p>Left turns are easier and safer for drivers, as the driver can see the end of the trailer and where it is going. Thus it makes more sense to go up McCain Valley road and make a left and left turn, for BIG rigs. Something else to consider is early deliveries from trucks. It will be easier to park on McCain Valley rd.</p> <p>THERE SHOULD NOT BE TRUCK PARKING ON RIBBONWOOD ROAD IN FRONT OF MY PROPERTY!!! (Or anywhere from Cemetary road south to the freeway) Trucks that idol, emit fumes from diesel fuel. This will affect our air quality. We do not want to smell all this, especially if there is a westerly breeze. We want all trucks to be "CLEAN AIR CERTIFIED" that travel up and down Ribbonwood rd.</p> <p>NO ONE HAS TO LISTEN TO A TRUCK USING HIS JAKE BREAK!!! From the freeway to where ever driver goes should be, jake break free. (Especially north of the freeway).</p> <p>TRUCKS WILL NOT EXCEED SPEED LIMIT OF 35 mph, on Ribbonwood road. And this will be enforced by local Sheriff.</p> <p>CONCERN #3 Stress on animals. Our horses have free run up to our fence line. They are always in the 5 acre pasture, they will not be locked in corrals, because of truck traffic and noise. Our dogs will have to stay close to the house, and our front gate needs to be replaced with a dog proof gate. Our animals are country animals and not used to excessive truck traffic and loud noises. Who will pay for a new gate and any Vet bills encountered by the stress of all this?</p> <p>Concern #4 Time of day your project starts work. We are used to quiet all day and now will have traffic concerns and noise. What hours do you work and will it be a 4 days a week or 5. We need our normal quiet and no traffic time. As we live here because we like it calm and quiet. Certain times of the year I have hawks nesting in the Oak trees, the birds will not like this disturbance. We also have wild turkeys. They like to come in and eat the grain from the horse feed left on the ground. They will not come in for feed or water if its to busy.</p> <p>Concern #5 Grading of the new road (cemetery road). What about water runoff from property to the North of us, after grading. Will you do extensive tractor work that effects things on my property? Will there be any dynamiting of rocks?</p>	<p>I103-3 Cont.</p> <p>I103-4</p> <p>I103-5</p> <p>I103-6</p> <p>Measure M-BI-PP-15 reduces potential impacts to oaks associated with groundwater extraction activities to less than significant.</p> <p>I103-3 Please refer to the responses to comments I29-1 and I34-4. In addition, please refer to common response TRAF1, which addresses maintenance of Proposed Project area roads. In addition, PDF-TR-1 consists of the preparation and implementation of a traffic control plan that would specifically address construction traffic within the County’s public rights-of-way. The traffic control plan will be prepared satisfactory to the Department of Public Works and will ensure the motoring public safe passage through the construction zones. Related to the commenter’s concern regarding truck fumes, please refer to DPEIR Chapter 2.2 and mitigation measure M-AQ-PP-1 regarding the engine standards that construction equipment must meet.</p> <p>I103-4 Potential agricultural impacts, including indirect impacts to adjacent grazing lands, were considered and addressed in Chapter 3.1.1, Agricultural Resources, of the DPEIR. Social and economic effects, such as stress caused to domestic animals and veterinary bills, need not be considered in an environmental impact report (EIR). See California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Section 15064(e).</p> <p>I103-5 The County acknowledges the commenter’s concerns. Construction activities would occur between the hours</p>
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	<p>of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday, in accordance with the County of San Diego Noise Ordinance (see DPEIR Sections 1.2.1.1, Common Project Components and Activities, 1.2.1.2, Solar Farm Specific Components and Activities, and 1.2.2.1, Technical Considerations). Operational activities would occur between sunrise and sunset. Potential impacts to wildlife were considered and addressed in Chapter 2.3, Biological Resources, of the DPEIR. The DPEIR found that the Proposed Project would have a less than significant impact on biological resources, including impacts related to increase human presence and disturbance during construction, with the implementation of mitigation.</p> <p>I103-6 Potential off-site effects of grading for the Proposed Project, such as fugitive dust, erosion, and noise were considered and addressed in the DPEIR (Chapter 2.2, Air Quality, Chapter 2.6, Noise). The DPEIR found that impacts related to fugitive dust and noise would be less than significant with mitigation. The Project includes soil stabilization techniques to reduce fugitive dust and erosion of disturbed areas (DPEIR Sections 1.2.1.1, 2.2.3.2). Related to the commenter’s question regarding dynamiting, the Proposed Project does not propose blasting, with the exception that limited blasting may occur for installation of some of the support poles for the Tierra del Sol gen-tie line. The comment lacks sufficient detail regarding the road</p>
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Robert, I want to thank you for talking to us at the meetings. You are professional and answer questions in a very professional manner. I do believe you are concerned about the water here. And I think you are an animal person and concerned about their habitat and nesting area. I do not support this project and feel it could be somewhere else. We have to consider our water supply and our animals. Thank you, and I hope you make the right decision. Any trucking questions please call David at 619 766-4005. He is fleet maintenance and truck equipment repair supervisor of Osterkamp trucking in Plaster City. He knows everything about trucking.

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Happy trails

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being referenced and the location of the commenters' property for further response to be provided.

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The County of San Diego (County) acknowledges the commenters' opposition to the Proposed Project. The information in this comment will be provided in the Final Program EIR for review and consideration by the decision makers.