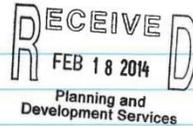


Response to Comment Letter I78

**Kaye McCallister
February 18, 2014**

Comment Letter I78

Robert Hingtgen, Planner
February 14, 2014



To Whom it may concern:

I am writing in reference to the Baiter project on Rough Acres Ranch. I am very much opposed to the project because of our very precious water supply, and many years of drought in the back country. Our well only pumps 3-4 gallons a minute, but it is satisfactory for our family and has been for 45+ years. Because of the drought we did have to drop our pump 20 ft a year ago, but without water our ranch is not worth it.

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In the past year we have lost 6 giant oak trees because of the dropping water table, one huge oak just on the south property line, where the proposed camp ground is supposed to go. Also the fire danger is scary. We have already had a turbine fire at the Resort in and that worries us all the more.

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Just this morning I heard Rough Acres is planning a campground on their property just south of our fence line. They already have a campground in West Valley, approx 1/2 mile away. Why do they need 2 campgrounds, especially when the County has 3 campgrounds on Mc Cain Valley Rd, one only about 2 miles away.

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Please give this your most thoughtful consideration for our precious water supply. I would like to see our water situation improve before a ~~po~~ project like this is considered. Thank you for your consideration. Kaye McCallister

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The County of San Diego (County) acknowledges the commenter's opposition to the Proposed Project. The information in this comment will be provided in the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (FPEIR) for review and consideration by the decision makers.

The Proposed Project's potential environmental impacts related to groundwater use are discussed in Sections 3.1.5.3, Groundwater Resources, and 3.1.9.3, Water. See also common response WR1 and WR2. Private wells in the vicinity of the Proposed Project will not be affected significantly since the Proposed Project's groundwater usage will be capped within County thresholds under the Major Use Permit to prevent potential drawdown of adjacent wells. As such, it is not anticipated that there will be significant impacts to wells of neighboring residents as a result of the Proposed Project.

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Issues raised in this comment related to potential adverse effects to oaks (*Quercus* sp.) and fire danger were considered and addressed in the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR; see Sections 2.3, Biological Resources, and 3.1.4.3, Wildfire Hazards). See response to comment C3-4 related to fire hazards.

	<p>I78-3 The Rough Acres Ranch campground is considered a cumulative project in the DPEIR (see Table 1-12) and its impacts, combined with the potential impacts of the Proposed Project, were considered and addressed throughout the DPEIR consistent with CEQA Guidelines, 14 CCR § 15130.</p> <p>I78-4 This comment concludes the letter and does not raise an environmental issue. The County acknowledges the commenter’s concern for water resources. The information in this letter will be provided in the FPEIR for review and consideration by the decision makers.</p> <p>References</p> <p>14 CCR 15000–15387 and Appendices A–L. Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, as amended.</p>
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