

Letter A4



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July 29, 2014

Mark Slovick
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Subject: Lilac Hills Ranch Project
SCH#: 2012061100

Dear Mark Slovick:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Draft EIR to selected state agencies for review. On the enclosed Document Details Report please note that the Clearinghouse has listed the state agencies that reviewed your document. The review period closed on July 28, 2014, and the comments from the responding agency (ies) is (are) enclosed. If this comment package is not in order, please notify the State Clearinghouse immediately. Please refer to the project's ten-digit State Clearinghouse number in future correspondence so that we may respond promptly.

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Please note that Section 21104(c) of the California Public Resources Code states that:

"A responsible or other public agency shall only make substantive comments regarding those activities involved in a project which are within an area of expertise of the agency or which are required to be carried out or approved by the agency. Those comments shall be supported by specific documentation."

These comments are forwarded for use in preparing your final environmental document. Should you need more information or clarification of the enclosed comments, we recommend that you contact the commenting agency directly.

This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Please contact the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Director, State Clearinghouse

Enclosures

cc: Resources Agency
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The County acknowledges receipt of the comment from the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. Responses to this comment letter can be found in response to comment letter A1.

**Document Details Report
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

SCH# 2012061100
Project Title Lilac Hills Ranch Project
Lead Agency San Diego County

Type EIR Draft EIR

Description The Lilac Hills Ranch project is a master planned community encompassing 608 acres and would consist of 1,746 residences, 90,000 sf of commercial, office, and retail, a 50-room Country Inn, a 200 bed group care assisted living facility, and civic facilities that include public and private parks, a private recreational facility, and other recreational amenities, and may include a fire station or a remodel of an existing fire station (Miller Station) and a school (K-8).

Lead Agency Contact

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Project Location

County San Diego
City
Region
Lat / Long 33° 17' 42" N / 117° 8' 7" W
Cross Streets West Lilac Road and Covey Lane
Parcel No. Various
Township 10S **Range** 3W **Section** 19/24 **Base** SBB&M

Proximity to:

Highways I-15
Airports
Railways
Waterways Keys Creek
Schools Norm Sullivan MS
Land Use SR-4 and SR-10/RR/A70

Project Issues Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Biological Resources; Drainage/Absorption; Flood Plain/Flooding; Forest Land/Fire Hazard; Geologic/Seismic; Noise; Population/Housing Balance; Public Services; Recreation/Parks; Schools/Universities; Sewer Capacity; Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading; Toxic/Hazardous; Traffic/Circulation; Vegetation; Water Quality; Water Supply; Wetland/Riparian; Wildlife; Growth Inducing; Landuse; Cumulative Effects; Aesthetic/Visual; Minerals; Solid Waste; Septic System; Agricultural Land

Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 5; Cal Fire; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Water Resources; Office of Emergency Services, California; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 11; Department of Housing and Community Development; Air Resources Board; State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Financial Assistance; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 9; Department of Toxic Substances Control; Native American Heritage Commission

Date Received 06/12/2014 **Start of Review** 06/12/2014 **End of Review** 07/28/2014

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July 23, 2014

RE: Lilac Hills Ranch Project; SCH#2012061100

Dear Mr. Slovick:

The California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) would like to issue comment on the scope and contents of the Lilac Hills Ranch Project draft Environmental Impact Report.

After reviewing the provided information in the Notice of Preparation, it is clear the Project Area includes Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VFHSZ) and is in or near State Responsibility Area (SRA). The Board appreciates the plans to manage wildfire risk in the planned development, especially in areas that do not meet the 100-foot setback requirement, but remains concerned about the proximity of dense residential development near VFHSZ.

Given the overall fire risk to the area, the Board would like to offer itself as a resource for the County of San Diego to ensure the Lilac Hills Ranch Project meets current fire safe development guidelines and to discuss the particular wildfire risks to and planned mitigations in the Project Area. The Board encourages close collaboration with San Diego County Fire Authority and CAL FIRE San Diego Unit during the subdivision map review process to ensure the safety of the Lilac Hills Ranch residents, workers, and visitors.

Thank you for your consideration,


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CC: Environmental Coordinator, San Diego Unit
 San Diego County Fire Authority
 Chris Browder, Deputy Chief Environmental Protection
 State Clearinghouse

The Board's mission is to lead California in developing policies and programs that serve the public interest in environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable management of forest and rangelands, and a fire protection system that protects and serves the people of the state.

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