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Lilac Hills Ranch 2014 DEIR  
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Dear Mark,

In reference to the fire protection plans in the Lilac Hills Ranch DEIR 2014, why are these four options still being considered? Deer Spring Fire Protection District will not buy off on three of the plans that were offered to them, and Cal Fire's letter to the County clearly states it wants NOTHING to do with this project.



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As for the aforementioned Cal Fire letter, why was it not provided for public review with the rest of the input received?



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I33d-1 Please refer to Global Response: Fire and Medical Services.

I33d-2 The referenced CAL FIRE letter was not submitted to the County in response to the CEQA public review process; as a result, it was not included with the comments received on the County website. However, the letter is part of the public record for the project.

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With respect to the evacuation plans, the 2014 Highway 76 fire left the I-15, Highway 76 and Old Highway 395 closed to traffic in all directions, and for about three hours, the West Lilac Bridge was a parking lot of existing residents who were unable to evacuate as directed.

How does the County plan to evacuate proposed LHR residents - an additional 6,000-7,000 people - on winding, two-lane roads (West Lilac Road, Circle R Drive, Old Highway 395, Old Castle, and Lilac Road) in an emergency?

Why isn't the applicant being tasked to build-out all these roadways to four-lanes to sustain the daily traffic, as well as in case of required evacuations?

How does the County plan to assess the applicant for any injuries or loss of life that may occur from their project's insufficient evacuation plans?

Not only will the planned new residents' lives be risked, but also the lives of current residents that surround the project.

Respectfully,

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I33d-3 The evacuation plan prepared for the project would result in the safe evacuation of the project's residents and neighbors. The adequacy of fire and emergency response service is evaluated in Chapter 2.0, subchapter 2.7.2.4 of the FEIR and Appendices J (Fire Protection Plan) and K (Evacuation Plan). The project's Evacuation Plan (Appendix K) of the FEIR includes multiple components intended to create an orderly and safe evacuation of the project site in time of emergency such as details of evacuation routes, evacuation points, and specific measures to keep future residents and employees informed and safe if wildfire occurs. As in the fires on 2014, the Incident Command would immediately prepare an evacuation plan with guidance from the local and regional plans.

As discussed in subchapter 2.7, the primary evacuation routes are through a series of internal roadways in the development, which in turn permits direct emergency evacuations to the north, south, east, and west to accommodate pending wildfire conditions. As shown on Figure 2.7-3, evacuation routes include Main Street, Street "Z," Lilac Hills Ranch Road, Covey Lane and Mountain Ridge Road. The project site would also be served by secondary emergency evacuation routes using Street "F" and Birdsong Drive on the north and Rodriguez Road in the southern Senior Neighborhood (refer to subchapter 2.7, Figure 2.7-3). There is also potential to coordinate with the DSFPD and the San Diego County Water Authority to utilize Nelson Way, to the west, in the event of an emergency situation.

I33d-4 The traffic analysis included in Appendix E and subchapter 2.3 did not identify the need for four-lane roadways; therefore, such improvements are not proposed.

I33d-5 All roads proposed for use during an evacuation would be constructed to Consolidated Fire Code standards which allow for emergency equipment to utilize the roads simultaneously with evacuating residents. The project also includes multiple road improvements on- and off-site both as design features and required as mitigation measures. These improvements are detailed in subchapter 1.2.1.4 of the FEIR.