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To: Slovick, Mark
Subject: Lilac Hills DEIR comments

Letter I49

Mark ,
 Please submit this letter as part of public response to the Lilac Hills Ranch DEIR. I have been following this since it was first taken OFF the Valley Center Update map. I attended that meeting, and many since then. I am against this development for several reasons. I will limit them to the most obvious: } I49-1

1. Water resources are drying up and current residents have suffered rate hikes and conservation, letting our groves and landscaping die off. This is tolerable when all are making an effort to keep our county and agriculture and landscaping viable and alive. I am NOT willing to sacrifice this precious resource so that 1,700 more homes can flush at least 3,400 more toilets multiple times a day for eternity. } I49-2

Question; How can we sustain quality of life for those of us already here in Valley Center, with our current efforts in this drought if all the additional developments are approved? } I49-3

2. Fire danger and evacuation; this is obvious, and should be extremely important to any and all connected to this project. There is no safe way this can happen if Lilac Hills is approved and built. } I49-4

Question: How many people have to die trying to leave the area if indeed a fire occurs and the additional 3,000 or more cars from Lilac Hills Ranch are on the road causing a traffic jam trapping all in their cars and burning alive? } I49-5

Greedy developers will have profited, left the area, and will not have to suffer the after effects of this permanent destruction. They can safely watch the tragedy on their TVs in the comfort of their homes SOMEWHERE ELSE. } I49-5

3. The false information given by the developers is just BS in an attempt to get approved and permitted. Then it will be sold off to another building corporation for construction (check out the mission statement on Accretive's web site) and we all know how promises made to the community are not delivered (due to cost) or radically changed. Corporations like Accretive have no genuine good intention or concern for the welfare and future of our beautiful community here. } I49-5

If it's not YOU working for the county, then WHO can protect us from the destruction of projects like this? Who can we count on to stand on the side of what is right for this beautiful North County area? } I49-5

I49-1 This comment is an introduction to the comments that follow. The comment will be included as part of the record and made available to the decision makers prior to a final decision on the proposed project.

I49-2 As detailed in the Water Supply Assessment (WSA) prepared by the Valley Center Municipal Water District (VCMWD) and in subchapter 3.1.7 of the FEIR, water supplies will be available during normal, single-dry year, and multiple-dry water years during a 20-year projection to meet existing demands, existing plus projected demands of the project, and future water demands served by the VCMWD. In addition, the VCMWD issued an updated letter dated May 6, 2014 verifying that the conclusions of the WSA are still valid considering recent drought conditions and associated water use restrictions. This letter has been included as a cover letter to Appendix Q of the FEIR. Additionally, as shown in the June 9, 2015 memorandum from Dexter Wilson Engineering (FEIR Appendix T-1), the project is consistent with the temporary, emergency Executive Order (EO) B-29-15 issued by Governor Brown on April 1, 2015. The project is consistent with the emergency water conservation regulations mandated by the SWRCB and the VCMWD. The project intends to fully comply with all water conservation regulations required by the VCMWD and the State (emergency or otherwise). Please refer to FEIR subchapter 3.1.7 and Appendix T-1 for details. Also, the VCMWD issued another letter dated June 5, 2015, which is attached as Exhibit A to FEIR Appendix T-1. The June 2015 VCMWD letter concludes that "despite the impacts of short-term droughts and water supply shortages, in the long-term the District is confident that through the combined efforts of the state, MWD, the SDCWA and the VCMWD, sufficient supplies will be available for its service area, including the LHR development."

Regarding new development during a time of drought, VCMWD's website provides the following under the Mandatory Restrictions FAQ, "Q[uestion]. Why should I conserve when I see new houses and apartments being built? A[nswer]. California's wonderful climate also leaves us with wide variations in rainfall and snowpack from year to year. It seems that we are either in a drought or flood during any given period. In dry and drought periods we ask our customers to make modest changes in the way they use water. At the same time, we are also trying to avoid negatively impacting the local and regional economy. Stopping new construction or reducing water deliveries to agriculture would have a negative impact on the economy and should

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<p>I am hopeful that this project will not be approved, ever. Please recommend against Lilac Hills Ranch. (Merriam Mountain is just across the highway, threatening the same problems all over again)</p> <p>Life is hard enough...it would be encouraging to believe that the bad guys don't always get away with it.</p> <p>With all sincerity, Ann Howard Valley Center Resident since 1992.</p>	<p>I49-5 cont.</p>	<p>I49-2 (cont.) not be done unless absolutely necessary. If the drought continues, the water supply situation worsens, and customers are required to make mandatory percentage reductions, the District has regulations in place which progressively reduce the processing of new development applications, require development to provide net water demand offsets, prohibit the use of potable water for construction, and ultimately stop the sale and installation of new water meters. That being said, in light of the negative economic consequences, the District will not impose these restrictions on new development processing unnecessarily or prematurely. At this point, those types of measures are not necessary or advisable."</p> <p>I49-3 With respect to the adequacy of fire and emergency response service, please refer to Global Response: Fire and Medical Services. 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 and includes details of evacuation routes, evacuation points, and specific measures to keep future residents and employees informed and safe if a wildfire occurs. See response to comment I26-1 for details regarding measures that would be implemented with the Fire Protection Plan and Evacuation Plan. The comment does not raise any specific issue regarding the adequacy of the analysis. The comment will be included as part of the record and made available to the decision makers prior to a final decision on the proposed project.</p> <p>I49-4 The comment expresses the opinions of the commentator. The comment does not raise an issue related to the adequacy of the environmental document. The comment will be included as part of the record and made available to the decision makers prior to a final decision on the proposed project.</p> <p>I49-5 The County acknowledges the commenter's opposition to the project. It should be noted that the project would implement the mitigation measures and/or project design elements identified in the FEIR as conditions of approval of future subdivision maps and/or permits, regardless of who ultimately develops the project. The Specific Plan provides the guidelines for preparation of the subdivision and improvement plans and determines permitted land uses, densities, maximum residential units, required public facilities, and compliance with applicable County policies. The comment will be included as part of the record and made available to the decision makers prior to a final decision on the proposed project.</p>
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