

LETTER

RESPONSE

Letter I64

From: Claire Murray [mailto:ckmurray8@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2014 10:11 AM
To: Slovick, Mark
Subject: Response to the DEIR for the proposed Lilac Hills Ranch development

Mark Slovick,

I read the following statement in the DEIR for the proposed Lilac Hills Ranch development near my home at 9076 W. Lilac Rd.

"If an on-site plant is used, the initial development within the Lilac Hills Ranch Community may be provided sewer service by trucking of sewage from a collection point on-site to an existing wastewater treatment plant. This is necessary due to the fact that a minimum flow is needed to operate a water reclamation facility. This will only be used for on-site treatment alternatives. For an on-site permanent water reclamation facility, trucking would be required for up to the first 100 homes (approximately three truck trips per day) to allow for a sufficient minimum flow to operate the facility. For a smaller on-site interim water reclamation facility the number may be reduced to as few as 25 homes. In either case, as soon as sufficient flows are available, trucking operators will cease."

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Please consider the effect the above proposal would have on the quality of life of those who will live both within the development and those who live nearby. Exactly where would the sewage be stored before transfer to the trucks? How would odors and spills be prevented? What if, after those first 100 homes are sold, nobody else will purchase a home there? Would I be subjected to life within a few yards of untreated sewage being trucked past my home three times, daily? What would happen to the property value of my home, should I find it impossible to remain in my home?

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The county would not have approved the construction of my home, which is located only a few yards from Phase I of the proposed development, without a septic system ready to function, fully. I respectfully suggest that all citizens should be treated fairly by the county and a developer should not be granted approval of even one home, without compliance with existing building codes. I wonder if in the event of a septic system failure at my home, if the county would allow me to store sewage and truck it out at my convenience?

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Thank you for considering my comments,

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164-1 This is an introductory comment that restates information contained in the FEIR. The comment does not raise an issue related to the adequacy of the environmental document.

164-2 The FEIR, subchapter 2.2.2.5 addresses the potential odor impacts of the project, particularly related to the proposed wastewater treatment scenarios. For the on-site treatment plant scenario that would require temporary trucking of sewage, wastewater generated by the project would flow to the headworks of the on-site treatment plant. Although the treatment processes would not yet be operational (because the flows would be insufficient) the odor control systems which are part of the treatment plant headworks would be operational to address odors. Licensed sewage haulers would then transport the wastewater in tanker trucks to an off-site wastewater treatment plant for disposal. Odors would not be expected from the trucking operations because sewage would be completely contained during transport. Whichever option is chosen, it would be subject to a future Major Use Permit and would include requirements to implement measures to control odors. The balance of the comment does not raise an issue related to the adequacy of the environmental document.

164-3 The comment expresses an opinion and does not raise an issue with regard to the content or adequacy of the FEIR. The proposed project will be required to meet building codes for all phases of the project. 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.