

I-107 Alison Dreher

- I-107-1** The comment states that they have many concerns similar to the Merriam Mountains project that was voted down. The County acknowledges the comment as expressing the opinion of the commenter. Please see **Response to Comment O-1-377**.
- I-107-2** The comment expresses general concern over traffic impacts. The comment addresses general subject areas, which received extensive analysis in the Draft EIR; specifically, in Section 2.13 Transportation and Traffic. The comment does not raise any specific issue regarding that analysis and, therefore, no more specific response can be provided or is required. The County will include the comment as part of the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project.
- I-107-3** The comment expresses concern over emergency evacuation. Appendix N-2 is the Evacuation Plan for Newland Sierra, which was prepared in coordination with the Deer Springs Fire Protection District and County of San Diego, and does not conflict with existing evacuation and pre-plans. From Page 2.8-20 of the DEIR, “the intent of the evacuation plan is to guide implementation of an evacuation procedure such that the process of evacuating people from the Site is facilitated in an efficient manner and according to a pre-defined, practiced evacuation protocol.” See **Topical Response TR-HAZ-1**. The County will include the comment as part of the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project.
- I-107-4** The comment states that the developer could not stop the adverse effect on air pollution due to rock crushing. The Draft EIR determined, on the basis of this evidence, that “deposited crystalline silica is not considered to be a source of significant health risk and impacts would be less than significant.” (Draft EIR, p. 2.3-50.) Even though impacts would be less than significant, the Draft EIR provides mitigation measures M-AQ-11 and M-AQ-12 to further control fugitive dust emissions generated during blasting activities and thereby further minimize crystalline silica exposure. See **Topical Response TR-AQ-1**. The County will include the comment as part of the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project.
- I-107-5** The comment states that the project would result in many other impacts, for example on local schools, wildlife disruption, police department, and fire department. The comment addresses general subject areas, which received extensive analysis in the Draft EIR; specifically, in Section 3.5 Public Services and Section 2.4 Biological Resources. The comment does not raise any specific issue regarding that analysis and, therefore, no more specific response can be provided or is required. The County will

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- I-107-6** The comment states that the County spent millions of dollars and 10 years developing a General Plan that could slow the development in this area of North County. The comment does not challenge the adequacy of the Draft EIR, nor does it does not raise an environmental issue within the meaning of CEQA. However, it should be noted the Draft EIR includes the Existing General Plan as an Alternative. Please refer to DEIR Section 4.5 for a comparison of the impacts of the proposed project and the Existing General Plan. In addition, the Draft EIR thus acknowledges the project would develop more residential than permitted by the existing General Plan land use designations, but would develop substantially less commercial space and retain more open space than existing General Plan designations. See **Topical Response TR-LU-1**.