

I-12 Elizabeth Aragon (1)

- I-12-1** The County acknowledges the comment as an introduction to comments that follow. The comment also identifies general subject areas, which received extensive analysis in the Draft EIR. This comment is included in the Final EIR for review and consideration by the decision-makers prior to a final decision on the project. No further response is required or necessary.
- I-12-2** The comment states that there is excessive traffic on the I-15 and that local residents avoid the freeway at rush hour. The comment states that this is a dangerous situation that would be worsened by the addition of project related traffic. The proposed project's impacts to traffic, including impacts to the I-15, have been adequately analyzed in the Draft EIR in Section 2.13, Transportation and Traffic. **Please also see Topical Responses TR-1 and TR-2.**
- I-12-3** The comment states that they don't know how people will evacuate onto I-15 and other adjacent roads to escape a fire. Please refer to **Topical Response HAZ-1** and Appendix N-2 Wildlife Fire Evacuation Plan for Newland Sierra, which was prepared in coordination with the Deer Springs Fire Protection District and County of San Diego,. As stated on page 2.8-20 of the Draft EIR, "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." Appendix N-2 identifies the project's evacuation road network, including internal roads which connect to three primary ingress/egress roads, and ultimately connect to major evacuation routes, including, Deer Springs Road, Sarver Lane, North Twin Oaks Valley Road, Buena Creek Road and Interstate 15 (I-15). The Draft EIR, Appendix N-2 (Section 4.2) also evaluates the capacity of the surrounding road network.
- I-12-4** The comment states that according to the Draft EIR the projected population growth as a result of the project would be significant and unavoidable. The comment restates information contained in the Draft EIR and does not raise an environmental issue within the meaning of CEQA. 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. No further response is required or necessary.
- I-12-5** The County acknowledges the comment and notes it expresses opposition to the project, and does not raise an issue related to the adequacy of any specific section or analysis of the Draft EIR. 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. No further response is required or necessary.

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